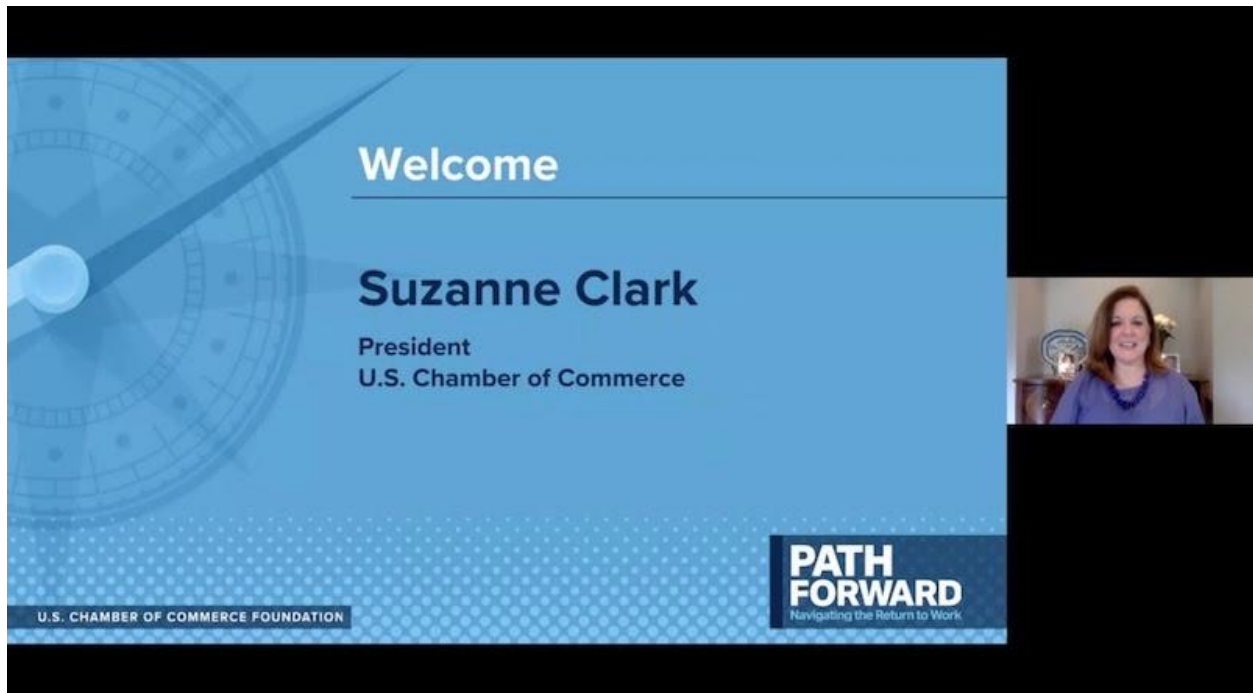


# Courts Pivot to Ensure the Justice System's Work Continues through Coronavirus



U.S. Chamber President Suzanne Clark on Thursday talked with legal experts about COVID-19 and the law. In the latest episode of the U.S. Chamber Foundation's [Path Forward series](#) Clark was joined by panelists:

- Peter Friedman, a partner in the restructuring practice at O'Melveny & Myers
- Jamie Gorelick, a former deputy attorney general of the United States and chair of the regulatory and government affairs department at Wilmer Hale.
- Torsten Kracht, a partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth.
- Leo E. Strine, Jr., former chief justice of Delaware and counsel at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

The panelists discussed how the pandemic has affected the legal system, what courts are doing to reduce backlogs, why organizations are worried about pandemic-related lawsuits, and why you should be concerned about a wave of insolvencies.

Kracht, whose firm maintains a [COVID-19 Complaint Tracker](#) said, "We're still early in the cycle of COVID-19 litigation." Panelists advised employers should continue following government guidance to ensure employees and customers are safe.

The labor market seems to be improving slightly. It is still badly damaged compared to where it was before the COVID-19 shock and resulting economic Great Pause. But the worst is probably behind us and recovery is underway. It will take years to fully recover, unfortunately.

—Curtis Dubay, Senior Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce