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Dear Judicial Assistants,

I write to you as I'm flying to Anchorage from Miami on Columbus Day. Once you get above the clouds, the view from 35,000 feet never ceases to amaze me. I have lots of time to sit and think. This is traditionally the three-day weekend that we come together for FJAA annual conferences. This year it seemed like the storms just continued to roll in.

October always ushers in a new season. Falling leaves, pumpkin spiced lattes, Jack-O-Lanterns, crisp mornings and shorter days. As we watch the leaves change colors and fall from the trees, it reminds us that during seasons of change and stormy weather, we have to look for the rainbows.

After a challenging year of cancellations, shutdowns and unknowns, I believe that the worst is behind us and we can now move forward. You inspired me to run for another term as your FJAA President. As we travel together, my hope is to lead you into a new season of sunny skies and smooth landings.

As members, you are the backbone of the FJAA! I thank each of you for continuing to believe in the FJAA's mission and its leadership. I can assure you that the members who serve with me on the FJAA Board are completely devoted to ensuring that our organization thrives. Your Circuit Reps have been vital to our continued success.

Cathy Gray and Becky Baertsch have devoted countless hours on your behalf. I thank both of them for their vision and leadership in a difficult year. Melissa Hardin will be serving as your new Vice President and Alice Gilbert as your new Secretary. Judith Stoyko has been appointed as the new Treasurer to replace Susan Garner who was unable to continue in her position. Cindy Chapman and Cindi Hubbard are returning to the FJAA Board as well and I am grateful for their continued service.

I also wanted to thank the members of the 2014 Conference Planning Committee—Jackie Phipps, Gerri Rishel, Becky Baertsch and Dianne Hillman. Although the 2014 Conference was cancelled due to lack of Chambers Training Funds, these ladies were poised to welcome all of us to Minneapolis. They had an outstanding agenda prepared and worked for several months developing a top-notch lineup of speakers and educational sessions. My greatest disappointment was that their efforts were not evident to all of you. Please take any opportunity as FJAA members to join me in thanking them for their service.

The view from the top looks encouraging. You have an outstanding team of professionals ready to serve. Sometimes the clouds can keep us from seeing the sunshine or the stars. The aurora borealis danced in the night sky all the way back to Alaska! Let's look for the lights as the seasons change.

All Best,

Stephanie Lawley



CIRCUIT NEWS



First Circuit
Joan Ausman

U.S. District Judge Jon David Levy, D. Maine

Maine's newest District Judge, Jon D. Levy, took the oath of office in Portland earlier this summer. Judge Levy is the Court's eighteenth federal district judge in the District of Maine, replacing Judge George Single, who has taken senior status.

Before joining the federal bench in the District of Maine, Judge Levy was an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court from 2002 to 2014. He previously served as a Maine District Court Judge from 1995 to 2002, during which time he served as Deputy Chief Judge from 2000 to 2001 and Chief Judge from 2001 to 2002. During his service on the Maine District Court, Judge Levy acted as one of the presiding judges in the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. Judge Levy is the Chair of the Justice Action Group and is a member of the executive committee of the New England Appellate Judges Conference.

Before joining the state bench, Judge Levy worked in private practice in York, Maine, from 1983 to 1995. Judge Levy authored the book, *Maine Family Law*, first published in 1988. He served as President of the York County Bar Association from 1991 to 1992.

From 1981 to 1982, he was appointed by Judge William W. Justice to serve as a Special Court Monitor of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, overseeing Texas prison conditions in the class action case of Ruiz v. Estelle. Judge Levy began his legal career by clerking for Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. of the United States District Court in the Southern District of West Virginia from 1979 to 1981. He received his J.D. in 1979 from the West Virginia University College of Law, where he was a member of Order of the Coif and Lead Article Editor of the *Law Review*. He received his B.S. in 1976 from Syracuse University.

The following was submitted by Judge Levy's Judicial Assistant, Christie Clifford, to whom we extend a warm welcome and wishes for a rewarding future with the federal court and Judge Levy. We look forward to meeting you at the next FJAA conference, Christie!

I started as "Judge Levy's" Judicial Assistant in May 2014. I previously worked with "Justice Levy" as his Judicial Assistant in the Maine Supreme Court since July 2005.

I began my legal secretarial career when I was in high school when I worked for a small law firm in Topsham, Maine which was directly across the street from my school. I would walk over after school and work for a few hours every weekday helping to photocopy, file, and answer phones. Fortunately for me, the receptionist left in June of my senior year and I was hired full-time. I eventually became the senior partner's assistant. After working for this law firm for 11 years, I began working for the Maine Supreme Court as the Judicial Assistant for Justice Donald G. Alexander in 1998.

I have eighteen-year-old twins (a boy and a girl). My daughter just began her freshman year at Georgetown University in Washington DC and my son just began his freshman year at the University of Maine at Orono and is studying to be a civil engineer.

Press Release re: Appointment of New Circuit Executive, First Circuit

BOSTON (October 6, 2014) — On behalf of the Judicial Council, Chief Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that the Judicial Council has unanimously selected Susan J. Goldberg to serve as Circuit Executive. Ms. Goldberg, who has served the Court as Deputy Circuit Executive since 2001, assumed the role of Acting Circuit Executive upon the resignation of Gary H. Wentz on July 31, 2014.

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Ms. Goldberg, a 1984 graduate of Vassar College, has a long history of service in the federal judiciary, beginning in 1989, with a one-year clerkship for the Honorable Bruce M. Selya. Ms. Goldberg, who earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1989, entered private practice, after completing her clerkship, and joined Arnold & Porter LLP's New York office as an associate in the litigation department and served on the firm's hiring committee. In 1993, after three years with Arnold & Porter LLP, Ms. Goldberg moved to Boston and practiced in Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault's litigation department, where she litigated various types of commercial disputes. In 1995, Ms. Goldberg became Executive Director of the Gender and Race and Ethnic Bias Task Forces of the First Circuit. In 1996, Ms. Goldberg joined the Office of the Circuit Executive as the Assistant Circuit Executive for Legal Affairs, a position she held for four years, until she became Deputy Circuit Executive in 2001. As Deputy Circuit Executive, Ms. Goldberg managed every aspect of judicial administration for the First Circuit.



Second Circuit
Janet Hansen

Court of Appeals:

On July 31, 2014, the Honorable Wilfred Feinberg passed away at 94 years of age. Judge Feinberg's distinguished career within the Second Circuit began in 1961, when President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the bench of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. President Lyndon B. Johnson, five years later, appointed Judge Feinberg to succeed Judge Thurgood Marshall on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Feinberg served for 45 years on the Court of Appeals and served as Chief Judge from 1980-1988. We send our sincerest condolences to Judge Feinberg's wife and family.

District of Connecticut:

The Honorable Judge Janet Bond Arterton assumed Senior status on July 1, 2014. At this time, her vacancy has not been filled. Judge Arterton was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1995. Prior to her appointment, she practiced law at Garrison & Arterton, in New Haven, CT. Through the years, Judge Arterton has kept quite busy serving on various committees, serving as a continuing education lecturer, and authored or contributed many books, articles, and periodicals. She also has taught trial practice at Yale Law School. Judge Arterton has sat by designation with the Court of Appeals for the Armed Services, the Federal Circuit and the Second Circuit.

On July 18, 2014, the Court sat in ceremonial session for the investiture of the new U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Deirdre M. Daly. Ms. Daly is the 51st United States Attorney appointed in Connecticut, and is the first woman appointed! We send our hearty congratulations to Ms. Daly!

In July, the District Court of Connecticut began an Oral History Program of their longest serving judges for inclusion in a program to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. District Courthouse in New Haven, CT, later this year. Thus far, video recordings have been conducted of Judge Ellen Bree Burns, Judge Alan H. Nevas, Judge Jose A. Cabranes, and Judge Jon O. Newman. Judge Warren B. Eginton's will be recorded in October. We look forward to this very special program.

Judge Warren B. Eginton celebrated 35 years on the bench this summer—he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut on August 1, 1979. At the time of his appointment, Judge Eginton was a member of Cummings & Lockwood of Stamford, CT. He was also an Adjunct Professor at New York University and Fordham Law Schools. Judge Eginton has authored several papers on Product Liability Law. He is also a member of many foundations and associations. He has participated as a speaker in numerous seminars sponsored by the ALI-ABA. Happy Anniversary to Judge Eginton!

Bankruptcy Judge Julie A. Manning was appointed Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, on September 9, 2014. She succeeded Judge Albert S. Dabrowski, who will retire in January 2015. The Circuit is in the process of appointing a successor for Judge Dabrowski. Congratulations to Judge Manning on her appointment!

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Magistrate Judge Holly B. Fitzsimmons, who was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut on June 4, 1993, will be retiring effective April 2, 2015. Prior to her appointment, Judge Fitzsimmons was a lawyer at the firm of Robinson & Cole, in Hartford, CT, and two years later joined the U.S. Attorney's office where she worked in various divisions until her appointment to the bench. Judge Fitzsimmons was a founding member of the Hartford Association of Women Attorneys. Judge Fitzsimmons has also taught trial practice at Yale Law School since 1992. We wish Judge Fitzsimmons happiness and much fulfillment in her retirement!

District of Vermont:

The Honorable Geoffrey W. Crawford was sworn in as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Vermont in August 2014. Prior to his appointment, Judge Crawford worked in private practice and served as a Vermont state trial-court judge. In 2013, he was appointed to the state Supreme Court, a position held until his new appointment to the federal bench. Judge Crawford's chambers are located in Rutland, VT. We send a hearty welcome to Judge Crawford and wish him every success in his new position!

Northern District of New York:

On September 7, 2014, the Honorable Neal P. McCurn passed away at the age of 88. Prior to being appointed, Judge McCurn was a practicing attorney and extremely active in community and governmental affairs. He was also active in local politics and, among other positions, was elected President of the Common Council of the City of Syracuse in 1968 and was re-elected in 1972. Judge McCurn was serving in this position when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. He served as Chief Judge of the Northern District from 1988 until 1993, when he assumed Senior status. He continued working until he fully retired in 2012. Judge McCurn is survived by his wife of 65 years, 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind quite a legacy! We send our sincerest condolences to Judge McCurn's wife and family.

Court of International Trade:

The chambers of the Honorable Mark A. Barnett welcomed their first baby to chambers! Law clerk, Cara, gave birth to beautiful Nora Pearl on April 16, 2014. Congratulations!

Mrs. Fidelis Basile (J.A. to the Honorable Mark A. Barnett), and her husband just returned from a 12-day trip to her homeland, Fiji, and shared these beautiful pictures (below) with us. Thanks, Fidelis, for sharing these!

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy Fall!

Janet F. Hansen
Judicial Assistant to Judge José A. Cabranes



U.S. Court of International Trade

The United States Court of International Trade ("CIT") is a court located in Lower Manhattan, New York. The Clerk's Office is comprised of five sections: Office of the Clerk; Case Management; Administrative Services; Library and Legal; and Technology, Development and Support. We currently have thirty-five Clerk's Office employees. All of our judges are Article III judges and are appointed for life. Presently, we have six active judges and eight senior judges.

The work we do has a great impact on our country's trade since the United States government is a party in every proceeding. The CIT has national jurisdiction over civil cases related to Customs tariffs and other import transactions. In a nutshell, our judges help resolve trade disputes by interpreting and applying customs and international trade laws.

All of our cases are civil cases. Some of the cases that we hear are protests filed with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, decisions regarding Trade Adjustment Assistance by the U.S. Department of Labor or U.S. Department of Agriculture, customs broker licensing issues, and disputes relating to determinations by the U.S. International Trade Commission and the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration regarding anti-dumping and countervailing duties. Generally, our cases are heard by a single judge. However, there are times when we have had three judge panels. Three judge panels can be commenced when the case challenges the constitutionality of a U.S. law. Many of our judges sit by designation at other courts throughout the country.

Our Court has made a commitment to having a well trained staff. Our Clerk of Court, Tina Patuto Kimble, and Chief Deputy Clerk, Mario Toscano, have actively encouraged staff to take advantage of the FCCA training classes. As a result of this encouragement, FCCA enrollment at the CIT has increased over the last five years and three court members have enrolled in the MSU program. This will be the fifth year in a row that the CIT has allowed its employees to participate in the conference. CIT court employees have attended conferences in Eugene, Oregon; Mobile, Alabama; Las Vegas, Nevada; Des Moines, Iowa; and Seattle, Washington.

The FCCA conferences have been a beneficial source of training for our staff, a wonderful opportunity for us to meet court members from all over the United States, and a terrific venue for professional development. We look forward to attending future FCCA conferences for many years.

Submitted by Casey Anne Cheevers, U.S. Court of International Trade Case Manager

Paris

THIRD Circuit *Iris Liriano*



June, 18, 2014 marked our 10 year wedding anniversary and we decided to celebrate it in Paris. We started our vacation on June 19, 2014, and flew to Helsinki, Finland. There we met our travel companions, my sister-in-law and her husband. In the evening, we boarded a ship from Finland and took a 12-hour voyage to Sweden. As we reached Sweden, the view was spectacular with many islands and stunning summer homes sitting on the coast line. The next day we flew to Paris for a four-day stay. Our itinerary lists too many places for me to name, but some of my favorite places were the Pont Alexandre III, the Versailles, the Basilique Cathedrale de Saint-Denis, the Louvre Museum, the Eiffel Tower and the Seine evening river cruise. Paris is a city full of history and art. The buildings are very intricate and ornate, along with sculptures that are mind-blowing. Some of the side streets are narrow which are lined with embellished buildings, pretty boutiques and great restaurants. The food was exquisite and the people were polite. We had a few laughs here and there trying to communicate with the Parisians.



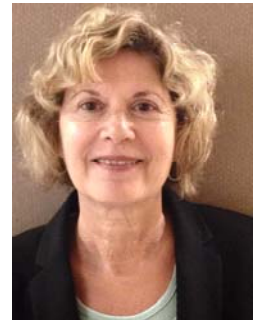
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After our stay in Paris, we rented a car and took a three hour drive to the Loire Valley where we would encounter our love for castles. France has a total of 171 castles which are enormous and breathtaking. Visiting the castles was the highlight of this trip. It is interesting to see how people lived centuries ago. The first castle I saw was the Chateau Chambord, however, we did not tour inside. Next, we proceeded to the Chateau de Vallagon where we stayed overnight for three days. Sleeping in a castle was a dream come true. We reserved two rooms – one of which sat in the tower. The landscape had a lush green lawn with lots of different flowers. The atmosphere was serene, clean and alluring. During our stay, we ate breakfast and dinner at the Chateau. The dinner entrees were exquisite and delicious, too. The next few days, we visited the Chateau d'Usse which is known as the Sleeping Beauty castle and the Chateau de Villandry where we ate a gourmet lunch and visited the amazing garden. Our final destination was to Amiens, which did not disappoint. We wanted to see the Amiens Cathedral which was striking. The illumination show displayed at night was hands down the best one I have ever seen. I will truly treasure my wonderful experience in France. It is a magnificent country filled with beautiful sculptures, churches, buildings and vivid flowers. Paris was our favorite city next to Rome.

And now to other news! Donna Casale has retired after 45 years which includes 30 years of Government Service. Listed below is her bio.

BIOGRAPHY OF DONNA CASALE

I started my career with the federal government in August of 1984. My first position was as a legal secretary with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, N.J. I worked for the criminal division and the work was very interesting. We worked with DEA, FBI, Secret Service and Custom agents and typed search warrants, indictments, briefs, etc. It was a fun and exciting place to work.



In December of 1985, I obtained a position with the U.S. District Court in Newark as a civil docket clerk. I did that until June of 1987 when Stanley R. Chesler, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney was sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge. I worked for Judge Chesler for over 15 years, until January of 2003, when he was sworn in as a U.S. District Judge and transferred to the Trenton office. I enjoyed working for Judge Chesler very much. It was an extremely busy office. At that time, there were only two other magistrate judges and we handled the civil caseload for three district judges, as well as criminal duty for a whole month, every three months. The days flew by.

After Judge Chesler transferred to the Trenton office, I chose to remain in Newark and obtained the position of the Newark Swing Secretary, which position I am retiring from now, after over 11 years. I fill in for the different judges' secretaries when they are out sick or on vacation and I also help the magistrate judge's courtroom deputies with some of their civil work. When I am not doing that, I help the Clerk's office with administrative duties. I enjoy this position, too. It is very diverse and interesting and I get to work with and meet a lot of different people throughout the courthouse.

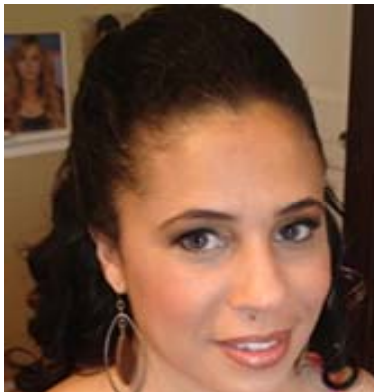
Prior to working for the government, I worked in private practice and private industry for 15 years, so I feel that I am now ready to retire. I want to do something different, perhaps work part-time as a teacher's assistant in a preschool setting or stay home and pursue other interests that I have. I have always enjoyed traveling and hope to do more of that as well.

All told, I have been very fortunate to have had such a wonderful career with the federal government and will miss it, but more importantly, I will miss all of the people that I have met through my work and have become my friends. I hope to keep in touch with them when I start the next chapter of my life.

Good Luck to Donna in her future endeavors! We will truly miss her great stories, her smile and wittiness, and most of all her friendship.

Iris



FOURTH Circuit*Krystina**Ludlow-Jones***South Carolina**

First and foremost, I want to say a special thanks to the JAs who contributed information for this article.

South Carolina celebrated the U.S. Marshals' 225th Anniversary on Friday, September 26, 2014 in Columbia, SC. The Marshals Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. The Marshals Service occupies a uniquely central position in the federal justice system. It is the enforcement arm of the federal courts, involved in virtually every federal law enforcement initiative. Established on September 24, 1789, when President George Washington signed the Judiciary Act into law, the Marshal Service has grown from the 13 original U.S. Marshals to a force of over 5,000 dedicated employees carrying out missions as varied as apprehending fugitives, housing and transporting prisoners, protecting witnesses and federal judges, and managing and selling seized assets.

In joint with the Marshals Service celebration there was a district-wide training on effective communication, in which roughly 75 individuals from the district divisions attended.

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks held her Investiture Ceremony at the Hollings Judicial Center in Charleston, SC. The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable Terry L. Wooten, Chief United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Remarks were given by E. Fitzgerald 'Jerry' Parnell, III, of the American Bar Association, the Honorable Richard M. Gergel, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and the Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable David C. Norton, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina and the Presentation of Robe was conducted by the Honorable Henry F. Floyd, United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Immediately following the ceremony, a beautiful reception took place at The Mills House Hotel, in Charleston, SC.

On April 11, 2014, a BRIDGE graduation ceremony took place at the Hollings Judicial Center in Charleston, SC. The BRIDGE program was created three years ago. It serves as an alternative to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders who seek the court's help to overcome their addictions. The program is a collaborative effort between South Carolina's U.S. District Court, the U.S. Probation Office, Federal Public Defender's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks presided over the event. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder served as the ceremony's keynote speaker. Holder also was in Charleston for a statue dedication in honor of the late Judge Waties Waring, known for taking a public stance against racial inequality and segregation during the Civil Rights Movement. The ceremony came a day after the U.S. Sentencing Commission voted to reduce federal sentencing guidelines for nonviolent drug offenders.



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Western District of Virginia

U.S. District Court Judge James C. Turk, who presided in the Western District of Virginia's federal court for more than 40 years, passed away July 6, 2014. President Richard Nixon appointed Judge Turk to the federal bench on October 17, 1972. He took senior status in 2002, at the 30-year mark, but continued hearing cases right up until his death. Judge Turk was known for coming down from the bench after court proceedings to shake the hands of lawyers and litigants. His folksy demeanor sometimes led people to underestimate just how intelligent he was. He was quoted by one of his former law clerks as "having one of the sharpest legal minds I've ever known, and he also cared greatly about the people who came before him. Those people mattered so much to him." He had a fine sense of right and wrong, and he always tried to do what was right. He grew up on a farm in Roanoke County, Virginia, served in the Army, graduated from Roanoke College on the GI Bill and won a scholarship to Washington & Lee University School of Law. Judge Turk practiced law with the Radford firm of Dalton, Poff & Turk for many years. He served in the state Senate from 1959 to 1972, at which time he was appointed to the federal bench. He presided over a number of high-profile cases—including the 1981 libel case the Reverend Jerry Falwell filed against Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt.



Shirley Simpson, his Judicial Assistant, knew and worked with Judge Turk for almost 50 years. She was hired by his law firm after graduating from high school, and stayed with the firm for approximately eight years. She came with Judge Turk when he came on the bench in 1972, and has been with him right on until to his death. Shirley then retired on September 30, 2014, but she plans to stay active with the FJJA.

America's newest citizens took the Oath of Allegiance at naturalization ceremonies from New York to Alaska, including at the Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton, Virginia, as part of this year's celebration of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17, 2014. This was the first time the Federal Judiciary has coordinated a day of naturalization ceremonies across the nation.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia was among two dozen federal courts around the country that held scheduled naturalization ceremonies marking the date in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the nation's founding document.

The local ceremony was held at the Frontier Culture Museum at 11:00 a.m., on September 17, 2014, with Magistrate Judge James G. Welsh presiding. Eighty people became new U.S. citizens during the ceremony. Over 600 students from local area schools were in attendance; students presented the Colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eastern District of Virginia

M. Hannah Lauck was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia on December 19, 2013. The vacancy was created when James Spencer took senior status on March 25, 2014. The United States Senate confirmed Judge Lauck on June 10, 2014, on a vote of 90-0. Judge Lauck served as a federal magistrate judge for the same court from May 3, 2005, until her confirmation.

Middle District of North Carolina

Judge James A. Beaty, Jr. is an Article III federal judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. Judge Baety, Jr. joined the court in 1994 after being nominated by President Bill Clinton. Judge Beaty was the Chief Judge of the court from 2006 to October 31, 2012. Judge Beaty assumed senior status on June 30, 2014, after 19 years of service.

On September 18, 2014, President Barack Obama nominated Loretta Copeland Biggs to the United States District. Judge Biggs was a partner at the law firm of Allman, Spry, Davis, Leggett & Crumpler, P.A.



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Maryland

Judge Catherine C. Blake became Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on October 4, 2014, following Judge Deborah K. Chasanow taking senior status on October 3, 2014. Judge Chasanow has served as chief judge since January 4, 2010.

Judge Blake was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Maryland in 1987. In 1995, President Clinton nominated her to be a United States District Court Judge. After being confirmed by the Senate on August 11, 1995, Judge Blake received her commission on August 14, 1995. Judge Blake previously served as this Court's Administrative Judge from April 1999 to January 3, 2003.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland is proud to present the Sixth Biennial Judge Edward S. Northrop Lecture. This year's guest lecturer is the General William K. Suter, Nineteenth Clerk, U.S. Supreme Court, Retired. The lecture will be Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. and is open to members of the bar and the public, and will take place at the U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. A reception will follow.

Art at the Courthouse - Since its inception in 1996, the U. S. District Court's art program at the Greenbelt Courthouse has contributed greatly to their region's cultural environment. The original purpose of the program was to feature works by Maryland artists, but over the years it has expanded to include international art. With exhibits in quilting, photography, sculpture, and painting, the program continues to call attention to the diverse interests and creative talents of local artists and the importance of their contributions to society. The schedule includes four shows each year. Each show is generally on display for three months. Visit <http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/news/news/WebArtCalendar.pdf> for a complete schedule of showings.

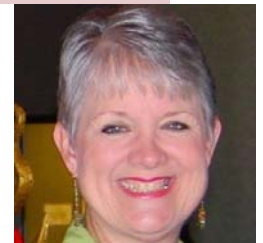


Fifth Circuit

Hope Taormina

RETIREMENT OF JUDY K. JONES

I am retiring at the end of this year with 24 years of service with the Northern District of Mississippi. I started as a Secretary (then changed title to Judicial Assistant) with U.S. Magistrate Judge Jerry A. Davis in January of 1991. He retired at the end of June 2011. I was fortunate to be kept on as JA for U.S. Magistrate Judge David A. Sanders who is still one of the three Magistrate Judges for the Northern District of Mississippi.



I was 62 last April and since I have over 20 years with the court, I decided the time was right for me to retire and enjoy life! Unfortunately for future JAs, my judge plans to replace me with a two-year law clerk.

I have really enjoyed my time with the Court and have seen many changes. I am a charter member of the Magistrate Judges Secretaries Association, now FJAA, and have enjoyed getting to know many of my contemporaries from all over the United States! Come January 2015, you can find me on a beach somewhere with a fruity drink or in Birmingham, AL visiting with my one and only grandson. :)

I am married to my wonderful husband, Gus Jones, who retired after 30 years as a deputy with the U.S. Marshal's Service. Since he worked under civil service and did not pay into social security, he returned to our courthouse as a part-time court security officer to fulfill his social security quarters. We have worked in the same federal building my entire career with the court so I will miss seeing him whenever I needed him and having lunch with him, that is, until he decides to fully retire. :) We live in Tupelo, MS, which is a 45-minute drive from our court in Aberdeen. I have a grown son, Rick Rodgers, who is married to Natalie, and they have one son, Kesler Rodgers, who is in the 5th grade in Trussville, AL.

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I began working for attorneys in 1976 in Aberdeen, MS, with a short stint with a firm in Atlanta, GA, and four years with a very large firm in Dallas, TX. I returned to Mississippi and married Gus and then began my career with the court in 1991. Thirty-eight years of working with lawyers, judges, etc. seems enough for one person, even though I have enjoyed my time in the legal field. I guess my degree to teach Business Education courses did help in my career!

2014 American Inns of Court

The Honorable W. Eugene Davis was recently selected to receive the prestigious 2014 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Davis was presented the award at the Fifth Circuit's Annual Judicial Conference in May by Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart and Brigadier General Malinda Dunn, (Ret.), executive director of the American Inns of Court. Judge Davis will also be recognized at the American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence at the Supreme Court of the United States on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The event will be hosted by The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



The American Inns of Court Professionalism Award is awarded each year, on a federal circuit basis, to a lawyer whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law.

Judge Davis is currently on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He was first appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in 1976 by President Gerald Ford. In 1983, President Ronald W. Reagan elevated Judge Davis to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where he serves today.

He is a former member of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules of the U.S. Judicial Conference, which he chaired for four years. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association of the United States, and the Louisiana Bar Association. Davis has been actively involved with LSU Law, serving as presiding judge in the final round of the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Competition during the 2007–2008 academic year. He also hosts LSU law students each semester as part of the school's Judicial Externship program.

Judge Davis is a native of Alabama who earned his undergraduate degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He obtained his LL.B. degree from Tulane University Law School in 1960. Upon graduation, he practiced law with the Phelps Dunbar law firm in New Orleans, and from 1964–1976 with the firm of Caffery, Duhé and Davis in New Iberia, LA. He and his wife Celia reside in New Iberia.



Submitted by: Deborah R. Mahony
Assistant Secretary to
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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Senate Confirms deGravelles to U.S. District Court Bench

John W. deGravelles was sworn in on Thursday, July 24, 2014 by Chief Judge Brian Jackson of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana as the latest appointee to the court. The United States Senate unanimously confirmed deGravelles to the federal judgeship on July 22. He was nominated by President Barack Obama following a recommendation by Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. Judge deGravelles was appointed to the seat previously filled by Judge James Brady, who took senior status earlier this year.

Judge deGravelles is a 1974 honor graduate of the LSU Law Center, where he earned The Order of the Coif recognition for scholastic achievement. In recent years, he has practiced law as a founding partner of deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus & Fruge LLP in Baton Rouge.

“Judge deGravelles brings to the Middle District bench a superb blend of intellect, humanity, scholarship, and experience,” said LSU Law Chancellor Jack Weiss. “He is a wonderful addition to an already distinguished court.”

With Judge deGravelles' appointment to the Middle District judgeship, LSU Law alumni now account for half (11 of 22) of the active federal district judges in Louisiana: two of three in the Middle District; four of seven in the Western District; and five of twelve in the Eastern District.

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Judge deGravelles has a long affiliation with the LSU Law Center. He taught as an adjunct professor at the Law Center for many years. He served as the first President of the LSU Law Alumni Board of Trustees in 1999-2000 and is a long-standing member of the Chancellor's Council. He served on a variety of committees in service to the Law Center.

"I will be joining a stellar group of judges in the Middle District," Judge deGravelles said in a prepared statement. "I will work extremely hard not only to merit the confidence placed in me by Senator Landrieu, but to make a meaningful contribution to the fine work already being done by the judges and court staff in this District."

The other federal judges are Chief U.S. District Judge Brian A. Jackson and U.S. District Judge Shelly Dick, who was sworn into office earlier this year.

Judge deGravelles worked as an environmentalist in the 1980s and founded Citizens for a Clean Environment group.

He also chaired the Louisiana Trial Lawyers' Association Hurricane Katrina/Rita Relief Committee and served as president of the association. After the 2010 BP oil disaster, he coauthored the law article "The Deepwater Horizon Rig Disaster: Issues of Personal Injury and Death."

Baton Rouge's U.S. District Judge John Parker Dies at Age 85 Tenure Began with Desegregation Case



U.S. District Judge John V. Parker, the long-serving Baton Rouge federal judge best known for ordering cross-town busing as part of his oversight of the divisive East Baton Rouge Parish school desegregation suit, died July 14, 2014.

Judge Parker, 85, most recently a senior judge in the Middle District of Louisiana since 1998, had served as a district judge in Baton Rouge's federal court since 1979.

His oldest child, Mike Parker, also an attorney in Baton Rouge, said his father was suffering from congestive heart failure in recent months.

Judge Parker maintained a full load as a senior judge for many years but cut back and ultimately stopped taking cases when his wife, Elizabeth, took ill. She died in March 2010.

"He had not been active with the court for several years," said Mike Parker, though he said his father never officially retired from the bench.

The desegregation lawsuit, filed in 1956 on behalf of 37 black children, came to its official end in 2007. Judge Parker inherited the case shortly after he was appointed to the judiciary and presided over it until July 2001.

U.S. District Judge Brian Jackson described Parker as a courageous man.

"He received death threats. He was threatened with bodily injury. He was ostracized socially. What sustained him was his devotion to the Constitution of the United States and the rule of law," Jackson said.

Judge Parker presided over a wide variety of criminal and civil cases during his time on the court. Judge Jackson came before him many times when Jackson worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Judge Jackson said Parker's legacy is greater than the school desegregation case.

"Literally thousands of litigants entered his court seeking justice, and I like to think that justice was meted out every time. It would be unfortunate to have one case define him professionally," Jackson said.

For instance, Judge Parker handled lawsuits emanating from a chemical leak from a barge owned by the Ingram Barge Co., loaded with 400,000 gallons of toluene and benzene that capsized across the Mississippi River from Southern University in 1997.

As chief judge, he also spent years seeking a new courthouse. In 1985, falling plaster and a leaking roof got so bad that Parker ordered a grand jury investigation of the General Services Administration. Judge Parker's effort finally led to the construction of the \$23 million Russell B. Long Federal Building, which is three times the size of the old courthouse, and opened its doors in 1994.

Judge Parker is a native of Baton Rouge. He graduated first from Baton Rouge High School and then LSU in 1949 and was an honor graduate of LSU Law School three years later. He spent 12 years working as an assistant parish attorney and served in private practice for 13 more years before he was recommended to the federal bench by then-President Jimmy Carter.

Judge Parker took over the desegregation case from U.S. District Judge E. Gordon West only weeks after arriving on the job.

"Dad walked in and there it was: 'Welcome to the judging business,'" Mike Parker recalled.

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In 1975, Judge West had granted the school system unitary status, meaning it no longer operated separate black and white school systems.

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, however, disagreed and sent the case back, laying out where the school system's desegregation plans were falling short. Judge West became a senior judge and decided to hand the case to the newly arrived Judge Parker.

Bob Hammonds, an attorney in Baton Rouge, who represented the school system in the litigation from 1978 to 1995, said Judge Parker was bound by the higher court rulings he inherited.

"I always found him to be very fair, very professional. It's a great loss to the legal community," Hammonds said.

The remedies Judge Parker ended up imposing, especially 15 years of forced busing, often sparked violent anger. He also carried on a long-running feud with a succession of school boards, which he said failed to follow his dictates.

Judge Parker's rulings and the subsequent uproar over them have been blamed by many for the mass defection of children — especially from middle-class, white families — from the school system. The school system was about 40 percent black when Judge Parker took on the case. Today it's more than 80 percent black.

"Years after that, if he was out in public, he was almost always accompanied by a U.S. Marshal," Hammonds said.

One of the fiercest critics of Judge Parker's busing order, then school board member Jim Talbot, said he was not critical of the man, just what he felt compelled to do.

"I think that John Parker did the best with what he had to work with," Talbot said. "I think if he knew then what we know now, he would have modified that order. I really believe that. It wouldn't have been so devastating to the parish."

"I can tell you he was truly interested in the welfare of the parish," Talbot said. "I trusted him and he trusted me."

In Judge Parker's parting statement in July 2001 — when he announced in court documents he was transferring the case to another judge — he criticized school leaders for failing to make serious efforts to desegregate the schools.

"Let the record show, however, that the School Board has many teachers and other employees who do understand the need to get this business behind them," Judge Parker wrote. "What they lack is leadership from their leaders."

Judge Parker handed the case off to yet another newly seated judge, U.S. District Judge James Brady. Now, a senior judge himself, Judge Brady said many people wrongly disparaged Judge Parker.

"People would come in and see me, or stop me on the street and say, 'Judge Parker blew this or got that wrong,'" Brady recalled. "I'd stop them and say, 'Judge Parker only applied the law. If you're expecting me to be any different then you're going to be disappointed.'"

Two years after taking the case, and after many hours of negotiation and two outside mediators, Judge Brady approved a final settlement of the divisive case. The school system completed the settlement in 2007, finally achieving unitary status.

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana Names New Clerk of Court

Advocate staff report

The judges of the Baton Rouge-based federal court announced that Michael McConnell is now the clerk of court, managing records and staff for the downtown courthouse.

McConnell took the oath of office on June 23. He replaces Nick Lorio, who retired from the position.

As clerk of court, McConnell works closely with U.S. District Judge Brian Jackson, the chief judge for the U.S. District Court of the Middle District of Louisiana, to meet administrative needs by managing staff, caseloads and records, among other tasks.

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He is also responsible for communication between the court and government agencies, the media, bar groups, and the public.

McConnell joined the Middle District in January 2010 as the director of automation and technology. Before that, he worked in the same capacity in the federal court's Western District. His career also includes working for Lockheed-Martin on the space shuttle's external tank project for 13 years and spending 14 years in health care.

He attended the University of New Orleans, graduating with both an MBA and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

McConnell recently announced that Cheletta Plummer has been selected to serve as the new Jury Administrator for our District.



**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
Naturalizes Citizens as Part of National Celebration of
Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in
New Orleans, Louisiana**



America's newest citizens took the Oath of Allegiance at naturalization ceremonies from New York to Alaska, including in New Orleans, Louisiana, as part of this year's celebration of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, on September 17, 2014.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana was among two dozen federal courts around the country which held naturalization ceremonies marking the date in 1787 that Constitutional Convention delegates signed the nation's founding document. Ninety-nine petitioners from more than thirty countries took the Oath of Allegiance at the New Orleans ceremony held on Wednesday morning at Roussel Hall at Loyola University New Orleans. Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana spearheaded the planning and along with United States Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby presided over the ceremony.

Students from sixteen different schools attended the event. As part of the program, student JROTC members from Jesuit High School presented the Colors; the Warren Easton High School Concert Band performed the National Anthem and other patriotic music; the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School Choir sang patriotic songs; the Constitution Day Essay Contest Winner, Forge Mathes from St. Paul's Catholic School, read his essay; and a cast from the International High School of New Orleans presented the skit "America, A Nation of Our Own: Gateway to Freedom." In addition, Reverend Kevin Wildes, S.J., President of Loyola University New Orleans, welcomed all attendees, and the Daughters of the American Revolution lead the Pledge of Allegiance. United States Attorney Kenneth A. Polite, Jr., of the Eastern District of Louisiana, Kimberly Silas of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and Dean María Pabón López of the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law were the keynote speakers.

"The Naturalization ceremony is an extremely important and meaningful event in the lives of the new citizens," said Judge Lemmon. "The immigrants study our government and pledge themselves to follow our Constitution and laws. Scheduling this event on Constitution Day emphasizes the importance of this pledge of allegiance."

This is the first time the Federal Judiciary has coordinated a day of naturalization ceremonies across the nation. To support Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, as well as court-related civics education, the federal courts provided multi-media educational resources for use in courtrooms and classrooms.

Submitted by: Robin Frieze Cortez, Judicial Secretary to U.S. District Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon
Carla Gibson Baker, Judicial Assistant to U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby

SIXTH Circuit

Kelly Kopf



The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is pleased to announce that Judge Sheryl H. Lipman took the Oath of Office in a ceremony at the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law on Friday, August 15, 2014. Judge Lipman was appointed by President Barack Obama to the position left vacant when Judge Jon P. McCalla assumed senior status. She was confirmed by the Senate on April 30, 2014, and was officially sworn in on May 23, 2014.

Judge Lipman was honored to receive the Oath of Office from the Honorable Julia S. Gibbons of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Lipman served as Judge Gibbons' law clerk when Judge Gibbons was a district judge with the same court Judge Lipman now joins. Judge Lipman is the first of Judge Gibbons' former law clerks to rise to the federal bench.

Judge Lipman earned her law degree from New York University School of Law in 1987, and her Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan in 1984. Judge Lipman joins the Court after serving as University Counsel for the University of Memphis since 2002. She also served as the Interim Chief of Staff to the President of the University from July 2013 until her confirmation as a district judge.

Judge Lipman received the Allen J. Hammond Presidential Service Award at the University of Memphis in 2012, and was also named by the University as one of the 100 Women who made a difference in the University's first 100 years. In 1998, she was chosen by the Memphis Business Journal as a "Top 40 Under 40."

FJAA Vice-President Cathy Gray is her Judicial Assistant.



EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The Eastern District of Michigan lost two magistrate judges due to elevations in 2014. Judge Laurie Michelson was elevated to district judge in March 2014, creating one vacancy. Additionally, former Magistrate Judge Mark A. Randon was elevated to Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan in April 2014. Both elevations created vacancies in Detroit. The Bench has selected Anthony P. Patti and Elizabeth A. Stafford for appointment as magistrate judges to fill those two vacancies, pending successful completion of FBI and IRS background checks. Mr. Patti is currently a partner at the law firm of Hooper, Hathaway, Price, Beuche & Wallace, P.C., in Ann Arbor. Ms. Stafford is currently an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit. Both will likely be stationed at the Theodore Levin Courthouse in Detroit.

As of this writing, there are 25 district judges (15 in active service and 10 in senior status) and eight magistrate judges serving in the Eastern District of Michigan, for a total of 33 judicial officers. This is the largest Bench in Eastern District of Michigan history!

Our proposed renovation project was included as a line item in the FY 2014 budget submitted by President Obama earlier this year. The \$31 million request would be for the design of the project and the completion of Phase I, which will focus on several immediate structural issues in the Courthouse. Phase I will specifically include renovation of the parking and loading dock area in the basement, construction of a stair tower in the interior, and the replacement of three existing chillers. Phases II and III are up for approval in FY 2015 and FY 2016 respectively. The total estimated cost for all phases of the project is \$129,041,000.

The Court held a press conference on March 6, 2014, to make the special announcement about this renovation project and approval of funding. Members of the press, public, and court staff attended the press conference and heard enthusiastic comments from Chief Judge Rosen, GSA Regional Administrator Ann Kalayil, City of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Senator Carl Levin, Congresswoman Candice Miller, and Congressman John Conyers. This is a great move toward improving the infrastructure of the Levin Courthouse, preserving the historical value of the Courthouse, and helping in the effort to rebuild the downtown Detroit area.



Seventh Circuit

Melissa Hardin

Greetings from the Seventh Circuit. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The big news in our circuit is that our district and circuit judges participated in a judges workshop October 6 and 7, so we JAs and secretaries had a couple days to get caught up on things in the office. One of the more interesting panels was on sports law, with all the changes happening at both the college and professional level, it was a good discussion.

Seventh Circuit - Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visited the court on September 9, 2014. Judge Ann Claire Williams hosted a “Conversation with Justice Ginsburg” during a special luncheon sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association.

Northern Illinois – Chief Judge Rubén Castillo has formed a new Pro Bono Committee to assist the court in developing further ways to improve their program, including the possibility of expanding eligibility to in-house counsel. In other news, this past August, the President made two nominations to fill vacancies on the court. Hopefully both nominations will be acted upon sooner rather than later.

Central Illinois – The court is in the process of hiring a new Magistrate Judge for the Urbana, IL courthouse. The application period just ended; it is anticipated that the start date will be in May of 2015.

Southern Indiana – The Indiana Historical Society has teamed up with the court to create an exhibit called “Indiana’s Federal Courts: A Legacy of Justice.” Visitors to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in Indianapolis can trace the history of the federal judiciary in Indiana from its origin as a territorial court to the 1928 division into the Northern and Southern Districts, then continue following the Southern District’s history up to the present day.

Western Wisconsin – Chief Judge Bill Conley, Clerk of Court Peter Oppeneer and Chief Probation Officer Paul Reed have been selected to attend a Leadership Initiative in Gettysburg through the FJC. The Institute is designed to foster strategic thinking and leadership by examining Abraham Lincoln’s leadership and how he communicated and realized his vision through a group of independent-minded cabinet members and generals. Participants will also examine the leadership strengths and weaknesses of several of the commanders on both sides in the battle of Gettysburg.

Finally, I’d like to thank everyone in the Seventh Circuit for providing me with your court’s updates each quarter; it made my job a lot easier. As this is my last update (moving from being the Seventh Circuit representative to vice president), I want to take this opportunity to welcome Anne Wolfe as the new Seventh Circuit representative.

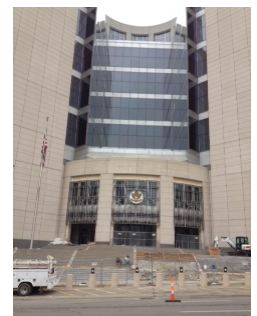
EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Susan Sandridge



The Charles E. Whittaker Courthouse in Kansas City, MO, is undergoing a face-lift. The stairs leading up to the courthouse were in bad shape and in need of repair. The stairs are now being replaced and we are looking forward to having a beautiful entrance to the courthouse.

We would also like to welcome Monica Moreland, the new JA for recently appointed District Judge Ronnie L. White. They are located in St. Louis, MO. Also on board as a new JA/Calendar Clerk is Caryn Glover who is working with District Judge Patrick J. Schiltz in Minneapolis, MN.



NINTH CIRCUIT

Julie Lemm



Idaho will get new federal judge to replace Lodge
After 50 years on the bench, the jurist says he will semi-retire.
 By Cynthia Sewell



The longest-serving federal judge in Idaho history has overseen some of the state's biggest trials: the Ruby Ridge standoff; Claude Dallas' Owyhee County shootout; Sami al-Hussayen's terrorism case; contamination in the Coeur d'Alene Basin; and the case of kidnapper and murderer Joseph Duncan. U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge, 80, is only the 10th federal judge in Idaho history. He will move to senior status on July 3, meaning he will remain on the bench, but with a reduced caseload.

The Caldwell native became a federal judge in 1989, following his nomination by President George H.W. Bush. Judge Lodge's retirement means Idaho will get its first District Court judge appointment in 20 years. President Bill Clinton appointed Idaho's other federal judge, B. Lynn Winmill, in 1995.

Judge Lodge's position will remain vacant until President Barack Obama nominates a replacement, who then must receive Senate confirmation. Presidents traditionally seek a recommendation from a member of the state's congressional delegation who is in the same party as the president. It is not clear how that process will work in this case, with no Idaho Democrat holding elected federal or statewide office.

"It has been and continues to be an incredible privilege to serve on the same court with Judge Ed Lodge. His judicial legacy is simply unmatched in Idaho's history," said Judge Winmill. "His experience, his judicial temperament, his wisdom and his thoughtfulness make him the standard by which all other judges must be measured."

Prior to his federal judge appointment in 1989, Judge Lodge served as a probate judge from 1963 to 1965; a Third Judicial District state judge from 1965 to 1987; and Idaho's third U.S. bankruptcy judge in 1988-89.

Judge Lodge graduated from Caldwell High School and attended Boise Junior College and the University of Notre Dame before graduating from the College of Idaho in 1957. He earned his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1961 and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1962. He is married to Patti Anne Lodge, a state senator.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Legislature passed a resolution honoring Judge Lodge for his 50 years of service on the state and federal benches.

Statesman reporter John Sowell contributed.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Lynda Brown



GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!

Fall is here!! Colors of leaves are starting to change and it is cooling down here in New Mexico.

Christine (Chris) Ford, Case Administrator for the Honorable Tena Campbell, United States District Court, Salt Lake City, Utah, has submitted a very interesting article about how important courthouse security is. With all the different threats, shootings, etc., it is important to be on your guard and to be observant – whether in the courtroom, in the courthouse, or outside. Time is of the essence in a dangerous situation.

Thanks again to Chris and everyone who submits articles.

Lynda

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UTAH NEWS:**Shooting at the New Federal Courthouse in Salt Lake City**

On the morning of April 21, 2014, Judge Tena Campbell began a jury trial in a criminal matter with the defendant, a known gang member, in custody. The court had decided to have restraints removed from the defendant based on his good behavior during hearings prior to trial and during jury selection the previous week.

The jury was seated and the first witness, also a gang member in state custody, took the stand. He had been answering questions for about 10 minutes when the defendant suddenly arose from his seat, grabbed a pen off counsel table and charged the witness. Seconds later, four shots rang out. I turned to look at the witness and the defendant but I couldn't see either of them but I could hear a Marshal telling the defendant repeatedly that he couldn't help him until he dropped what was in his hand.

Several years ago I attended a seminar for judicial assistants in Washington, DC. I was not a courtroom deputy at the time. One of the most interesting presentations was by the U. S. Marshals Service. It addressed courtroom security and protection of our judges, both in and out of court. We were shown a video of an actual courtroom shooting where the judge initially left the courtroom but then returned a number of times to see what was happening in the courtroom. The presenter impressed on us that it was the responsibility of the courtroom deputy to immediately get the judge out of the courtroom and to secure the area and instruct him or her to remain there until information was received that it was safe to leave. Under no circumstances were they to return to the courtroom.

Because I was not a courtroom deputy at the time of the seminar, I thought that this training was something I would never need. I was wrong. Thanks to the training I received that day, I was relatively calm and I knew what needed to be done. Despite the confusion and panic in the courtroom, I made my way to the judge and told her we needed to leave immediately. After I was sure she was in a secure area, I returned to the courtroom briefly to ask one of our law clerks to escort the jury back to the jury room in the secure corridor.

As I sat at my desk later that day, I thought how fortunate I was to receive the training I did at the seminar and how grateful I was for the quick thinking and action of the Marshal who did what he was trained to do.

Submitted by Chris Ford

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*****Barbara Lay***

all Hello from the Eleventh Circuit. Hope everyone had a fun summer. I, for one, did and still do not want to see it end. But, alas end it must, and here we are coming into fall with the fun things to do everywhere.

The Eleventh Circuit is blessed to have three new judges appointed during the last few months. The Honorable Robin S. Rosenbaum was appointed in June and previously served as judge of the Southern District of Florida. Judge Rosenbaum's Judicial Assistant is Helena Pantaleo. The Honorable Julie E. Carnes was the next to be appointed in July. Judge Carnes was Chief Judge of the Northern District of Georgia when she was appointed. Her Judicial Assistant is Susan T. Garner, who you will recognize as our former Treasurer – I can now understand why Susan stepped down. There's a lot to learn and do in a circuit judge's chambers! Well, make that any federal judges' chambers! Last but certainly not least to be appointed in September is the Honorable Jill A. Pryor. Judge Pryor was a partner with the law firm of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore LLP in Atlanta before going on the bench. Her Judicial Assistant is Angela Harjo. We are very happy to welcome these Judges and their JAs.

Enjoy the fall season and for sure the upcoming holidays!



**FJAA TREASURER'S REPORT
As of October 16, 2014**



By Judy Stoyko
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Greetings from San Francisco and the Northern District of California! I am pleased to be serving as your new Treasurer.

By way of introduction, I am a California native and have lived in the Bay Area my whole life. My husband Rich and I – and our three fur-babies (two cats and a German shepherd) – live in Hayward, a 40-minute BART ride from the San Francisco Civic Center where the Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse is located. I have a B.S. in business management and a certificate in human resources management. My entire 35-year career has been spent in the legal field in secretarial, paralegal, and office management positions. In August 2012, I was hired as the judicial assistant to Senior U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer, and I immediately joined the FJAA and attended the conference in San Diego. I was sworn in as your Treasurer on October 11, 2014, at the mid-year board meeting in Atlanta.

Having only recently received the boxes of treasurer's files and documents, I am still combing through them in an attempt to get up to speed. Until then, I am providing you with this basic report of the FJAA accounts and the activity since I assumed office.

Chase Checking (as of Sept. 30)		\$ 20,567.20
Less: Scholarship Paid	\$ 348.00	
Less: Business Expenses Paid	<u>3,297.33</u>	
		<u>- 3,645.33</u>
Chase Checking (as of Oct. 16)		\$ 16,921.87
Chase Savings (as of Sept. 30)		<u>\$ 15,039.61</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 31,961.48</u>

Grammar Matters*

How to Choose a Grammar and Style Manual

By Judy Stoyko, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Charles R. Breyer
USDC, Northern District of California, San Francisco

Which style manual to use is largely a personal choice that should be based on the type of writing one does rather than on the popularity of the book. The following matrix compares four of the commonly used manuals. My personal choice is *The Gregg Reference Manual*, which I have used since 1977. Comprehensive and thorough, it covers punctuation, capitalization, numbers, abbreviations, plurals and possessives, spelling, compound words, grammar, usage, editing, filing, letters and memos, reports and manuscripts, and forms of address. Although I own several style manuals, I rely on *Gregg* about 99 percent of the time.

The various manuals differ on some issues. Therefore, choose one and stick to it. Make it your bible and go to source rather than consulting a variety of manuals.

Publication Facts	History and Purpose	Pros	Cons
<i>The Chicago Manual of Style: the Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers</i> . 16 th edition, 2010. University of Chicago Press. ISBN: 978-0226104201 List price \$65.00; Amazon price \$41.35. Hardback, 1026 pages.	First edition 1906; new edition about every ten years. For authors of scholarly works.	Available in online format for yearly subscription fee. Some free content.	No CD available. Does not include document samples.
<i>The Elements of Style</i> (aka Strunk & White). 4 th edition, 1999. ISBN: 978-0205313426 List price \$15.95; Amazon price \$9.06. Hardback, 105 pages.	First edition 1959; three editions since. For elementary rules of usage.	Inexpensive and portable.	Not available online. Limited information due to small size. No index. Infrequent updates.
<i>The Gregg Reference Manual: A Manual of Style, Grammar, Usage, and Formatting</i> . 11 th edition, 2005, McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 978-0073397108 List price \$94.67; Amazon price \$59.14. Spiral-bound, 784 pages.	First edition 1951; new edition every five to ten years. Special edition printed for and used by the University of Phoenix. For anyone who writes, edits, or prepares material for publication.	Available in online format for yearly subscription fee. Recommended study tool for the ALP, PP, PLS, and CCLS exams by the National Association of Legal Secretaries and Legal Secretaries Inc. (California).	No CD available.

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<p><i>United States Government Printing Office Style Manual: An Official Guide to the Form and Style of Federal Government Printing</i> (aka the GPO Style Manual), 2008; no edition number.</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0160818134</p> <p>List price: \$36.00</p> <p>Paperback, 467 pages.</p>	<p>First edition 1894.</p> <p>For government-published books, pamphlets, scientific and technical reports, journals, magazines, and periodicals.</p>	<p>Contains information on military ranks and diplomatic forms of address.</p>	<p>Available only from the Government Printing Office (online at bookstore.gpo.gov).</p>
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* Please submit suggestions for future *Grammar Matters* topics to judith_stoyko@cand.uscourts.gov.



Report on the FCCA Conference by Anne Wolf

I was thrilled to be invited to attend the Federal Court Clerks Association meeting in Seattle this year. Judicial Assistants were given a special invitation to participate, and nearly 30 of us from around the country (including Alaska and Hawaii) were in attendance. I believe it was the first experience for the JAs to mingle with the FCCA membership at their annual meeting.

The entire conference was well-organized and full of exciting speakers and presentations. I found the “Future of the Judiciary” panel of judges to be open and honest. The keynote speakers were diverse and engaging. The futurist, Glen Hiemstra, provided an interesting perspective on preparing for the future, and the powerful and intimate speech by Tiana Tozer (paralympic athlete) was humbling yet enlightening. A session with Lou Gill is always a delightfully educational experience. The enthusiastic and detailed presentation of CourtPort and HotDocs by the Middle District of Florida was impressive. And, I was proud to be able to attend the presentation of Arnold Dizon, Systems Programmer for the Northern District of Illinois, for his excellent work on the CM-ECF Mobile App. The Judicial Assistants scheduled their own break-out session, and it was a lively exchange of ideas and suggestions for the future of our positions.

The conference also provided for plenty of social interaction. We were treated to a wonderful tour of the federal courthouse for the Western District of Washington. Not only did we discover the beauty of the building, but we were also treated to a friendly and welcoming reception of food and beverages while overlooking the spectacular views of the city of Seattle.

Many thanks to the entire team who coordinated the incredible conference in Seattle, 2014.

Help Wanted: Web Minder
Do you love surfing the web?

Detail-minded and not afraid to fix things?

The FJAA is looking for a member who might be interested in maintaining the FJAA website and keeping us all updated. Also involves loading pdf files to the web site (membership application, list of officers and circuit reps, newsletter, etc). Our web hosting company is <https://my.1and1.com>. A working knowledge of HTML is required. If you are interested, please contact Gudrun Swoboda.



Amy Paradis, JA to Judge David Barron
Susan Costa, Secretary to Judge Marianne Bowler
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Please adopt a new
hire and mentor her
or him!

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UP!**

National Travel

Thanks to my new buddy, Alisha Kaszubski and what she learned at the Jump Start workshop in D.C. recently, I now know how to log onto the NTS site and search for flights and info, instead of trying to bounce all around the internet on various web sites looking for the best deal. Check out these links when you get a minute. (Note that the password of 'travel' is a lower case 't'. Found that out the hard way!) I added the NTS site on my Favorites tool bar for instant access.

<http://jnet.ao.dcn/national-travel-log-instructions>

<https://wx1.getthere.net/logininq.act?&site=govnationaltravel&sid=2382&siteID=3301575&watermark=5&token=fb0761622d2f2b6693eefac35d0c3145&transIndex=0%3A0.0.0.0%3A0>

(Please copy and paste those links into your browser to get the instructions and log on info.)



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