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Dear FJAA Members:

One of the perks I get as your President is attending the Judicial Secretaries Advisory Group (JSAG) annual meeting in Washington, DC. The April meeting coincided with the cherry blossom festival. Of all the times I have had the good fortune of visiting our nation's capital, I had never seen the cherry trees in bloom. What a memorable sight!

I encourage you all to register for our annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina, September 10- 12, 2015. We have a "rock star" lineup of speakers and educational sessions for you. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find registration forms for the annual conference. This year we are trying an innovative approach to conference registration and hotel reservations. In order to reserve your hotel room, you must first register for the conference. In the past, we have completely filled our room block at the conference hotel and had to find overflow hotel space. Our goal is to minimize hotel cancellations and gauge attendance at the conference sooner. It is not meant to be more difficult, rather to maximize our conference planners' ability to accommodate all who wish to attend. If you haven't joined the FJAA yet, our membership form is also linked to this newsletter as well as on our website ([fjaa.net](http://fjaa.net)). We now have the ability to accept PayPal for your membership dues. Hopefully this will make joining the FJAA even easier and faster for many of you!

For the past several years, Susan Pinkowski has been our newsletter editor extraordinaire. Susan did a fantastic job compiling articles, editing drafts and publishing an outstanding quarterly newsletter. Susan has taken a new position in her court and resigned as our editor. The FJAA Board is immensely grateful for her service and wishes Susan well in her new position.

I was thrilled when three JAs immediately stepped up to take on this task. Your new "dream team" of newsletter editors is Tracy Young (MIED), Christina Cavazos (MIWD) and Kelly Branding (AZD). I cannot thank them enough for their efforts working together and publishing this edition. If you know these ladies, please take time to thank them personally!

One of the other highlights of my recent trip to Washington, DC was a Supreme Court tour and the opportunity to sit down personally with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and other JSAG members. Justice Sotomayor was extremely gracious and began by thanking judicial assistants for our service. She has two JAs. The message resonated with me that even at her level, she completely relies on what JAs do for their judges! What a treat for me this year to get to attend the annual JSAG meeting with other JAs, see the cherry trees in full bloom and meet Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Just another reason I have to thank you all for electing me as your president. I hope that you will take time to vote when ballots come out in June—the slate of nominees for 2016 is outstanding!

All Best,  
Stephanie Lawley



# CIRCUIT NEWS



**First Circuit**  
*Joan Ausman*

## First Circuit News (April 2015):

What's new in your court? I called our Clerk to ask for ideas about what I might write about this month and here's a snapshot of what's new and exciting in the District of New Hampshire.

- **e-Juror.** The District of New Hampshire employs a two-step juror summons process: in the first phase, we issue a qualification questionnaire to qualify jurors; in the second phase, we issue summonses and attorney questionnaires to those jurors who were previously deemed qualified. eJuror is an application to automate this process and provides potential jurors with the ability to respond online, rather than in paper. In 2013, the court launched eJuror for the qualification phase, achieving a success rate of over 80% of jurors completing the qualification questionnaire online. The court now has started using eJuror for the second phase of the process. In October of 2014, the court began using eJuror for the summons/attorney questionnaire phase and has achieved a 98% online completion rate. Additionally, because the attorney questionnaire data in eJuror can be easily converted into a PDF document, we now can forward those questionnaires to case participants via CM/ECF five (5) days before jury selection. The feedback from both jurors and members of our bar has been overwhelmingly positive. We call this real success!
- **Electronic Calendaring System.** In the old days, everyone kept paper calendars. Then we moved to computer-maintained calendars, but still many of us used a paper calendar as a backup. Beginning in May, our clerk's office will implement a new automated calendar system to better track courtroom and judge schedules. This new automated process will pull all hearing and event information directly from CM/ECF. It will display a public version of the calendar on the court's public website as well as on the new touchscreen kiosks stationed throughout the courthouse. The automated program will display a private version of the calendar on the court's internal website (available to the District of New Hampshire only) and automatically email a copy of the private calendar to chambers and selected U.S. Marshal Service and Probation employees.
- **Touchscreen Kiosks.** In May of this year, the clerk's office plans to deploy three new touchscreen interactive kiosks throughout the courthouse that will enable the public to look up the court's daily calendar (currently displayed on wall-mounted television screens), obtain detailed information about the historical artwork located throughout the building, access our court's website, and in the future will even have a section for juror check-in. One kiosk will be located near the courthouse entrance with two more placed outside the courtrooms. Advanced technology at our fingertips!

Now it's time to ask your clerk, "what's new in our court?"

Wishing you all a spring full of budding flowers, green grass, and blue waters with plenty of time to enjoy it all!

Joan Ausman, D.N.H.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SECOND CIRCUIT:



### District Court of Connecticut:

After an extraordinary 37 years of service as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, and at age 91, Senior Judge Ellen Bree Burns retired on March 31, 2015. Judge Burns was nominated by President Jimmy Carter in 1978, and was the first woman to be named to the federal bench in the District of Connecticut. She also served as Chief Judge of the District from November 18, 1988 through Sep-

## Second Circuit

tember 1, 1992, when she assumed senior status. Judge Burns was a graduate Albertus Magnus College and Yale Law School. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served in Connecticut state courts as a judge on the Circuit Court, the Court of Common Pleas, and the Superior Court. Throughout her luminous career, she received many awards from various organizations. On her last day, March 31, 2015, and after hearing a case in the morning, Judge Burns was the honoree of an “Open House” held at the U.S. Courthouse at 141 Church Street, New Haven, CT, where her chambers were located. From 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., her fellow colleagues from various branches throughout the Circuit, lawyers from throughout the state, admirers and friends visited with her to wish well in the next chapter of her life. As a testament to how much she was loved and respected, there was a steady stream of well-wishers throughout the Open House. Everyone was treated to a lovely spread complete with champagne and cake! We thank Judge Burns for her many years of dedicated service, and wish her good health and much happiness in her retirement!



Pictured: Judge Jose A. Cabranes (Second Circuit Court of Appeals and former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court), Mrs. Robin D. Tabora (Clerk, U.S. District Court) and Judge Ellen Bree Burns.

Photo courtesy of Ms. Robin Tabora, Clerk, U.S. District Court

On March 31, 2015, Judge Burn’s Judicial Assistant of 37 years (and after 50 years of government service!), Ms. Patricia Corbett, also retired. Patricia Corbett began her service in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 1965 and went to work for Judge Burns in 1978. Patricia said of their retirement timing: “We are a team. We came here together and we’re leaving together... We are more than employer and employee—we are friends.” And what a great team they were! On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Patricia was celebrated by her colleagues at a Retirement Luncheon held at the U.S. Courthouse in her honor. We congratulate Pat on her retirement and wish her much happiness in the next chapter of her life!

***Second Circuit Continuation:***

On April 3, 2015, Sarah A.L. Merriam was sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District Court for the District of Connecticut. Magistrate Judge Merriam fills the magistrate judge vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Holly B. Fitzsimmons. Magistrate Judge Merriam is a graduate of Hopkins School, Georgetown University, and Yale Law School. In 2007, she became an Assistant Federal Defender. Prior to that, she served as an Associate at the law firm on Cowdery, Ecker & Murphy, in Hartford, CT, and was a law clerk to Judge Thomas Meskill of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and to Judge Alvin W. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. We welcome Magistrate Merriam to the Court family and wish her much fulfillment in her new position!

In March 2015, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Albert S. Dabrowski retired after 22 years on the bench. Judge Dabrowski, a graduate of the University of Connecticut and Suffolk University, was appointed to the bench in 1993 by President George H.W. Bush. Prior to his appointment, he served as Assistant in Charge, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney and Federal Prosecutor, all within the U.S. Attorney's Office in Connecticut. In 1990 he received the John Marshall award for outstanding professional achievement. Judge Dabrowski began his judicial career sitting in Bridgeport, CT. He then worked out of New Haven, CT from 1995-2008, and from 2008 through 2014, he sat in Hartford, CT, making him the only bankruptcy judge who has sat in each of the District of Connecticut's three divisions. He was Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2003-2010 and then again from 2013-2014. The Connecticut Bar Association held a reception on April 20, 2015 at the Hartford Downtown Marriott to celebrate Bankruptcy Judge Dabrowski's career and unveil his official portrait, which was painted by Portraitist Gerald York. Judge Jose A. Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, was one of the speakers at the unveiling—it was Judge Cabranes who presided over the investiture ceremony for Judge Dabrowski on November 22, 1993! Another speaker was Attorney Mark Sanders, who was a law clerk for Judge Dabrowski for 15 years and who now practices bankruptcy law in Tulsa, OK. We wish Judge Dabrowski a very long and fruitful retirement!

On April 15, 2015, Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann announced that Ann M. Nevins had been appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut, filling the seat vacated by Judge Albert S. Dabrowski. Judge Nevins, a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and The Boston University School of Law, was sworn in at a private ceremony and assumed her duties on April 15. Prior to her appointment, Judge Nevins served as the Assistant-in-Charge of the Bridgeport Office of the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Connecticut. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1999, she practiced bankruptcy law at the law firm of Zeldes, Needles and Cooper in Bridgeport, CT; first as an associate from 1989-1997 and then as partner from 1997-1999. Judge Nevins' chambers are in Hartford, CT. We send Judge Nevins our congratulations and best wishes in her new position!

In January, some of the U.S. District Court Court Security Officer's stationed at the U.S. Courthouse in New Haven, CT, decided it wasn't right for a federal building to not have an American flag flying in front of it. Apparently the previous flag had become very tattered and was taken down. After many inquiries, the CSO's were eventually told that the U.S. General Services Administration was not going to replace it as it was a "cost issue." As we all know, many of the CSO's are former police officers, state troopers, and veterans. Under the leadership of CSO Ed Monnerat, the CSO's collectively donated enough money to purchase a new flag and they proudly raised it on the flagpole. Soon after, GSA had a change of heart and decided to provide a flag, which the maintenance workers proceeded to put up after taking the CSO's flag down. The CSO's flag now hangs proudly in their break room. CSO Monnerat said he believes the government would not have taken such a step if the security officers hadn't taken the bull by the horns. Hats off to all of our CSO's for their dedication and service!

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On March 9, 2015, the Honorable Frank P. Geraci, Jr. was named Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. Chief Judge Geraci supersedes the Honorable William M. Skretny, who served as the district's chief judge beginning in 2010 until Judge Geraci's appointment. Chief Judge Geraci is the ninth Chief Judge of the district and will hold this position for seven years. As Chief Judge, he brings years of leadership skills and bench experience ranging from sitting as a city court judge, county court judge, and acting New York Supreme Court judge. Chief Judge Geraci is looking forward to the administrative duties he will undertake in his new challenging role. Chief Judge Geraci's Judicial Assistant is Susan Travis, a fellow member of the FJAA! We send Chief Judge Geraci (and Susan) our congratulations on his new appointment!



Photo/seal courtesy of Susan Travis,  
J.A. to Chief Judge Geraci

Currently there are two vacancies in Buffalo, NY created by the following: The Honorable Richard J. Arcara assumed senior status on December 31, 2014; and The Honorable William J. Skretny assumed senior status on March 8, 2015.

The Honorable William J. Skretny is the 2015 recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Robert L. Haig Award for Distinguished Public Service. Congratulations Judge Skretny!!!

We send our hearty congratulations to Janet Curry, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable John T. Curtin. Janet will be graduating from the SUNY Buffalo School of Law, *cum laude*, in May. Janet challenged herself in 2010 to go to law school for personal accomplishment purposes. It took her 4 years of school over 5 years of time---all done while working full-time! She said it has been quite a challenge (an understatement I'm sure!) and the challenge is not over—she has signed up to take the Bar in July! Janet jokes that she is not planning on passing the first time! She also can't wait until she can buy clothes again (law school is very expensive!) or to take annual leave to do something other than go to school or do homework—maybe even clean her house! Janet, we applaud your resolve and dedication to seeing this through, and we are very proud of you! You are truly an inspiration to us all! Congratulations!!!!

***Second Circuit News Continued:*****Southern District of New York:**

On February 27, 2015, Michael E. Wiles, a partner in the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton where he has practiced for 35 years, was appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York at Bowling Green. Judge Wiles is a graduate of Georgetown University and Yale Law School. A private ceremony was held on March 3, 2015 when he officially assumed his duties. Judge Wiles succeeds retired Southern District Bankruptcy Judge James Peck. We send Judge Wiles our congratulations and best wishes in his new position!

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr., Senior Judge for the Southern District of New York, passed away on April 21, 2015 at the age of 91. A graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School, Judge Patterson, Jr. had a long storied career and was still working on the bench until shortly before his death. Judge Patterson was appointed to the bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 and assumed senior status in 1998. His father, Robert P. Patterson, Sr., was appointed to the Southern District Court bench by President Herbert Hoover in 1930 and to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939. Judge Patterson, Jr., among other things, worked in private practice, served as assistant counsel to the New York State Crime Commission, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and also served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. during World War II. He was well-liked by his peers and will certainly be missed. Judge Patterson is survived by four children; his wife, Bevin, passed away in 2011. We send his family our sincerest condolences.

**Court of Appeals:**

On a lighter note: One of our Judicial Assistants, and long-time FJAA member, Mary Wiczorek, is a HUGE fan of James Earl Jones, and she is beyond excited about the news released yesterday: James Earl Jones and Cicely Tyson, at ages 84 and 90 respectively (!), will be appearing in a revival on Broadway of D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game" in the Fall. Between them they have won three Tony Awards and five nominations, numerous Emmy awards, numerous Oscar nominations, and James Earl Jones was awarded a special Oscar for lifetime achievement. The last time they shared a Broadway stage was in 1966! You can rest assured that Mary and friends (myself included!) will be within arm's reach of James Earl Jones at one of the eight scheduled shows. You are never too old to be on Broadway (or to see a show)!!!

We wish everyone a fabulous, colorful Spring! Enjoy!!

Janet F. Hansen

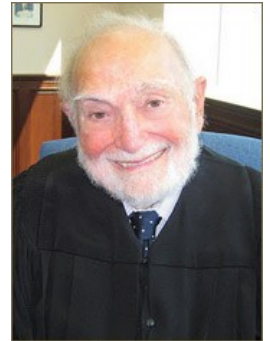
Judicial Assistant to Judge Jose A Cabranes



## *THIRD Circuit*

### *Iris Liriano*

On December 28, 2014, the Hon. Ruggero J. Aldisert, U.S. Circuit Judge, passed away at his residence in Santa Barbara, California. Judge Aldisert served as a Circuit Judge for approximately 46 years when he decided in August 2014 to officially retire. Judge Aldisert was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania on November 10, 1919. He attended the University of Pittsburg receiving his bachelor of Arts, served the U.S. Marine Corps for 4 years and thereafter attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Law earning his law degree. In 1947, Judge Aldisert entered private practice. In 1962, he became a judge on the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated him to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Aldisert was an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In addition to working and teaching, Judge Aldisert loved writing. He enjoyed it so much that he has written about 30 books and articles. Judge Aldisert is survived by his wife, Agatha, his son Gregory and his daughter Lisa. (or his two children whom are adults)



Hon. Ruggero J. Aldisert,  
United States Circuit Judge

On February 26, 2015, **The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey** hosted a Black History Program. The Master of Ceremonies was the Hon. Steven C. Mannion, Magistrate Judge. The program commenced with the singing of the Black National Anthem sung by a group called “Plead the 5th”. The members of the group are Marquese Bayne, U.S. Probation Office, Donato Marucci, U.S. District Court, Russell Walker II, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Stephen Bond, U.S. District Court, and George Lane IV. Their singing was on point! The Hon. Michael A. Shipp, U.S. District Judge, gave the Welcome Address. We were entertained by the Second Grade class of the North Star Academy Alexander Street Elementary School with an outstanding performance. These second graders dressed in colorful and cute attire performed so well that the crowd was smiling and clapping. The introduction of the Keynote Speaker was Sebastian Perez-Martinez, U.S. Pretrial Services. Plead the 5th would take the stage again to perform another song. The Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals Judge gave a great speech that talked about the origin of the Black History Program. The program was closed by the newest member of the Bankruptcy Court, Hon. Vincent F. Papalia. After the program, lunch was served which was quite delicious.



Court of Appeals Judge Patty Shwartz with members of Plead the 5th: Russell Walker II, Marquese Bayne, George Lane, IV, Stephen Bond, and Donato Marucci.

***Third Circuit Continued:***

On March 26, 2015, the **U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey** and the Historical Society hosted a program commemorating Selma. The guest speakers shared compelling and courageous stories about their experiences in this historical period. The guest speakers were Joseph A. Hayden, Jr., Esq. and his sister, the Hon. Margaret Hayden, Appellate Division of NJ Superior Court, Keith J. Miller, Esq. Peter C. Harvey, Esq. and Theodore V. Wells, Jr. Esq. The Hon. Patty Shwartz, Circuit Judge for The Court of Appeals, gave the opening remarks while Keith Miller introduced the guest speakers. The program was concluded with our talented a cappella group named Plead the Fifth singing songs from that era along with some Motown hits.



The Panelists: Court of Appeals Judge Patty Shwartz, Judge Margaret Hayden, Appellate Division of N.J. Superior Court, Joseph A. Hayden, Jr., Esq., Keith J. Miller, Esq, Peter C. Harvey, Esq. and Theodore V. Wells, Jr. Esq.

## FOURTH Cir- cuit

Hello everyone, my name is Barbara Barry and I am the new Circuit Representative for the Fourth Circuit. I have worked for Judge Charles B. Day, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Maryland since 2001. We are located in the Southern Division in lovely Greenbelt, just outside of Washington D.C. My husband and I recently celebrated our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary and have raised three wonderful children. Our eldest daughter is a graphic designer, our son recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and is headed off to Parris Island in August, and our youngest daughter is in high school. I look forward to being part of this great organization and hopefully meeting many of you in Charleston.







## Fifth Circuit Hope Taormina

### Here comes the judge

#### Texarkana native steps into federal judge position

By: Lynn LaRowe - Texarkana Gazette



U.S. District Judge Robert "Trey" Schroeder, with his family by his side, is formally sworn in Wednesday during an investiture ceremony at the federal courthouse downtown. Schroeder succeeds David Folsom on the bench.

Staff photo by Evan Lewis

Texarkana native son Robert William "Trey" Schroeder III was formally sworn in as U.S. district judge Wednesday in a ceremony that crossed state lines. Hundreds gathered in Texarkana's downtown federal building for Schroeder's investiture as a federal judge for the Eastern District of Texas. As Schroeder took the oath in the federal district courtroom that serves the Texarkana division of the Eastern District of Texas, some in attendance watched via television monitors in the courtroom across the hall, which serves the Texarkana division of the Western District of Arkansas. Local police assisted U.S. marshals with the need for extra security at the event attended by dozens of federal and state judges.

After Schroeder, with wife Megan at his side, was formally sworn in by U.S. District Judge Ron Clark, chief judge for the Eastern District, Schroeder's twin daughters, Francis and Eleanor, helped him into his robe.

Clark and other Eastern District judges welcomed Schroeder with humorous and sincere words of advice. Texarkana lawyer George McWilliams, who served as chair of Schroeder's investiture committee, read aloud letters of congratulations from former President Bill Clinton and U.S. Senator John Cornyn.

Texarkana Bar Association president Jason Horton presented Schroeder with a gavel.

Schroeder is assuming the bench left vacant when U.S. District Judge David Folsom retired in 2012. Folsom publicly welcomed Schroeder to the position Wednesday, as well, and remarked that the job ahead of

Schroeder can be "loney and isolating.:"

Texarkana native Morris "Buzz" Arnold, a retired judge of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, spoke humorously at Schroeder's ceremony of the challenges facing members of the judiciary. In the early years of his career, Schroeder worked as a law clerk for Morris Arnold's brother, Richard Arnold, who also served on the 8th Circuit before his death in 2004.

"He would have been so pleased," Morris Arnold said of his brother.

Before a final prayer from the Rev. Doug Anderson of St. James Episcopal Church, Schroeder thanked his parents, Bill and Mary Schroeder, his mother-in-law, Nancy DeLamar, and his wife, Megan DeLamar Schroeder.

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“I’m honored beyond measure,” Trey Schroeder said of the lifetime appointment. “And I’m looking forward to getting to work.”

Schroeder received a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He received his law degree in 1994 from American University Washington College of Law. From 1995 to 1997, during President Bill Clinton’s administration, he served as White House counsel. Schroeder served as a law clerk to Judge Richard S. Arnold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit from 1997 to 1999.

Before his appointment to the federal bench, Schroeder practiced law at the Texarkana firm Patton, Tidwell, Schroeder and Culbertson. Schroeder is licensed to practice law in Arkansas, Texas and the District of Columbia. He has also handled cases in federal courts in the Eastern District of Texas, Western District of Arkansas and 5th and 8th Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeal.

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On an absolutely beautiful Spring afternoon in New Orleans on April 8, 2015, the U.S. District Court Staff, USBC, Probation, FPD, U.S. Attorney and USMS, were treated to Jambalaya John Milazzo's (Hon. Jane Triche Milazzo's husband) fabulous food spread of chicken and sausage jambalaya, white beans, salad, bread, dessert and soft drinks. Chef Milazzo was assisted by Chef Kent Rudolph, (husband of Judicial Assistant, Jenny Rudolph) better known as the White Bean King. The courthouse is located next to Lafayette Square which hosts Wednesday at the Square weekly concerts. We were entertained by Alanna Royale and Kermit Ruffins. Many thanks to all the people who assisted to make this celebration happen.

### ***Retirement News***

Sheila Logullo, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Lee Rosenthal will retire on May 29 after 25 years of service to the Judiciary. She has worked with two Fifth Circuit Appellate Judges, Hon. Rhesa Barksdale for 5 years, and Hon. Harold DeMoss for 7 years. Sheila then transferred to District Court and has worked for Hon. Lee Rosenthal for 12 years. Judge Rosenthal has hired Carolyn McFadden to replace Sheila. Carolyn was Judicial Assistant to Appellate Judge Emilio Garza for 15 years prior to his retirement and will now relocate from San Antonio to Houston to start her new assignment. Best of luck to both wonderful ladies.



## IN MEMORIAM

### U.S. District Judge A. J. McNamara

By Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt

The Honorable A. J. "Buddy" McNamara, United States District Judge and former Chief Judge in the Eastern District of Louisiana (EDLA), passed away on December 2, 2014. Judge McNamara graduated with a degree in engineering from LSU in 1959, after which he served in the United States Navy before attending law school. He received his juris doctor degree from Loyola University in 1968, and then served as law clerk for United States District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry in the EDLA. He, along with several fine attorneys including his brother Henry, founded the Metairie firm of Hailey, McNamara, McNamara and Hall (now Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale) in 1976. The firm grew to become the largest law firm in Jefferson Parish. His leadership set high standards of practice for the firm that endure to this day. From 1976 to 1980, he served in the Louisiana House of Representatives. On May 5, 1982, Judge McNamara was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to fill the seat vacated by U.S. District Judge Edward Boyle, Sr., and was quickly confirmed by the United States Senate. He served as Chief Judge in the EDLA from 1999 to 2001, and took senior status in 2001. Judge McNamara and his beloved wife, Alma (known affectionately to all as "Puddin"), lived in Metairie and raised four children, two of whom became attorneys. He was a wonderful husband and father, and his pride in his family was always clearly evident.

When his son (and my former colleague at Hailey McNamara) Price McNamara called with the sad news that his father, and my friend and colleague, Buddy McNamara, had passed, I emailed the news to my fellow judges on the bench in the EDLA, saying: "I do not think it an overstatement to say that we truly have lost a giant of a judge and more importantly a giant of a man."

Judge McNamara commanded attention and respect from everyone who enjoyed his presence. He was plainspoken, at times brutally honest, in expressing his opinion when asked. He left no room for anyone to question the meaning of his words. He meant what he said and he said what he meant, regardless of whether it was what one wanted to hear. When it came to honesty and candor, Judge McNamara was a giant man. He expected nothing less from others, whether they be lawyers in his court, colleagues, or his doctor, plumber or auto mechanic. In a most refreshing way, he took everything and everyone at face value. In this day and age, with lots of flowery language, carefully-selected verbiage, vague commitments, diplomatically-phrased equivocations, and outright misrepresentations, Buddy McNamara was refreshing in his honesty and plainspokenness.

Buddy McNamara was also a true man of his word, as an attorney, a state legislator and a judge. Judge Martin Feldman, friend and colleague of Judge McNamara for over 30 years, stated, "Prior to being appointed to the federal bench, Buddy and I worked together for Governor David Treen. Buddy was the Governor's legislative liaison. And he was perfect for the role. Trusted, diplomatic but direct, kind, understanding and perceptively brilliant. He was trusted by all with whom he dealt. That's the kind of person he was, the kind of judge he was, and the kind of close friend he was." When Judge Feldman, then special counsel to the Governor, called to enlist Buddy's approval of a certain new legislative bill, both regarding the handling of the legislation and his assistance in getting it passed, Buddy responded without hesitation, and without considering any opportunity for political benefit, "Thanks for the heads up, but I want you to know I'm against the proposed legislation." After hearing this honest unequivocal answer, Judge Feldman dropped the subject entirely, knowing that Buddy McNamara was so respected, his opinion so valued, his commitment

dropped the subject entirely, knowing that Buddy McNamara was so respected, his opinion so valued, his commitment so firm, the legislation had no chance whatsoever of passing. Again, the rare man of principle who has the courage to give his honest opinion up front, re-enforced by his reputation of being true to his word. But in every aspect of his life, Buddy McNamara was a man who could be relied upon. He chose his commitments carefully and took them seriously.

In the EDLA, Judge McNamara was the personification of the institutional gravity and integrity of the federal court in New Orleans. Early in his career on the bench, he and his colleagues brought new energy, docket diligence and efficiency, and a unique comradery. Their fishing trips became legendary. He loved being at his camp or on his boat almost (but not quite) as much as he loved being in his courtroom trying a case. He basked in the majesty of the law and those who practiced it well in his court. Many lawyers have spoken of their positive experiences practicing law and trying cases in front of Judge McNamara; lawyers uniformly describe him as dependably and consistently fair. He expected detailed preparation, professional conduct, and, as most lawyers used the phrase, "no b.s." His intolerance for unprofessional or unprepared lawyers sometimes made him appear gruff and stern, a grizzly bear of a judge if crossed. But they also knew of his hard work, inquisitive nature, dedication to the law, and his grace and deep compassion, for those litigants who appeared on his docket.

Fifth Circuit Judge Joy Clement, Judge McNamara's successor as Chief Judge for the EDLA, stated, "Buddy was totally comfortable and confident being a federal district court judge. He was so good at it and he enjoyed the fast pace." She further recalled that Judge McNamara was soon sought out by President Reagan to be nominated for a seat on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Clement recalled his response, at which his colleagues marveled and which reflected his love of the District Court, "No thank you. Why would I want to do that?" Judge Ginger Berrigan recalled a poll taken of lawyers shortly after she joined the court in 1994. When asked to rank all twelve of the then-sitting district judges as to both demeanor and intelligence, Judge McNamara was the only one who scored both a "nice" ranking and a "smart" ranking. His keen insight and commensurate sensitivity combined for a remarkable judicial demeanor – a giant among district judges.

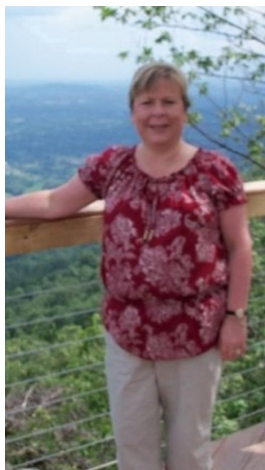
His friend Senior Judge Peter Beer perhaps described Judge McNamara's judicial career the best: "He was just an outstanding partner on the bench, just unusually competent, reasonable and efficient. He was very much a down to earth regular guy." This made him a luminary in the EDLA, and endeared him to judges and lawyers alike. I would like to claim him as my mentor, but the truth is he remains a mentor for all of us.

Because of the quality of his life amongst us, I believe that death is nothing at all to Buddy. Since his passing in December, I still often refer to him in present tense, and will for a long time. Although he is now cradled in God's loving arms, I believe he has only slipped away into the next room - that he will always be our colleague, friend, and inspiration – a guiding hand never far from our reach. His name will be spoken fondly and frequently in the federal court complex for years to come. I chose him to administer the judicial oath to me in December 2001, and I have the humbling honor to occupy the third-floor chambers that Judge McNamara occupied for twenty years. There are days when I reflect on issues pending, or current events, or other controversies and wonder what Buddy would think of them, what advice he might give. Sometimes the answers then become apparent; other times they remain vexing. In those moments, knowing Buddy would always have not just an answer, but the right answer, reminds me that truly a giant was here. And to put it as bluntly as Buddy would have, I will say for all who knew him, "Thank you, Buddy. We love you and will miss you."

*– Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt joined the EDLA bench in December 2001, and served as President of the New Orleans Chapter of the FBA from 2011-12. Prior to joining the bench, he was a partner at Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale.*

**SIXTH Circuit**  
*Kelly Kopf*

**THE HONORABLE S. ARTHUR SPIEGEL**  
**OCTOBER 24, 1920 – DECEMBER 31, 2014**



Icon – Legend – I recently heard the words when someone mentioned Judge Spiegel’s name to me. The latter was used in reference to the Judge not really needing a name tag at an event at the Cincinnati Bar Association as “Everyone knows Judge Spiegel. He is a legend.” Yes—that he was—but much more. He was known by many people, by many “titles” –Husband, Father, Papa, United States District Judge, Marine, Activist, Pilot, Artist, to name a few, but ALL who knew him called him Friend. And, if you were blessed to call him Friend, you knew he was in your corner.

An acquaintance once wrote to Judge, “While your step may be slowed . . . the twinkle in your eyes . . . your razor-sharp wit. . . and your keen eye for the folks around you surely helped me rekindle many, many of the fun times we have had together.” Yes, his step did slow, but he continued to dream. Though his eyesight began to fail, the twinkle was always in his eyes as he would recall a story (always with a twist!); his razor-sharp wit, always two steps ahead of anyone in the crowd, and his keen eye for the folks around him never wavered, as he was concerned about them more than himself.

His will and determination were an inspiration to all who knew him. He expected a lot, but he gave much more of himself. And, in the process, he helped all to become better people as we learned to also go beyond ourselves.

Judge Spiegel was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, in May 1980 by President Jimmy Carter. He took Senior Status in June 1995, and he served in that capacity until his passing in December 2014.

He served with dignity and pride. He was honored to be continuing his life of service. He never spoke of retirement because of the oath he had taken. He often said “They will carry me out of here.” And, in fact, he remained true to his commitment. Although he did not come to Chambers on Tuesday, December 23, his staff took work to him that needed to be signed. That was his last act of official service.

Judge Spiegel’s life was one of complete service. He was proud of his commitment to serve his country, and he did so bravely in the Southern Pacific Theater in World War II, attaining the rank of captain.

Following his years in the military, he became very active in Cincinnati as an advocate for those in need.

Those who appeared before Judge Spiegel knew they would get fair treatment. He also made sure everyone who appeared before him felt very comfortable. He gave his best to all. I know firsthand, as I was Judge Spiegel’s Judicial Assistant from 1980 until 2015. It was a privilege to serve with him and to get a firsthand look at the workings of federal court from the other side of the Bench, as I prefer to call it.

Over the years, Judge and I developed a wonderful working relationship and friendship. Those of us honored to be a part of his life had a true mentor. His grit, determination and compassion presented lessons in life for all of us. To describe his will, I always said if he could take a beautiful limousine, leisurely walk or crawl in any race to the finish line, he would choose to crawl. In that way, he would stand tall at that finish line, knowing he had given his all.

Judge, our dear Judge, after a tremendous fight to the finish, has reached the finish line. He did it his way--with dignity, grace, and determination. We are all honored to have been a part of his marvelous journey in life.

Dianna Wykoff  
 Judicial Assistant  
 The Honorable S. Arthur Spiegel  
 1980 - 2015

*(Sixth Circuit continued)*

### **Western District of Michigan:**

United States District Judge Richard Alan Enslen, died peacefully on February 17, 2015 after a long illness.

Judge Enslen was born in Kalamazoo in 1931. He was nominated to the court by President Jimmy Carter on November 30, 1979 and confirmed by the United States Senate on December 21, 1979. Judge Enslen served as Chief Judge for the district from 1995-2001, and assumed senior status four years later, on September 1, 2005. The Honorable Richard A. Enslen officially retired in 2009.

He is survived by wife, Pamela, and his children



This photograph was taken in his office on Feb. 26, 2004.

## SEVENTH Circuit

*Anne Wolf*



*Happy  
Spring  
to  
everyone!*



### **Judge James F. Holderman**

Judge James F. Holderman will retire as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois on June 1. After serving as an assistant United States Attorney, he was appointed to the federal bench by President Ronald Reagan in September of 1984. Judge Holderman became Chief Judge in 2006, and after serving in that capacity for seven years took senior status on the bench in 2013. He says he's retiring now to take on, as he put it, "new horizons." We wish him all the best.

### **The Western District**

The Western District is celebrating Judge Conley's 5-year anniversary and Judge Peterson's 1-year anniversary in May. Judge Conley's chambers are hosting a dinner for his current and former law clerks at his JA's house. Judge Peterson is having a catered lunch at the courthouse.  
Happy Spring to everyone!



## **EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

*Susan Sandridge*



**Greetings  
from  
The  
Eighth Circuit**

**Welcome Spring**





## NINTH CIRCUIT

*Julie Lemm*



### VETERANS COURT NOW AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL CRIMES IN MONTANA

HELENA -- Chief U.S. District Court Judge Dana Christensen, Chief Montana District Court Judge Gregory Pinski of Great Falls, and Montana's U.S. Attorney Mike Cotter announced on Thursday that qualifying veterans charged with federal crimes are now eligible to participate in Veterans Court, an alternative to prison.

The announcement results from an agreement that allows qualified veterans in the federal system to enroll in the Montana Eighth Judicial District Veterans Court, which has been operational since 2013 for veterans accused of state and local crimes.

"Judge Greg Pinski of the Eighth Judicial District has created a model Veterans Court," said Chief U.S. District Court Judge Dana L. Christensen in a press release.

"The Montana District Federal Court welcomes the opportunity to be a partner in this effort, and to be able to provide this option to veterans who have been charged with federal crimes." Pinski explained, "Too many veterans are winding up in the criminal justice system suffering from mental illness, cognitive impairment and substance abuse. They cannot cope with the invisible wounds of war on their own, and the Veterans Court gives them an opportunity for treatment and restoration. The collaborative approach between the Montana federal and state courts to treating veteran offenders is unique and it will greatly expand treatment opportunities for Montana's justice-involved veterans."

In 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the Veterans Court nearly \$300,000 to build and expand the program. The DOJ says that Veterans Court reduces crime, enhances public safety, saves taxpayer money, and helps people by facilitating sobriety, treating mental health conditions, improving social relationships, and promoting lifelong stability for veteran offenders in the community.

Cotter said, "Veterans are returning to Montana every day. We look forward to utilizing Veterans Court in federal cases so that qualifying veterans can get structured treatment and return to their lives and families in Montana."

Veterans Court requires enrollees to receive professional counseling and treatment for issues involving substance abuse, mental health, disability, finances, and other difficulties, including those related to their military service. They must also abide by strict conditions, follow rigorous treatment plans, and attend scheduled hearings before a judge.

Veterans accused of federal crimes will now have the same opportunity to enroll in the program as part of their federal cases if they meet certain criteria and have not already been convicted of violent or sexual offenses.

A Department of Veterans Affairs study determined that from 1999 through 2010, between 18 and 22 veterans commit suicide each day in the United States. "The suicide rate alone is justification to help justice-involved veterans," Pinski emphasized.

Several weeks ago, several Montana veterans became the first to graduate from the Veterans Court in Great Falls.

"Not one of these veterans deserved to be incarcerated. They needed help; they needed help with the substance abuse issues; they needed help with mental health disorders; those are the issues that brought them into the criminal justice system," Pinski said.

<http://www.kxlh.com/story/28624358/veterans-court-now-available-for-veterans-charged-with-federal-crimes-in-montana>

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all Ninth Circuit 2015 new and renewing members:

New Members:

Edna Mae Griffith-9CCA  
Debbie Monroe-DAZ  
Robyn Brown-DAZ  
Mary Strand-EDWA  
Jane Klingelhoets-EDCA  
Marian Reece-9CCA  
Lynne Roehling,-DAK  
Gabriela Ma-DAZ

Kelly Branding-DAZ  
Carol Miller-WDWA  
Melody Byrd-WDWA  
Linda Martinez-EDCA  
Deanna Morrison-EDCA  
Lolita Toves-DGuam  
Carmen Parinello-DAZ  
Adele Espana-Purpur-EDCA  
Zoretta Smith-Gipson-DNV  
Kathleen McMahon-Walford-SDCA

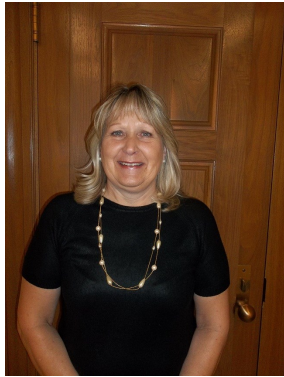
Armida Herrera-DAZ  
Jo Ann Ota-Young-9CCA  
Mai Tieu-DNV  
Yvette Garcia-DAZ

Renewed Members:

President Stephanie Lawley-DAK  
Treasurer Judith Stoyko-NDCA  
Mary Ellen Druckenbrod-DAZ  
Wilma Arakaki-DHI  
Alicia Mamer-9CCA  
Susan Chilton-SDCA  
Lydia Martin-9CCA  
Juanita Clemente-WDWA

Deborah Ethridge-DMT  
Vickie Guidas-DAZ  
Armie Gonzales-DAZ  
Veronica Trujillo-SDCA  
Debbie McCune-DNV  
Claudia Lopez-DNV  
Dana Scarp-WDWA  
Debra Newman-DNV  
Debbie Nelson-WDWA



**TENTH CIRCUIT*****Lynda Brown*****GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!****TENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS NEWS**

**The Tenth Circuit Judicial Assistants had the opportunity to see each other and catch up when most of them attended a court-wide JA training session offered in Denver in March.**

Besides receiving valuable continued training in Word and CM/ECF, there were a lot of administrative updates, including the most efficient methods for interfacing with the Clerk and Circuit Executive offices in Denver, as well as helpful instruction from the Tenth Circuit librarians. The Tenth Circuit IT people are amazing and talented.

The opportunity to meet in person with those we most often only chat with via the electronic world always proves invaluable for sharing ideas and reconnecting with humans!



Front row - left to right: Debbie McVeigh (Judge Phillips), Stephanie Morelee (Judge Lucero), Carol Barnthson (Chief Judge Briscoe), Rosene Coleman (Judge Bacharach) and Pearl Donder (Judge Tymkovich)

Back row - left to right: Nancy Hughes (Judge McHugh), Holly Cody (Judge Gorsuch), Susan Goodwin (Judge Moritz), Lynda Brown (Judge Baldock), Mary Stricklin (Judge Holmes), Rita Gallegos (Judge Kelly), Ana Khan (Judge Matheson), Jana Dillingham (Judge Ebel), Carolyn Dennis (Judge McKay) and Joann Omer (Judge Murphy)

Not pictured: Claudette Romero (Judge Hartz) and Joan Swope (Judge Seymour)

## **11th CIRCUIT**

***Barbara***

***Lay***

***Circuit***

***Representative***

### **Hello from the 11th Circuit**

It seems we have gone from winter right into summer these days! I have been the circuit representative for a few years now, and would like to say that if there is an 11th Circuit member who would like to take on this task, I'm all for it. Just let me know. If no one has a desire to fill this position, I will happily continue to represent the circuit. I hope to see many of you at the Conference in Charleston.

All the best,

Barbara Lay, 11th Circuit Representative.



**DC**  
**CIRCUIT**  
*Sharon Deare*

**United  
States  
Court  
Of  
Appeals  
DC Circuit**



**United States Court of Appeals DC Circuit**

**United States District Court for the District of Maryland**

**United States Court of Appeals Federal Circuit**

**United States Court of Federal Claims**



# New Hires - 2015

Updated: 3/10/2015

Total New Hires in 2015: 18

Cir.	Dist.	First Name, MLast Name	EOD	Title	City, State	Judge
9	AZ	Barbara J. Wentz	1/5/2015	Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge	Tucson, AZ	Hon. Raner Collins
10	OKW	Willia Harmon	1/5/2015	Administrative Assistant	Oklahoma City, OK	Hon. Timothy D. DeGiusti
7	ILN	Rosemarie E. Gale	1/5/2015	Judicial Secretary (Sr. District Judge)	Chicago, IL	Hon. Elaine E. Bucklo
8	MOW	Gloria J. Amos	1/5/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Kansas City, MO	Hon. Stephen R. Bough
2	CT	Lizeth Lewis	1/12/2015	Judicial Legal Assistant (District)	Hartford, CT	Hon. Vanessa Lynne Bryant
3	DE	Cacia M. Batts	1/12/2015	Judicial Assistant to Bankruptcy	Judge Wilmington, DE	Hon. Laurie Selber Silverstein
5	n/a	Leslie Mercado	1/19/2015	Secretary to Circuit Judge	Jackson, MS	Hon. E. Grady Jolly
Fed	CIT	Janice R. Blake	1/26/2015	Judge's Executive Assistant (Int'l)	New York, NY	Vacant
11	GAS	Pamela M. Hammock	1/26/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Brunswick, GA	Vacant
11	n/a	Rhonda C. Case	2/2/2015	Administrative Assistant (Senior Circuit)	Mobile, AL	Hon. Emmett Ripley Cox
10	CO	Marinell Steffens	2/3/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Denver, CO	Hon. Robert E. Blackburn
Fed	CFC	Katrina S. Harris	2/9/2015	Secretary to Senior Judge (Claims)	Washington, DC	Hon. Lynn J. Bush
1	MA	Theresa M. Manning	2/9/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Boston, MA	Hon. Allison Dale Burroughs
3	PAM	Nicole R. Rinaldi	2/12/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Hon. Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.
4	VAW	Miriam Frazier	2/16/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Roanoke, VA	Hon. Elizabeth K. Dillon
3	PAE	Karen P. Muroski	2/23/2015	Secretary to Bankruptcy Judge	Philadelphia, PA	Hon. Eric L. Frank
6	n/a	Michelle L. Sanders	2/23/2015	Administrative Manager	Memphis, TN	Hon. Bernice Bouie Donald
4	MD	Valerie J. Cusatis	3/2/2015	Secretary to District Judge	Baltimore, MD	Hon. James K. Bredar

Welcome



**CURRENT FJAA MEMBERS:**  
Please adopt a new hire and mentor her or him!

**INVITATION TO THE 2015 FEDERAL COURT CLERK'S ASSOCIATION (FCCA) CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY**

The FCCA President, Chuck Diard, has once again graciously extended an invitation to judicial assistants to attend the annual FCCA Conference. The conference will be held June 22-25, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri. In order to attend the conference you must first become a FCCA member. Last year there were thirty one judicial assistants who attended the FCCA annual conference in Seattle. We are extremely grateful to be welcomed as FCCA members and invited to the annual conference.

The agenda this year is robust. As always, attendees also have the opportunity to attend courses offered by Michigan State University. For further details and information, please visit the FCCA website ([fcca.ws](http://fcca.ws)).



**2015 FJAA CONFERENCE**  
**Charleston, South Carolina**  
**September 10-13, 2015**

The District of South Carolina proudly welcomes you to the 2015 FJAA Annual Educational Conference in Charleston, South Carolina on September 10-13, 2015. Our beautiful city was rated the #1 U.S. city by Conde Nast Traveler in 2014, and we are excited to share all the wonderful things Charleston has to offer. We are especially thrilled to be hosting the conference following a two-year hiatus. The Conference Committee has planned an informative and engaging agenda, as well as some unique opportunities to see the city. Our hope is to provide you not only with valuable information that you can use in your chambers, but also an enjoyable stay in our fabulous city.

Charleston, The Holy City

As the oldest city in South Carolina, Charleston has a rich cultural history that is alive and vibrant today. You will find that Charleston is a seamless integration of old and new: historic buildings that house popular restaurants and stores, centuries-old homes within walking distance of a thriving downtown area. There are so many ways to experience this history: take a walking tour or a carriage ride around downtown; catch the ferry out to Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began; visit White Point Gardens, where the Ashley and Cooper rivers meet. The conference is being held in The Francis Marion hotel, located in the heart of downtown so that you can take advantage of all the wonderful attractions Charleston has to offer, everything from tours to shopping to fine and casual dining.



Here are a few ideas to consider:

1. **Charleston City Market:** One of the oldest public markets in the United States, this open-air market houses vendors selling everything from paintings and crafts, to clothing and accessories, to Charleston souvenirs. Be sure to visit the Market Hall, a Greek Revival-style building built in 1841 that was recently renovated.
2. **Shopping on King Street:** Everything a shopper could ever want on one street! King Street is divided into three areas: Upper King with design and dining, Middle King with fashion, and Lower Kin with antiques. Discover local flavor at its best with shops nestled in with well-known retailers. Find delicious southern food by nationally acclaimed chefs. Enjoy the beautiful wether by taking a break in Marion Square.
3. **Carriage Rides:** One of the best ways to see the city is by a horse-drawn carriage. The tours cover both business and residential areas of downtown Charleston, and the guides are known for their interesting and witty stories!





Be sure to check out other fun attractions by visiting the Charleston Visitors' Bureau (<http://www.charlestoncvb.com/>).

But wait – there's more: as the Friday night optional event, we'll hop aboard the Spirit of Carolina and enjoy a "Live & Local" Dinner Cruise! Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Charleston harbor, as well as local, delicious Lowcountry cuisine. It is a unique way to see the city of Charleston, and we are very excited to offer this wonderful experience.

Within the newsletter, you will find the registration form for the conference as well as other important information. Registration will be a little different this year – you must register for the conference prior to making your hotel reservation. Once your registration form and check have been submitted, you will receive a code via email that you will use when making your hotel reservation. This code is mandatory. If anyone has questions about using the code when making their hotel reservation, please contact Cindi Hubbard ([cindi\\_hubbard@scd.uscourts.gov](mailto:cindi_hubbard@scd.uscourts.gov)) or Lisa Richberg ([lisa\\_richberg@scd.uscourts.gov](mailto:lisa_richberg@scd.uscourts.gov)).

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387 King Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403  
(843) 722-0600  
[www.francismarionhotel.com](http://www.francismarionhotel.com)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September!



**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

**The winner of the \$100 early bird drawing was**

**Terry Gibson**

**Western District of North Carolina, JA to Judge Richard Voorhees**

**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](http://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

[Stephanie\\_Lawley@akd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Stephanie_Lawley@akd.uscourts.gov)

**NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION MONTHS**

January  
April  
July  
October



*A free one-year membership for the year 2015-2016 is available to all new JAs that are/were hired between September 1, 2014—September 1, 2015. This free one-year membership is available only to first-time FJAA members.*



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*Please stay in touch with your circuit representative with newsworthy items for the next issue of the newsletter.*

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#### FJAA MEMBERS NEEDED

If you have not sent in your renewal membership, or if you haven't joined the 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. A listing of circuit representatives is above. Go on-line at [www.fjaa.net](http://www.fjaa.net) for more information.

#### Have you been with the government for 30 years?

Please share your story with us.

The 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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Christina Cavazos, 6th Circuit of Western District of MI, c/o Hon. Paul L. Maloney, Chief Judge  
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**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION  
2015 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA — SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2015**

Name	Title	
Judge's Name	Court	Circuit
Work Number	Email Address	

Are you a member of FJAA?     Yes     No\*    First FJAA Conference     Yes     No

\*If not a member, please **first** mail your **membership application and \$30 membership fee** to your Circuit Rep, **then** you may register to attend the conference.

\*\* **Registration Fee** includes all conference materials, educational events as well as the opening reception, continental breakfasts and the closing banquet.

**Members:**

Member Conference Registration Fee	\$235		
Retiree Registration Fee	\$150		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Optional Friday Night Event	\$ 79		<b>Sub-Total</b> <u>                    </u>

Closing Banquet Meal Choice/Member:     Beef Short Ribs     Chicken     Salmon     Vegan

**Guests:**

Are you bringing a guest?     Yes     No    \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Guest(s)

Guest Fees:	Continental Breakfast (2 mornings)	\$ 45		
	Opening Reception	\$ 40		
	Closing Banquet	\$ 65		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optional Friday Night Event	\$ 79		<b>Sub-Total</b> <u>                    </u>

Closing Banquet Meal Choice/Guest:     Beef Short Ribs     Chicken     Salmon     Vegan

**OPTIONAL EVENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015**                      **TOTAL ENCLOSED**                     

➡ Registration deadline is **July 31, 2015**. Notification of cancellation must be received by **August 31, 2015**, as **no refunds** will be given after that date. **Note:** Meeting space expense for the Association Business Meeting has been waived by the hotel. There is no charge to the participant for Association Business Meeting space.

Please mail completed registration form with your check payable to "**FJAA Conference Fund**" to:

Janice Pearce, Judicial Assistant  
Chambers of Senior US District Judge Sol Blatt, Jr.  
Hollings Judicial Center  
Post Office Box 835  
Charleston, SC 29402

# 2015 FJAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**FJAA** membership dues (January 1 - December 31, 2015) are \$30.00.  
Retired members only: \$25 annually or \$100 lifetime membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(court address if active, home address if retired)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd): \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal

Check if you are retired:

New Member

Date of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire as JA: \_\_\_\_\_

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

Annual Conference

Audit

Budget and Finance

By-Laws

History and Archives

Legislative

Long-Range Planning

Membership

Nominations/Elections

Public Relations/Newsletter

Ways and Means

Professional Development/Continuing Education

I am interested in working on the committee(s) selected above.

I am interested in being a Circuit Representative for my Circuit.



- **MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE TO YOUR CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVE**
- **EMAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVE AND PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP VIA PAYPAL** (To pay via PayPal you must create an account at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com); then use the PayPal button on our website's home page.)

The Representative for your Circuit is:

To obtain additional information about the FJAA, please visit <http://www.fjaa.net/FJAA/FJAA.html>

Membership renewals are due during the month of January.

*Keep our Association strong!*

***Please pay your dues promptly.***

***Your active membership will ensure access to the "Members Section" of our website and to the FJAA Newsletter.***