



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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**Statement on Annual Jurist-in-Residence Program and Roth
Lecture at USC Gould School of Law**

DETROIT — The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan is pleased to announce Chief Judge Stephen J. Murphy, III, will serve as the Fall 2026 Jurist-in-Residence at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law in Los Angeles.

As part of the program, Chief Judge Murphy will deliver the annual Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture. The Roth Lectureship was established through an endowment gift, and it honors a graduate of the school who had served as a senior presiding justice on the California Courts of Appeal.

Chief Judge Murphy will deliver a lecture titled: "*The Promises and Perils of AI in the Courts: Ideas for Sensible and Empowered Use of AI Before the Federal Judiciary.*" The lecture will take place on September 30, 2026, at noon on USC's main campus in Los Angeles.

The program provides opportunities for jurists to meet and connect with small groups of law students and discuss a breadth of topics, including insights on legal practice and education. Past Jurist-in-Residence Lecturers include Justices Anthony Kennedy and Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and the Honorable Karen Moore and Danny Boggs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Court is proud to contribute to ongoing legal debate and the education of the next generation of lawyers at prestigious law schools like USC Gould.
