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Gwendolyn Hunter, President

I attended the JSAG Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., which was held April 20 and 21, 2011. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to meet with the JSAG members as well as Director James Duff, Acting Chief Michele Reed, Senior Attorney Joe Phillips and various others. We discussed a wide-range of topics including the current budgetary

concerns, chambers training, electronic filing of financial disclosure reports, and other chambers staff related topics.

The conference committee is hard at work finalizing the details as the upcoming FJAA conference approaches. Much effort and time has been devoted to arranging a great conference and I am hoping that many of you will have the opportunity to attend this year and experience what has been planned. The Friday night optional event, a cruise on the Royal Argosy, promises to be one of the many highlights of this conference. The conference registration form and agenda may be found on the FJAA website.

FJAA is fortunate to announce Susan Pinkowski as the new editor of the *In Brief* newsletter. Susan is the Judicial Secretary to the Honorable David Lawson, Eastern District of Michigan. She brings to the editorship a wealth of experience as she currently serves as creator/editor of her monthly church newsletter and she is also the author of two e-books. I would like to publicly thank Jenny Rudolph, President-Elect, for her hard work on the April issue of *In Brief*.

By the time this edition of *In Brief* is published, FJAA elections will have closed. I hope that each of you exercised the right to cast your votes. This year's ballots included several proposed changes to the by-laws. Thanks to Hope McDonald, chair of the By-Laws Committee, and Flay Sambrone-Metoyer, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, for their work on the proposed changes.

In closing, as the end of my term as president nears, I wonder what happened to the past several months. It seems like just yesterday, I was writing my first article, and now I am finishing my third of four articles. I am not sure where this phrase originated but I use it often: "time flies when you're having fun."

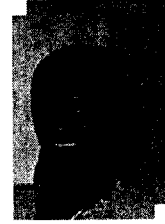
See you in Seattle!

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TREASURER'S NEWS

By Carla Gibson Baker, Judicial Assistant to the
Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Eastern District of
Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana



Greetings!

On November 1, 2010, I assumed the position of Treasurer of our wonderful organization and acquired documents maintained by numerous prior treasurers. It has been an interesting and exciting adventure going through those documents. At the beginning of my tenure, \$10,000 was transferred into our new checking account with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Our savings account also with Chase had a balance of \$14,981.27.

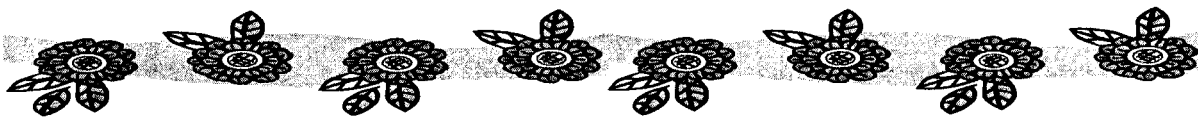
As of May, 31, 2011, our checking account balance was \$14,799.86 and our savings account balance was \$14,989.83.

Historical Financial Facts:

According to our historical documents, our organization was organized on February 15, 1973, with \$705.20 balance on hand. Our membership consisted of 386 members paying annual dues of \$3.00!

On March 28, 1974, Gerald G. Portney, Internal Revenue Service District Director granted our organization exemption status under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code. Winnifred Moran, Secretary to the Honorable Edward Curran in Washington, D. C. was our President, Virginia Dunnigan was our Secretary, and Clare C. Napoleon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was our Treasurer. *(I could not find in the records where Virginia was from or the Judges she and Clare worked with.)*

Stay tuned for more interesting facts about our organization as I dig through the files!



FJAA GOALS

- To promote the general welfare of its members;
- To encourage the highest ethical standards of conduct among its members;
- To promote continuing education and professional development of its members;
- To further the exchange of ideas and practical information relating to judicial support; and
- To foster among its members a feeling of camaraderie and mutual confidence.

www.fjaa.net

Please take time to view our FJAA website. There is a members-only section which contains the last four newsletters, a list of current members, and the Treasurer's Report. The members-only section can be accessed with your member PIN number — type in the word "member" as the username. Changes, corrections, and additions will be made quarterly as the newsletter is posted.

If you have anything you would like to have posted on our website, please send it to

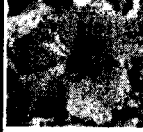
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CIRCUIT NEWS

First Circuit



Mari Rosa Jorge



Sad news from our Circuit. Dorothy Williams, former judicial assistant to Circuit Judge Levin H. Campbell, died on Friday, May 20, 2011, at her home in Wakefield after a 16-year courageous battle with cancer. She was 59 years old. Dorothy began working for the Federal Government as an Administrative Assistant with the Environmental Protection Agency where she worked for ten years. For the last 25 years, Dorothy had been Circuit Judge Campbell's Judicial Assistant, and had recently retired. Dorothy enjoyed knitting and reading, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her five grandchildren who she adored. Dorothy will be dearly missed, especially by those who she touched and encouraged in their own personal battles with cancer while undergoing her own. May she rest in peace.

The only judge from Maine on the First Circuit Court of Appeals will assume senior status later this year. Appellate Judge Kermit Lipez, 69, of South Portland, has been a First Circuit judge since 1998. He says that he plans to transition from active status on December 31 or when his successor is confirmed, but will maintain a full caseload. "Senior status is not retirement," Lipez said recently from his office in the Edward T. Gignoux United States Courthouse in Portland. "I'm not retiring and I've indicated this to my chief judge and to the president and to the congressional delegation. [Senior status] means that over time, I can gradually reduce my work schedule and, possibly, devote more time to teaching and writing." Judge Lipez was nominated to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton in August 1997 while on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Lipez replaced Judge Conrad K. Cyr, of Bangor. "I will turn 70 in August," Lipez said, "and I think there is an unspoken but sound tradition in Maine that that is the time for a change in status. It is a privilege to do this work and I think the privilege should be shared with others." Congratulations and good luck Judge, as you continue and embark in your "old" and new endeavors.

District of Massachusetts

Nancy Irwin, former swing pool Judicial Assistant, retired in December 2010. Judge Young's Judicial Assistant, Marie Bell, retired at the end of June 2011, and Elizabeth Sonnenberg, from the Clerk's Office, has become Judge Young's Judicial Assistant. Congratulations to all three of you. We welcome Elizabeth and remind her of the opportunity she has of joining the Association through a one-year free membership upon submission of the FJAA's membership application form to me as her Circuit Rep.

District of Puerto Rico

Sad news from our District. Senior U.S. District Judge Jaime Pieras, Jr., passed away on June 11, 2011, at his home in Condado, San Juan, after having been diagnosed with terminal cancer several months ago. Judge Pieras was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He obtained a B.A. from Catholic University of America in 1945 and his J.D. from Georgetown University in 1948. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army immediately after World War II, from 1946 to 1947. Immediately after his graduation from law school, he entered private practice in Puerto Rico in 1949 until 1982, when nominated to the bench. He was appointed as a Federal District Judge in the District of Puerto Rico by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1982, and was confirmed by the United States Senate on July 14 of that year. He received his commission the following day. On August 1, 1993, Judge Pieras assumed senior status but continued to manage a full case load until he fell ill.

(Cont'd) On June 15, the district court held a memorial service in the Clemente Ruiz-Nazarario Courthouse, where the state and federal judiciary, as well as various representatives from state and federal government agencies and friends, paid Judge Pieras their final respects. As stated by Chief Circuit Judge Sandra Lynch in part of her message, delivered through Chief Judge Delgado, "Judge Pieras demonstrated a commitment to excellence that came from a deep sense of loyalty to the values of our country. His work improved our system of justice. He developed a case management system, the Initial Scheduling Conference method, that was ultimately codified in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He constantly sought to reduce costs and eliminate unnecessary delays – efforts all federal judges employ today." We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and his court staff. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all of us – his court family.

On other more positive news, we congratulate attorney Silvia Carreño-Coll, who was recently unanimously designated as United States Magistrate Judge in our District. Ms. Carreño-Coll is currently the EPA's Associate Regional Counsel for Caribbean Programs in San Juan. She received numerous awards from the USDOJ, other federal agencies, and the Government of Puerto Rico for her zealous litigation in support of the agency's mission to safeguard the natural environment by enforcing compliance of federal statutes and agency sanctions. With approximately 25 years of civil and criminal federal litigation experience in the administrative, trial, and appellate fora, Ms. Carreño-Coll brings a wealth of experience to the position of United States Magistrate Judge. A naturalized United States citizen since 1976, she graduated cum laude from both Emerson College, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. Her trajectory in the legal profession within the public service arena attests not only to her able skills as an attorney, but to her temperance and character, and her personal commitment to the principles of justice. Marirosa Cabrera, presently a Courtroom Deputy Clerk at the Clerk's Office, will join Ms. Carreño-Coll in chambers as her Judicial Assistant.



Second Circuit

Janet Hansen



COURT OF APPEALS:

On April 12, 2011, there was an unveiling of a wonderful portrait of the Honorable José A. Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals, during a Ceremonial Session of the District Court of Connecticut. Judge Cabranes' law clerks (1979 to present) commissioned his portrait. The Master of Ceremonies, Jesse Furman, a former law clerk, was quick to point out that although Judge Cabranes has no immediate plans to assume senior status or retire, the law clerks felt it was an appropriate time to honor him. And honor him they did! The artist, Mark Daniel Duffy, is a very talented artist who has studios in CT and in Ireland. Mr. Duffy did an amazing job incorporating many facets of Judge Cabranes' life within the portrait. Following the unveiling, the law clerks treated over 200 in attendance to a lovely reception. Judge Cabranes' portrait now hangs permanently in the Yale Law School Alumni Reading Room.

The Honorable Wilfred Feinberg will be celebrating 50 years on the Federal Bench and his 91st birthday on June 22. The Court is hosting a special event on this day to which the entire Second Circuit and all his former law clerks (along with family and friends) have been invited to share in the celebration. Judge Feinberg has had a long, impressive career as a well-respected jurist on this Circuit. Among his many famous cases, Judge Feinberg was a member of the panel which heard the Pentagon Papers case. The Pentagon Papers have now been released in their entirety to the public.

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We would like to extend a warm welcome to Susan Carney, who soon will be sworn in as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Carney served as Yale University's Deputy General Counsel for the past twelve years. Her chambers will be located in New Haven, CT. We look forward to welcoming Judge Carney's Judicial Assistant to our ranks, once she is selected.

Congratulations to the Honorable Christopher F. Droney, who has been nominated to fill the remaining vacant seat on our court. Judge Droney is awaiting confirmation hearings. He is currently a judge for the District of Connecticut with chambers in Hartford, CT.

The launch of the chambers component of CM/ECF in the Second Circuit has been postponed until after the new version of the program is released in November. The AO has incorporated many improvements and suggestions from our Circuit as well as other Circuits around the country, and this new version promises to be a very valuable chambers management tool.

After 23 years of government service, Eileen Volpe retired on May 31, 2011. Eileen was the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Amalya Kearsse. Early in her career, Eileen worked as the J.A. for the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman. Upon his death, she was reassigned to the Circuit Executive's Office where she worked with Circuit Executive Steven Flanders, and then subsequently went on to become Judge Kearsse's J.A. We will all miss Eileen very much, and send her our best wishes for a healthy, happy retirement! Enjoy the grandkids, Eileen!

Amelia Koffman, currently Judicial Assistant to Judge Feinberg, is slated to fill Eileen's position with Judge Kearsse after Judge Feinberg retires in the coming months.

I am very happy to report that our colleague, Jeanette Santos, J.A. to the Honorable Debra A. Livingston, gave birth to Joel Cristiano Santos on March 23, 2011, weighing in at 6 lbs, 6 oz. and is 19 inches long. As you can see for yourself, he is an absolute cutie! We send the Santos family our very best wishes for good health and tons of happiness!



January 15, 2011

April 15, 2011

July 15, 2011

October 1, 2011



SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK:

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Jesse M. Furman, has been nominated for a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Furman is well known throughout the Southern District of New York ("SDNY"). He has been an AUSA for the SDNY since 2004, where he has served as Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney since 2009. From 2007 - 2009, Mr. Furman was detailed to the office of the Attorney General of the United States, also known as the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey, a former SDNY District Judge, for whom Jesse clerked in 1998-1999! Jesse is known to me personally, as he was also a law clerk for Judge José A. Cabranes in 1999-2000; we are all very excited about his nomination! Good luck, Jesse! We wish you smooth sailing through your confirmation hearings!

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK:

Charlene Rouillier retired on April 30. Charlene, was the Judicial Assistant for the Honorable David N. Hurd, of the Northern District of New York, and worked with Judge Hurd for forty years - twenty years with him at his law firm, and twenty years at the District Court. There was a wonderful retirement party for Charlene on April 27 which was attended by family, friends, former law clerks, and judiciary staff - past and present. I understand there was good food, good company, tears, and laughter.

Charlene tells me she has "met some very nice people along the way, and has made many friends that are dear to my heart. I will miss them dearly, as well as the friendships and camaraderie of my Court family."

"I will not miss the fifty mile a day drive in the winter or my costly stops at the gas pump which I am making now. Someone asked me a few days ago what my retirement plans were. That brought me up short because I really had no specific plans, but on retrospect, I will be spending more time with my grandchildren who are growing up way too fast; spending more time at my church working on projects; reading; finishing several fun projects around the house; and just generally re-grouping. I have tentative plans for a trip to Alaska next year, and plan on volunteering for the local animal shelter, the local hospital, library, or wherever is calling my name."

"As was the big joke at my retirement party, I have never flown, and never fell too far from the tree. I have lived in this area all of my life. I did attend a seminar in New York City, and met some of you there. The best to all you."

Charlene, we wish you all the best in your retirement! Enjoy every moment!

Photo courtesy of Charlene Rouillier, who states: "No, I am not a red hatter - but we celebrated 'Go Red for Women - Wear Red day.' What better way than to wear red and purple!"

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK:**

On Friday, June 17, 2011, the Judges of the District Court for the Eastern District of New York will hold a Special Session of the Court to honor the memory of the Honorable David G. Trager, who passed away on January 5, 2011. Judge Trager will be missed by all and we send our condolences to his family, and to his Court family.

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT:

LAW DAY



On May 2, 2011, to celebrate Law Day, the Public Outreach Committee of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut hosted programs for local students at the courthouses in Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport. Law Day is a national day of celebration, officially designated by a joint resolution of Congress in 1961, that focuses on our heritage of liberty under the law. This year's Law Day theme was "Living in the Land of the Free: Freedom and Responsibility." Tenth graders from Central High School in Bridgeport (Anne Engelson, Principal), Hill Regional Career Magnet High School in New Haven (Michael Ceraso, Principal), and Law & Government Academy in Hartford (Adam Johnson, Principal) came to the federal courthouse in their city to participate in a true-to-life trial simulation to foster their understanding of the trial process and the role of our federal courts in resolving disputes. Grade school students also created original works of art to be displayed in the courthouses expressing what it means to them to be living in the land of the free. The schools participating are Thomas Hooker School in Bridgeport (Lourdes Delgado, Principal), Davis Street Arts and Academics School in New Haven (Lola Nathan, Principal), and John C. Clark School in Hartford (Williams Chambers, Principal).

This year's Law Day activities were part of a larger effort by the Public Outreach Committee to educate young people and the public to the important role that the Federal Courts, our Judges and lawyers play in preserving the rule of law and promoting the freedoms we have often come to take for granted. Said Chief Judge Alvin W. Thompson of the Public Outreach Committee, "Our goal is to help students and other members of the public develop a better understanding of the importance of the rule of law in a country that was founded based on the ideals of justice and liberty for all. We also wish to promote a better understanding of the civil and criminal justice systems. We hope our theme for Law Day will prompt students to think about the important relationship between the freedoms they enjoy as the result of growing up in this country and the responsibilities of citizenship."

The trial simulation used this year involves an issue familiar to high school students – texting while driving. It was based on a real civil case that was decided by the United States Supreme Court, involving a car crash that may have been caused by driving while texting. The trial simulation was scripted, and the students were afforded the opportunity to play meaningful parts, as counsel, witnesses and jurors. Local attorneys and court personnel volunteered to visit the students at their schools to prepare them for the trial simulation.

The trial simulation programs were held on May 2 in the Brien McMahon Federal Building in Bridgeport, at the Richard C. Lee Courthouse in New Haven, and at the Abraham Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford. The original works of art were on display in these courthouses from April 27 through May 13, 2011.

Hats off to all involved in this wonderful Law Day program! A great job well done!

I wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Janet F. Hansen

Judicial Assistant to Judge José A. Cabranes



THIRD Circuit



Roseanna Lambiase

I am pleased to inform you that two Magistrate Judges, Claire C. Cecchi and Esther Salas, were recently elevated to District Judges by commission of President Barack Obama. Both were nominated by Senators Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez and confirmed by the full Senate.

Judge Cecchi was appointed Magistrate Judge on April 26, 2006. Prior to her appointment, Judge Cecchi was a partner at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Association, a Director to the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and a Master of the William J. Brennan, Jr./Arthur T. Vanderbilt American Inn of Court, 2009. Judge Cecchi was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill the seat vacated when Judge Joseph Greenaway was elevated to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Cecchi received her B.A., cum laude, from

from Barnard College, Columbia University, and her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.

Esther Salas was appointed Magistrate Judge on November 6, 2006. She began her career as a clerk for Judge Eugene Codey and later became an associate at Garces & Grabler P.C., from 1995 to 1997. From 1997 to 2006, Judge Salas worked as an Assistant Public Defender for the District of New Jersey. Judge Salas fills the seat vacated by Judge Katharine Hayden.

Judge Salas earned her B.A. in 1991 from Rutgers University and her J.D. in 1994 from the Rutgers University School of Law at Newark.

The Judges of the District Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, along with the District Court Historical Society, recently unveiled the Portrait of Chief Judge Harvey Bartle, III, in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the District Court in Philadelphia. Judge Bartle has served the judiciary since 1991, having been nominated by President George H.W. Bush. In 2001, Chief Justice William Rehnquist appointed him as a member of the Criminal Rules Committee and in 2008, he was elected as the District Judge Representative to the Judicial Conference from the Third Circuit. Chief Justice John Roberts named him in 2010 to the Judicial Conference Executive Committee. Judge Bartle also sits on the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit.

On a personal note, I recently attended the high school graduations of my two granddaughters, one in Arizona and the other in California. Angela will be attending the Community College of Sierra Vista, AZ and Emily is going to Baylor University in Texas. Needless to say, I had a wonderful time in both places, but the time went too quickly.

That's it from the Third Circuit Until next time Roseanna Lambiase

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Fourth Circuit

Suzanne Thorne Barber



Congratulations to Laura Addington Kolarik. On June 3, 2011, Laura retired from her position as Judicial Assistant to Hon. Kevin F. McDonald, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of South Carolina. Prior to her time with Judge McDonald, Laura worked for Judge William M. Catoe for 32 years. It is not surprising then, that after 33 years of service with the federal courts, over 200 people were in attendance at the farewell party held in her honor. By now, Laura should be settled in her beach house in Panama City, Florida. And we send our best wishes for a happy retirement!

Congratulations and welcome to the following newly appointed judges: Hon. Jacquelyn D. Austin, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina; Hon. David E. Rice, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland; and Hon. Stephanie A. Gallagher, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Fifth Circuit



Lisa P. Martin

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

Our beloved Magistrate Judge Jerry A. Davis, who sits in our Aberdeen Courthouse, was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge June 4, 1984 and is now serving his fourth term, will retire effective July 1, 2011. Fortunately, Judy Jones, Judge Davis's Judicial Assistant will remain as Judicial Assistant for Magistrate Judge Dave Sanders, who is relocating from Greenville, MS to Aberdeen, MS. The Honorable Jane H. (Jenny) Virden will be our new Magistrate Judge in our Greenville Courthouse. She will come on board on July 2, 2011.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

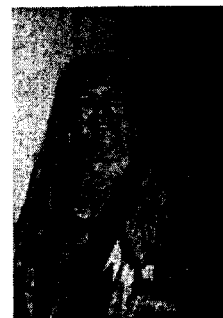
The Honorable Harry Lee Hudspeth is a Senior United States Court Judge for the Western District of Texas. He was nominated for appointment by President Jimmy Carter in October of 1979. Judge Hudspeth was elevated to Chief Judge in 1992 and served in that capacity until 1999. In 2001, Judge Hudspeth took senior status. Judge Hudspeth received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1958. He has worked as a trial attorney for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in El Paso and San Antonio, and as a United States Magistrate for the Western District of Texas.

Alexis Montgomery joined Judge Hudspeth's Chambers in March of 2011. Alexis has worked in the legal field in Hawaii and Texas since 1974. She currently is a member of NALS, *the association for legal professionals*, and has received the following certifications from NALS and the Texas Institute for Specialty Certification: Professional Paralegal, Professional Legal Secretary, and Specialty Certified in Civil Litigation. Alexis, a new member of FJAA, was also named Secretary of the Year for the Texas Association of Legal Professionals in 2000.

SIXTH Circuit

Patent Pilot Study

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is one of fourteen federal district courts selected to take part in a 10-year pilot project designed to enhance expertise in patent cases among U.S. district judges. To be eligible to participate, courts had to be among the 15 district courts in which the largest number of patent and plant variety protections cases were filed in 2010, or be district courts that adopted or certified to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) the intention to adopt local rules for patent and plant variety protection cases. The pilot, mandated by Pub. L. No. 111-349, begins in July. Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla and the Honorable S. Hardy Mays are the judges designated to hear patent cases during the pilot.



Beverly D.

Articles contributed by
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Camera Pilot Study

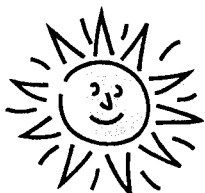
In September 2010, the Judicial Conference authorized a three-year pilot project to evaluate the effect of cameras in district court courtrooms, video recordings of proceedings and publication of such video recordings by making them available through www.uscourts.gov as well as participating courts' websites, if desired. The US District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is one of fourteen federal trial courts selected to take part in the Federal Judiciary's digital video pilot, also known as the Cameras in Court Pilot Study. The guidelines for the study may be reviewed at <http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/News/2011/docs/CamerasGuidelines.pdf>.

Chief Judge McCalla (TNWD) Releases History Book

After more than nine years in research, writing, and production, and containing 608 pages including 883 photographs, maps, and illustrations, *An Illustrated History of the People and Towns of Northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County - Salem, Portersville, Idaville, Kerrville, Armourtown, Bethel, Tipton, Mudville, Macedonia, Gratitude, Barretville, and Rosemark, Tennessee* was released to the public by Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla, Western District of Tennessee. Chief Judge McCalla edited the book along with Managing Editor Penny Saucier Gloves and Co-Editors Ruth Blakey Billingsley and Louise Wooldridge Rhodes. The book begins with a brief sketch of the pre-history of the area and, through a series of articles and interviews, tells in detail the story of the people, enterprises and churches of the area. The book serves as the first comprehensive history of the towns and farms of this largely rural area.

EASTERN DISTRICT
OF MICHIGAN

Susan Eckert Pinkowski



It's been a busy four months in Michigan: We enjoyed the portrait ceremonies of Judges Avern Cohn and Lawrence Zatkoff, Magistrate Judge Virginia Morgan retired, and sadly, one of our legends, the Honorable John Feikens, died at the age of 93. You can read all about his amazing career on Wikipedia!

Our court clerks' office was totally revamped and looks fabulous. We had defensive skills training by the marshals, and had a wonderful open house for Law Day. Now Interns are flooding our hallways with curiosity!

Seventh Circuit



Melissa Hardin

Hello all,

I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the warm weather that has finally come. Luckily (for me), my judge has been very busy with trials, so I've had time to get out at lunch.

Whitney Willet (Central District of Illinois) reports two new District Judges have been added to the Central District of Illinois. Installation ceremonies for Judge James E. Shadid and Judge Sue Myerscough were held on April 27, 2011. Cathy Geier, formerly Judicial Assistant to Judge Mihm, joins Judge Shadid's chambers as his Judicial Assistant. Judge Michael M. Mihm took senior status on October 1, 2009. Karen Buss, formerly of the Bankruptcy Court joins Judge Mihm's chambers as his Judicial Assistant.

Nancy Novotny Moravecek (Northern District of Illinois) reports that her judge has been active with their court's CHANCE program. The CHANCE program is named in honor of the late James B. Moran, a beloved judge of the court, in recognition of his life-long support of alternative treatment programs. The program involves intensive supervision and frequent meetings with a team of judges, probation officers, AUSA's, FPD's, treatment providers and marshals and is at least one year in length. The program utilizes a creative blend of treatment and sanction alternatives with the goal of more effectively promoting rehabilitation, thereby reducing recidivism and promoting community safety. Judge Gottschall and Judge Schenkier were the instrumental "team of judges" in this year's process and met with the CHANCE participants on a bi-monthly basis.

This attached photo is from the first graduation ceremony of the CHANCE program.

Chief Judge Holderman congratulates Ellucyaino Barnes on his completion of the CHANCE Program. Pictured in the background (from left to right) are District Judge Ruben Castillo, District Judge Joan Gottschall and Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier.



Enjoy your summer!
Melissa



For more information on re-entry programs, please go to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs web site:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry/>



Rebecca Baertsch

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Welcome to Kathleen Feldman, Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung (D. Minn.) as a new Eighth Circuit member to the FJAA. Kathleen comes to the Court from the state court where she served as a court reporter for the past 15 years. Kathleen's previous experience also includes serving five years as a legal secretary for the Minneapolis law firms of Koch & Gerharter and Peterson, Fishman & Livgard. Kathleen earned her B.A. from the University of St. Thomas and completed the Court Reporting Program at Rasmussen Business College.

Congratulations to Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung who was sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota on April 29, 2011. His chambers is located in St. Paul, Minnesota. Judge Leung was born in Hong Kong and emigrated to the United States at the age of six with his parents and three older siblings. Magistrate Judge Leung served for nearly 17 years as a Minnesota state district court judge. His appointment to the state bench marked the first time an Asian-American had served in the state judiciary, and his recent federal appointment marks the first time an Asian-American will serve in Minnesota's federal judiciary.

Congratulations to Judge Billy Roy Wilson (E.D. Ark.) who received The Adrian award, the Federal Judges Association's most prestigious award honoring an Article III judge in senior status who has exemplified through notable contributions to the cause of Judicial independence the same excellence, devotion, effectiveness and good will as its namesake, the Honorable Adrian DuPlantiere. Judge Wilson has a mule farm and one of the paragraphs in the resolution bestowing this award on him reads "in recognition of his unselfish, enduring and productive professionalism, exemplified by his willingness to forego a visit to the White House during the 2010 FJA Quadrennial to make a place for someone else for his stated reason that the White House had no place for him to leave his mule" It is clear that Judge Wilson has a great sense of humor and is beloved by all. Kay Holt, Judge Wilson's Judicial Assistant, reports that he loves his mules and lost his prize mule a few months ago.

Congratulations to the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association whose *Pro Se* Project was selected to receive the 2011 Harrison Tweed Award, one of the American Bar Association's most respected honors. The ABA created the award in 1956 to recognize the extraordinary achievements of bar associations in creating access to justice for the poor.

Colby Jackson, Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge Nannette A. Baker (E.D. Mo.), reported that the NFL lockout appeal and an attempted injunction against the Hangover 2 movie were both heard recently in the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those affected by this spring's severe weather throughout the midwest and elsewhere.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Seattle!

EIGHTH CIRCUIT WORKSHOPS

Rebecca L. Baertsch

Judicial Assistant to Judge Donovan W. Frank

Eighth Circuit FJAA Representative

On May 24-27, 2011, Eighth Circuit Executive Millie Adams and her staff hosted an Eighth Circuit Judicial Assistants Workshop for the Eighth Circuit JAs in Washington, DC. The Federal Circuit hosted a wonderful welcome reception for us at the Dolley Madison House, one of a small group of historic buildings on the east side of Lafayette Square in Washington, DC, which now serves as a conference, reception, and office



space for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Shelly Blincoe, Secretary to Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., was a special guest at the reception. We had a tour of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to conclude our evening.

The Workshop began Wednesday morning with opening remarks from Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge William Jay Riley. Other topics that morning included a presentation from Jason Dempsey, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, from the White House Fellows Program, Office of the First Lady; learning about the New Personnel System; a presentation on Chambers Resources on Websites; and a presentation on Ethics. We then toured the White House and, following lunch, attended a lecture by Supreme Court Fellow Ryan M. Rowberry at the Supreme Court. Thursday's topics included learning about the United States Judicial Conference, Security, What Changes When Your Judge Takes Senior Status or Retires?; How to be an Effective Communicator; Financial Disclosure Reports; and Non-Case Related Travel Reports. Following lunch, we were treated to a tour of the Capitol which included tickets for both the Senate and House Chambers. The Senate was in session when I was there, so it was fun to actually experience a live vote. The Workshop concluded late Friday morning following presentations by Michele E. Reed, Acting Chief, Article III Judges Division and a great presentation on Planning for Retirement, Withdrawing TSP Funds and Other Benefits by John L. McGrath, Jr., Human Resources Specialist, from the AO.

It was great having the opportunity to attend this Workshop and see our government in action. We stayed at the Washington Court Hotel and given that the Workshop preceded the Memorial Day Holiday weekend, some JAs elected to stay a few extra days. It turns out that several celebrities were also staying at our hotel because they were participating in a Memorial Day Concert at the Capitol. Some of the celebrities sighted were Gary Sinese (Mac Taylor on CSI NY), Joe Mantagne, BB King, AJ Cook, Forrest Whitaker, and several American Idols.



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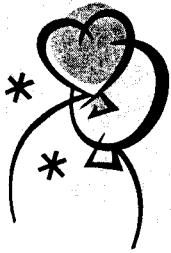
If you have not sent in your renewal membership, or if you haven't joined FJAA, it's never too late - contact your circuit representative listed in this newsletter - guarantee your copy of the Newsletter in your electronic mailbox and an opportunity to participate in the annual educational conference.

EIGHTH CIRCUIT NEWS (Cont'd)

Retirement of Susan Hall



Though Susan begged for a “no-frills” retirement, her colleagues threw her a “Non-Party” on June 28, 2011. Susan’s official last day in the office was June 30, 2011. Many best wishes to Susan for a wonderful retirement! Here is her farewell to her colleagues.
Rebecca



When Judge Cavaneau decided to become a sole practitioner, he left a law firm and set up his law office in 1985 in Searcy, Arkansas. I went to work for him at that time. I was his only employee and always joked with him that his building and I were his only overhead. In January 1991, he was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge and I was hired to be his secretary. Though my title has changed over the past 20+ years, my duties have remained the same.

We’ve come a long way! He and I learned to use a computer at the same time in his law office. He has far surpassed me with his enjoyment and working knowledge of computers and their capabilities!

We have had four courtroom deputies and one career law clerk. How wonderful that we have enjoyed this great and stable sub-family within our Eastern District of Arkansas Court Family.

I have been a member of our association, have enjoyed educational programs in several locations and have enjoyed meeting many wonderful members at these meetings.

There are things about working I will miss. I will certainly miss the daily interaction with Judge Cavaneau (I have known him and his family for many years), our staff and all the other wonderful people with whom I have had the privilege and opportunity to work. I miss tremendously the ones who have retired before me! However, I will not miss my daily 100 mile commute through erratic traffic and construction zones.

It is time to catch up on cleaning my house, working in my yard, enjoying time with my husband of 46 years (who retired at the end of 2010), spending time with our two sons and their families (we have three grandchildren), reading and re-connecting with friends in Searcy.

Best wishes to each of you and may each of you reach your retirement years with as much satisfaction as I.
Susan Hall

Have you been with the government for 30 years?

Please share your story with us.

FJAA wants to applaud and feature members who have been with the government 30 years or more. If you would like to be recognized in *In Brief*, please contact your circuit representative and send in a short article about the changes you have experienced during your government tenure. Please include a photograph with your submission.

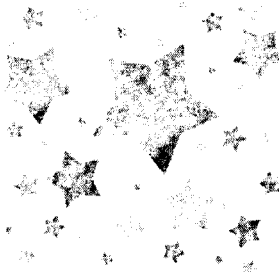


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Ninth Circuit



Stephanie Lawley



Honorable James M. Fitzgerald

Hon. James Fitzgerald passed away on April 3, 2011 at age 91 after a lengthy and distinguished judicial career. Judge Fitzgerald was an original member of the Alaska Territorial Bar and legal pioneer in Alaska. He was a vital part of the Alaska transition from territory to statehood. Judge Fitzgerald served as one of the eight original state court judges and on the Alaska Supreme Court before being appointed to the U.S. District Court in 1974 by President Gerald Ford. In addition to his legal career, Judge Fitzgerald served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps and was present in Hawaii in 1941 to play a college football game when Pearl Harbor was bombed and every member of the football team was conscripted and put on duty. Judge Fitzgerald will be long remembered for his dedicated service to Alaska's judiciary.

Tucson Judicial Assistants Luncheon

The Judicial Assistants in the Tucson Court graciously hosted Stephanie Lawley, their Ninth Circuit Representative, for a brownbag lunch in May at the Tucson Court. Thank you to Katy Higgins for arranging the lunch and all the Tucson Judicial Assistants who attended. It is so important for Judicial Assistants from within your circuit and nationwide to get together and share thoughts, ideas, and best practices. It is meetings like this where we can learn from each other! Thanks Tucson JA's for a delicious lunch and many wonderful ideas to take back home to Alaska!

TENTH CIRCUIT



Ann Neff

Not much news from the Tenth Circuit. I guess we're all staying inside near the air conditioning since we're having unusually hot days. New Mexico has had many days of smoke - from Arizona, southeastern New Mexico, and northeastern New Mexico. The wildfires are really bad this year. And those in tornado alley (like Oklahoma) have had a touch-and-go season, too. I didn't hear of any harm about our members in Oklahoma, but I'm sure they were on pins and needles during the storms.

I did receive this note from Phyllis Walker, one of our retirees from Utah: "Call us crazy, but Rick and I are taking off Saturday (6/11/11) to go to Colorado on our Harley motorcycle for 10 days. The way our weather has been here, cold and rainy, we might be in for a rough ride. Wish us well! We will be meeting some friends there. We don't have an itinerary. However, we will take one day at a time and go wherever the adventure takes us. We will then fly to Maine the end of July to visit my mom who is 94 and just had emergency surgery.

She had a blockage, but is doing fine. Still in rehab, but doing quite well. Our three children will be flying out as well for a short visit. While we are there, we'll attend my 45th high school class reunion. We are hoping to make it out for the FJAA Convention."

We also are starting to gear up for conference in Seattle. Hope to see all of you there!

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Barbara Lay
Executive Administrator



Mary Ann Zelinger has retired from federal service after 35 years with 11th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Peter T. Fay. Mary Ann remarked that she had enjoyed a wonderful 35 years with Judge Fay and the entire court family. The friends she has made and the experiences she's had will be with her for a lifetime. We will miss Mary Ann so much! I remember when I first traveled with Judge Tjoflat to Miami for a sitting (19 years ago!) and followed Mary Ann around downtown at lunch, thinking, "I wish I could walk around like that in those high-heeled shoes and still look that good." Good luck, Mary Ann, and have fun in your retirement!

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A dedication and naming ceremony for the John C. Godbold Federal Building was held recently in Atlanta, Georgia, at the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals headquarters. The building was dedicated in honor of the late Judge John C. Godbold, who served in the 5th Circuit. When the 5th and the 11th Circuit divided, he became the only person ever to have served as Chief Judge of two circuits. The John C. Godbold building is located in the Fairlie Poplar National Historic District in downtown Atlanta. The challenge in renovating the property acquired by GSA was to bring the 100-year old building structure into the modern work environment. The commitment by GSA to reduce the building's environmental "footprint" is reflected through the building's ambitious energy performance goals, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the elimination of toxic substances, and the recycling of construction waste, resulting in over 2500 tons or 80% of the demolition debris and construction waste being diverted from landfills. Remnants of the historic building "fabric" are exposed as a reminder of the historic nature of the building and as a contrast with the modern interior finishes.

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Judge Jerome Farris sat with the 11th Circuit recently at an Atlanta court sitting. He kindly told me that Judge Anderson had been talking about me at lunch - you know, the usual small talk about me being with Judge Anderson for so long. I told Judge Farris that I had spoken with his Judicial Assistant, Kelly, and she seemed like a very nice person. He said that she was the daughter of his first secretary, who retired after 25 years with him. Judge Farris told his first secretary that he could never replace her so he would be happy to have her daughter work for him, and he hired her! I asked him if he was going to go for the granddaughter, too, to which he laughed and said he thought this would do it for him! He also said he bet they were the only mother/daughter team that had worked for a federal judge, and I told him that he was probably correct.

(Submitted by Sharon Bowers)



Farewell to Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall

On February 26, 2011, at 4:30 in the morning, Judge Cynthia Hall died peacefully in her sleep after a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma. She had celebrated her 82nd birthday one week previously. Although she will no longer be sitting with her colleagues, traveling with her friends, providing guidance to young lawyers, attending special family events, or toasting the finer things in life with her latest wine discovery, her legacy will continue.

Among the pioneer women in the legal field, Judge Hall graduated from Stanford University Law School in 1954 and became a law clerk to Judge Richard H. Chambers, then newly appointed to the Ninth Circuit. She said of that first job as an attorney:

"I still recall discussing cases with the judge in his chambers with his door closed while he smoked and chewed on a cigar. By the time we finished, the room was blue with smoke and I had a headache, but you can be sure I did not say a thing because I was so grateful to have a job." (*Western Legal History: The Journal of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society*, 19, 2006, p 55).

Judge Hall's career developed rapidly, if not smoothly, after that with her appointment to the Tax Division of the Department of Justice and the Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury, in Washington, D.C. She then spent four years as a partner with the law firm of Brawerman & Holcomb in Beverly Hills before she was appointed to the United States Tax Court in 1972. Judge Hall was elevated to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 1981 and to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1984.

It was in October of 1988 that I met her for the first time when I interviewed for the job. I was impressed then by the quietly regal atmosphere of the Pasadena courthouse, particularly the lovely garden setting. I did not know at the time that Judge Chambers was a driving force in making the former hotel/hospital into a courthouse which was later named in his honor, or that Judge Hall was the undisputed power behind the grounds. From the first landscape plans, through the rebuilding of the entrance pergola, to supervising placement of every tree, shrub, and flower, she was dedicated to providing beauty for residents and visitors to enjoy. I learned far more botanical terms than I will ever use transcribing her flower alerts to be sent to the judges and staff with Judge Hall's recommendation that they all take time, literally, to smell the roses.

In addition to her penchant for gardening, Judge Hall was an excellent amateur photographer, an avid birder, and an extensive world traveler. Some of her court assignments allowed her, and by extension me, to combine all of these hobbies into some pretty impressive and exciting trips. In addition to our own Ninth Circuit sittings in Anchorage, Honolulu, Seattle, and Portland, we were privileged to attend a calendar in Guam in 1994, and experienced a harrowing landing during a typhoon. During that visit, we took a side trip to Saipan and were caught in another tropical storm on a ferry following a luau on a neighboring island where we snorkeled coral reefs and saw amazing colorful fish. In addition, we attended the formal ceremonies for Palau's independence celebration which had VIPs in full native dress from numerous South Pacific nations.

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JUDGE HALL (cont'd)

After Judge Hall took senior status, we were also hosted for intracircuit sittings in Richmond, Atlanta, and Jackson, Mississippi, which included a visit to historical Vicksburg National Military Park and the Spring Pilgrimage in Natchez. We visited New Orleans twice and attended Mardi Gras. Judge Hall, her law clerks, and I were in Denver for a calendar on that fateful September 11, 2001.

Her law clerks and I were lucky to be the beneficiaries of vicarious travel by way of viewing the many photographs the judge took on her travels to exotic locales while she regaled us with her experiences and displayed her intriguing purchases. We saw polar bears at play and Arctic foxes; learned the difference between species of penguins; admired the grandeur of the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, St. Petersburg, and Japanese pagodas; and were exposed to the people, flora, and fauna of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Africa, the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Central and South America, the Galapagos Islands, and nearly any other place on earth. For many years it was an annual challenge to select a photograph for her holiday greeting card, but my favorite will always be the lemurs posing like house pets on her shoulder in Madagascar.

Judge Hall had a life as full as one could imagine and has left her imprint not only on the law, but in so many other areas. She worked and played with enthusiasm and was always ready for the next adventure. This brief accounting barely scratches the surface. I am happy to have had the chance to go along for a part of the ride.

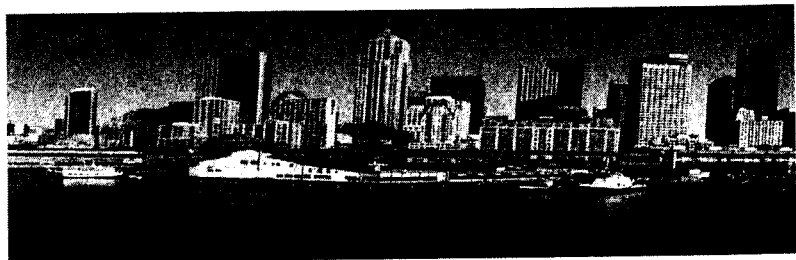
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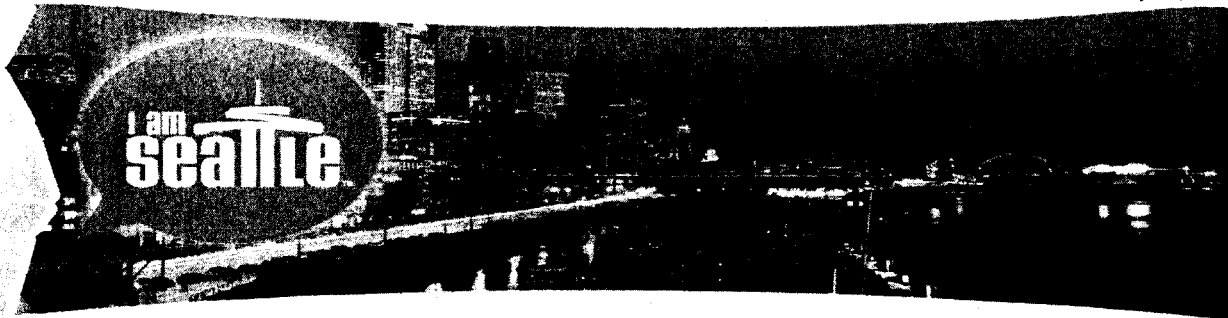


SEATTLE CONFERENCE COMING SOON!

All of us in the Western District of Washington extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 2011 FJAA Annual Educational Conference in Seattle, Washington on October 6-9, 2011. We are truly proud of our city and look forward to sharing it with you. We are especially grateful to be able to host you during these difficult budgetary times. Your choice to attend this year's conference is a vote of confidence in the role of the FJAA in providing our members with valuable information and insight into the critical functions we perform daily for the U.S. Judiciary. Our hope is that you'll enjoy your time in Seattle, that you'll find the educational programs valuable for your work, and that you'll make lasting connections with your fellow JA's and secretaries that will strengthen your ability to provide valuable contributions to the Federal Judiciary. The educational agenda is on our website, along with the registration form.

http://www.fjaa.net/FJAA/Annual_Conference_files/Conference%20Agenda.pdf





FJAA Annual Educational Conference

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer season with family and friends. Of course, the arrival of summer means that fall isn't far behind, and we eagerly look forward to seeing everyone at the FJAA Annual Educational Conference in Seattle this October. The conference runs from October 6-9, 2011. We encourage our fellow members to register early, and to consider arriving early and/or staying late to take in the sightseeing opportunities that Seattle offers.

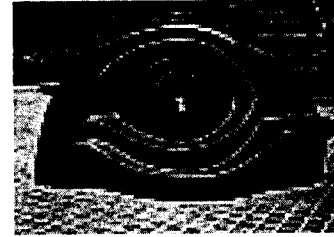
We'll kick off the Conference on October 6 with a reception at the conference hotel, the Waterfront Marriot. Start time will be 5:00 pm, and we look forward to a fun atmosphere along Seattle's busy waterfront. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and there will be a cash bar. We will have some games to lend to the convivial atmosphere.

Our optional event, the Royal Argosy dinner cruise on Puget Sound, will board at 6:30 pm on October 7, and run until 9:30 pm. The dinner cruise is a Seattle classic, featuring many of the aspects—water, city skyline, islands—that make the city so visually appealing. The Dinner Cruise will be a wonderful opportunity to relax with your fellow FJAA members in a festive and beautiful setting.

While the conference itself will certainly keep everyone busy, we hope that you will take the opportunity to explore the city and its surrounding natural wonders either before or after the conference. Whether you choose to confine your explorations to Seattle or venture further afield, there are plenty of attractions calling out for exploration.

In the City

Downtown Seattle has more than enough attractions for a visit of two or three days, and The Waterfront Marriot is located within walking distance to many of Seattle's urban attractions. The best jumping-off point, Pike Place Market, America's oldest continually operating farmers' market, is just a few blocks away. Founded in 1907, the Public Market continues its mission of allowing residents to "Meet The Producer" in a vibrant and always-entertaining pedestrian environment. Colorful shops and restaurants featuring the freshest ingredients make this a foodies' paradise. Stroll through the arcades and see the many talented street performers, duck as the "Flying Fish" pass overhead, scope out a nice spot for lunch overlooking Elliott Bay, or just grab a cup of coffee from the original Starbucks and watch the interesting parade of people that make Seattle unique. Mornings in the Market are especially interesting, while the vendors set up their stalls and ferry boats glide silently across Puget Sound, you can get a palpable sense of the city waking up to the new day. Seattle has undergone many changes since those early days, but Pike Place Market truly remains the heart and soul of this city and a visceral connection to its past. You can read more about the Market at its website: <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/>. (Continued on next page)



(Cont'd) Outside the Market, downtown Seattle is easy to explore on foot, and there is plenty to see. The city's busy shopping district is centered around the Nordstrom's and Pacific Place Mall, located at 6th Avenue and Pine Street and just a few blocks to the east of the Market. Head two blocks south from the Market and you'll pass Seattle Art Museum's main location-- immediately identifiable from the moving "Hammering Man" sculpture towering overhead. In addition, the museum operates the Olympic Sculpture Garden, located along the Waterfront and just few blocks north of the hotel. <http://seattleartmuseum.org/>. Finally, no visit to downtown Seattle would be complete without a trip to the Space Needle, a Seattle icon since its construction for the 1962 World's Fair. The Space Needle is located in Seattle Center, the former grounds for the Fair located just north of the downtown core. Take the Monorail from Westlake Center (5th Avenue and Pine Street) for a hassle-free 90-second ride to the foot of the Needle. <http://www.spaceneedle.com/visit>

For a complete overview of downtown's attractions, be sure to visit the website for the Seattle Convention and Visitor's Bureau: <http://www.visitseattle.org/>

Outside the City

Seattle's urban charms notwithstanding, many people choose to explore the region's natural beauty. Seattle is located on the eastern shore of Puget Sound. With snow-capped mountain ranges in the distance to the east and west of the city and water on three sides, there is no shortage of outdoor opportunities. The most visible attraction is Mount Rainier National Park, 90 miles to the south of Seattle. On a clear day, this 14,411 volcano towers over Seattle. Grayline of Seattle operates bus tours from downtown Seattle (<http://www.graylineseattle.com/sightseeingtours.cfm>).

For those interested in setting out on their own, the San Juan Islands are a great day or overnight trip out of Seattle. The San Juans are a small archipelago with beautiful pastoral views, hiking trails, and whale watching opportunities. The many inlets, dense forests, and scenic views make these islands popular with kayakers and bicyclists. Start your explorations in Anacortes, a small fishing and artists' town located 80 miles north of Seattle and easily accessible by car via Interstate 5. Washington State Ferries operates car ferry service out of Anacortes to the major islands. <http://www.visitsanjuans.com/index.cfm>

Closer to Seattle, the eastern suburb of Woodinville has become Washington's top destination for winery tours. The grapes themselves are grown in the eastern part of Washington, due to its dryer and warmer climate, but many of the wineries are located here and happy to offer tours and wine tasting events. <http://woodinvillewinecountry.com>

See you in October!

The Seattle Conference Committee

FORTY-ONE YEARS!

At the request of Mari Rosa Jorge, Judicial Assistant to Honorable Judge José A. Fusté, and having been with the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico for forty-one (41) years, I am glad to share my story with the FJAA.

I began this wonderful career in the Clerk's Office on June 13, 1970, upon graduating from the University of Puerto Rico. Six months later, I was hired as secretary/courtroom deputy to the first United States Magistrate Judge appointed in Puerto Rico, Honorable Harley A. Miller, a "jíbaro" from Montana as he used to call himself. I found this combination of duties challenging, unique, and satisfying. I was also secretary/courtroom deputy to United States Magistrate Judges John M. García and Arturo Díaz; secretary to the first Federal Public Defender for this District, Mr. Pierre E. Vivoni, and to FPD Gerardo Ortiz-del-Rivero; secretary to Mr. Ramón Alfaro, Clerk of Court; and, since 1980, secretary to U.S. District Judge Carmen Consuelo Cerezo. I feel so very blessed to have been part of this institution for so long, and have enjoyed the opportunity to have worked under the supervision of such excellent professionals, and with co-workers whom I will always remember.

Four years ago, I underwent emergency triple bypass heart surgery and upon my daughter's graduation from college, felt it was time to retire. Little did I know then that María Luz Díaz, secretary to Senior District Judge Jaime Pieras, Jr., would be substituting me. Judge Pieras was very ill and passed away June 11, 2011. I firmly believe that nothing is by chance, and I wish María Luz as rewarding a career as I had.

I am excited with the idea of spending more time with my eighty-seven-year old mother, who is still healthy, full of life and energy; with my daughter Linda, who is studying toward her master's degree in finance; and my husband, who I married almost two years ago. I am also looking forward to enjoying my orchids, my garden, my home, do some voluntary work, and spend more time with family and friends. Blessings!



JOB OPENING in 2012

Fellow JAs and JSAG members --

My district judge has asked me to put out feelers for a veteran JA, WITH SHORTHAND SKILLS, who may be interested in continuing their career here in Savannah for two or three years beyond September 2012, which is when I will be retiring from government service. I will be leaving the Savannah area to return home to Wisconsin to spend some time with my aging mother, but I plan to rent out my fully furnished 2BR 2BA condo, which would also be available to a JA who might not want to set up housekeeping for just two or three years.

For more info, please contact: Judith Ball at (912) 650-4040 or Judith_Ball@gas.uscourts.gov. Best regards, Judith H. Ball, Judicial Assistant to Senior District Judge B. Avant Edenfield.



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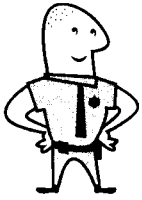
Go to www.fjaa.net for a complete list of officers, circuit representatives, committee memberships, and other great information.

Currently, we have 327 members in the FJAA (up from 318).
Let's keep growing!

WELCOME TO NEW HIRES:

- 2nd Circuit - Kathleen H. Rogers, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino
- 4th Circuit - Meaghan E. McCann, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Duncan W. Keir
- 5th Circuit - Alexis Montgomery, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Harry Lee Hudspeth
- 5th Circuit - Brandy O'Quinn, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Ron Clark
- 7th Circuit - Megan M. Minner, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Sue E. Myerscough
- 9th Circuit - Carrie L. Lipparelli, Secretary to Hon. Robert Clive Jones
- 9th Circuit - Wendy Koble, Secretary to Hon. Owen M. Panner
- 9th Circuit - Anne K. Hermes, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Timothy W. Dore
- 9th Circuit - Meredith K. Ingle, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Roslyn O. Silver
- 9th Circuit - Daniel Mortensen, Judicial Assistant to Hon. William McCurine
- 10th Circuit - Carolyn M. Gellegos, Judicial Assistant to Hon. James O. Browning
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I happened upon www.spokeo.com and was amazed to find my judge's home address and phone number with just a few clicks. Part of my job is to occasionally check the various web sites to make sure that there isn't any personal information out there or anything threatening to my judge or his family. If you check this site and want to have that information removed as well, here are the instructions provided by Patrick Read, U.S. Marshal. If you check back later and it's still there, contact Spokeo's support team.

- 1) Go to Spokeo.com.
- 2) Search your judge's name and select the profile that matches your information.
- 3) Once you've determined that you've located your profile you can then highlight and copy the URL.
- 4) Find and click on the privacy link on the bottom of the page.
- 5) Paste your URL into the appropriate field, enter your email address, and the provided security code.
- 6) Click on remove listing.

Spokeo.com obtains the information from public profiles, so if your judge is on any of those sites, Spokeo will generate it again in the future. Pat Read suggested removing your judge's info from the public profile sites as well. One saving grace, however, is that according to Snopes.com, more extensive information available to paid customers of the site is often inaccurate.



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