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*Letter
From
The President*



Mary Ellen Druckenbrod

Dear FJAA Members:

Spring time is here! It's always been my favorite time of year and makes me think of renewal and revitalization. Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in the JSAG Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Not only did I get to see the absolutely gorgeous cherry blossom trees, but met and enjoyed both the participants from the AO, the presenters and group members! The Judges' Secretaries Advisory Group is a phenomenal group that work together to present and fine tune our administrative duties. An incredible amount of information was shared in a very short amount of time. This advisory group works to help you! If you are new to your position, please think about attending the upcoming Chambers Staff Administrative Workshop in Washington, D.C., this August.

Seeing all the cherry blossoms, which were absolutely stunning, reminded me of the promise of Spring! Just as in nature, rebirth and renewal are standard parts of life. Although some of us have a little way to go to enjoy the warmth and light that Spring brings, we can all begin to think about what we can do to better ourselves and balance our lives. I recently found some strategies in Psychology Today and wanted to share them:

1. De-clutter your living/office space: Get rid of what you don't need!
2. Clear out mental/emotional clutter: Make decisions you've been putting off; Think positively.
3. Start a daily practice: Invite mindfulness into your life; Use the stairs instead of the elevator; Change the scenery/change your perspective.
4. Begin something new: Do something you've always wanted to do; explore your creativity.
5. Spend time outdoors: Take a walk; plant a garden; enjoy nature.
6. Take a trip: Plan an annual event; visit a museum/historical site.
7. Simplify your life: Slow down; make quality time for yourself.

While some of these things are easier said than done, what better time than Spring to re-group and re-invent ourselves and the lives we find ourselves living.

And speaking of renewal... This is also the time of year to make the decision to join the FJAA and plan to attend our September conference in Minneapolis!!! Our conference planners are busily putting together a tremendous educational experience!! Please plan to attend! If you haven't joined our organization yet, please complete the membership form and mail it in with your check as indicated on the form. It is also a great time to register for our conference! So, save the dates...September 8th -11th and plan to attend!

All the best,
Mary Ellen

CIRCUIT NEWS

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION



The winner of the \$100 early bird drawing was

GABRIELA MA “Gaby”

Judicial Assistant to Judge Soto

United States District Court - District of Arizona

Gaby is also a new member of the Editorial Team

CONGRATULATIONS GABY AND WELCOME TO THE TEAM

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR FJAA MEMBERSHIP DUES

AND

ENCOURAGE OTHER JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS TO BECOME A MEMBER

THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE FJAA MEMBERS



Iris Liriano

News from *THIRD CIRCUIT*

On April 13, 2016, the Federal Executive Board Women in Government hosted a seminar titled, “A View from the Top & Administrative Professional Seminar.” I have had the pleasure of attending this fabulous seminar every year since 2006. This professional development seminar is geared towards support staff and managers who are seeking to grow and be more productive in their workplace. Those who attend are from various Federal Agencies as well as the District Court and Court of Appeals.

The seminar’s program has workshops, a moderator who is an engaging and a phenomenal speaker, several keynote speakers, a panel of professional people, personal and professional development handouts, networking opportunities and other great topics. One of the exercises the seminar has us do is meet and greet someone at the table near you. This gives you the opportunity to not only meet new people but also greet familiar faces and exchange information. Moreover, the program allows time for a question and answer session. The attendees have an opportunity to ask the panel any questions they may have concerning job and family. We have such a great time during this part of the program. In addition, a delicious continental breakfast, lunch buffet and desserts are served, vendors are stationed with beautiful items to sell and door prizes are given out. I was a lucky winner this year winning a free e-book.

The Federal Executive Board also recognizes employees who go above and beyond their call of duty. While there is a separate ceremony celebrating the recognition of several employees from various agencies, there were two that were mentioned yesterday. The first award announced was for the 2015 “Woman of the Year” that went to Rosanna Lucotti-Roberts who is an Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service in the Newark, NJ Field Office. The second award was the 2015 “Secretary of the Year” which was presented to Patti Martirano. Patti who is a Judicial Assistant for the Hon. Katharine S. Hayden, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, has worked with Judge Hayden for over 20 years. Congratulations Rosanna and Patti!

In past seminars, we were given handouts that are worthwhile reading and sharing such as Professional and Personal Development, Health and Wellness, Interview Tips, Time Management Strategies, E-mail Etiquette – 10 tips, Assertive vs. Aggressive, 10 Tips To Get Your Career in High Gear for 2014, How Much Is Going Out Exercise (money budgeting), Workplace Etiquette, Decoding Leadership, and A Strong Woman vs. A Woman of Strength. This year’s handouts were Common Fraud Schemes, Managing People at Work, 5 Levels of Leadership, Who Moved my Cheese?, 10 Reasons Some Administrative Professionals Aren’t Doing Professional Development, National Women’s History Month, Tips for Effective Writing, Mobile Security Tip Card and Cybersecurity Tips for Bloggers. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the aforementioned, please email me and I will send you a copy.

Iris



Denny Stautberg
FIFTH CIRCUIT

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships. Please encourage your fellow judicial assistants to either join or rejoin. There is strength in numbers.

Two new magistrate judges have been sworn in this year. Erin Wilder-Dommes is a new U.S. Magistrate Judge from Baton Rouge -- the Middle District of Louisiana. She replaces Magistrate Judge Stephen Riedlinger who retired after serving since 1986.

Dena Hanovice Palmero was sworn in last month (Southern District of Texas, Houston). She practiced at Andrews Kurth.



Jefferson Memorial - Cherry Blossoms.jpg



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Photo shared by Pres. Mary Ellen from D.C.

Suzanne Gammon

SIXTH Circuit



Hopefully by the time you are reading this Newsletter, spring will have sprung!

Although it is too late to be entered in the “early bird” \$100 membership drawing give away, it’s never too late to encourage a fellow JA to support our organization with their membership. A few reasons a Judicial Assistant should join:

Our Association speaks for us at a national level. A recent example is the October 2015 joint correspondence with the Association of Bankruptcy Judges Assistants to the Office of Personnel Management on our behalf concerning the OPM cyberattack requesting “that lifetime credit monitoring be offered all those affected by this comprehensive security breach. Three years of credit-monitoring and identity-theft insurance is completely inadequate.”

Our Association supports our educational endeavors. Our Scholarship Program awards money annually to JA’s who are continuing their paralegal studies, higher education, etc. It is open to every member in good standing who wishes to apply for this opportunity. Additionally, our annual conference provides training and professional development. Associated costs, subject to approval by your Court, are eligible to be paid through use of Chambers Training Funds.



One of our association goals is to exchange practical information. In that spirit, I offer this timesaver. On any given day I receive and send dozens of email messages. It is important to quickly identify messages that need preferential treatment, i.e. messages from my Judge, our case manager, etc. Our Court uses Lotus Notes email and I found a function that allows color-coding mail messages for easy sender identification. It is simple to set color preferences following these steps:

Click **File**, click **Preferences**, click **Mail**, and select the **Sender Colors** tab. Type in the “Sender names”, select your “Background” color from the drop down box. Click “OK” and the identifying color is applied.



Tennessee

Welcome to Debby Sawyer, Judicial Assistant to Judge Aleta A. Trauger, United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee.

Debby began her position with Judge Trauger in September 2015. She has also worked as a Docket Administrator and backup Courtroom Deputy in the TNMD. Prior to moving to Tennessee in June 2014, she was employed as a Civil Case Manager/Courtroom Deputy to Chief Judge James C. Dever III in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Leadership and Management from Regent University and a Paralegal Certificate from Jackson State Community College. She was employed as a litigation paralegal for 20+ years prior to transitioning to the federal court system in 2010. She became a Certified Paralegal (CP®) in 2004 and an Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP®) in Trial Practice in 2010 through the National Association of Legal Assistants/Paralegals (NALA). She currently serves on the NALA Board of Directors, where she has held a position since 2008. She is also an active member of the Tennessee Paralegal Association where she currently serves as Secretary. Debby enjoys reading, shopping, and traveling in her spare time. She and her husband Darrin reside in Hendersonville, TN with their cat Romeo.



“The Chief and I”

Charlene R. Gill - Michigan Eastern District

You know how life sometimes throws you those unexpected curve balls that change what you think is your destiny? Well, as a “Baby Boomer” who swore she’d never stay at any job more than five years (gotta keep it moving, you know?), I never thought that my journey would come to a full-fledged stop more than 23 years ago when I encountered the one person who has undoubtedly changed my direction and point of view - Judge Denise Page Hood.

Judge Hood previously served on the Michigan state court benches of 36th District Court, Recorder's Court and the Wayne County Circuit Court (which is where I began working as her assistant, shortly after her nomination to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton). I'd never worked in the legal field before but, through a twist of fate which was actually engineered by her husband (now, that's another story), Judge Hood offered me the position that ultimately re-routed my life. She was confirmed by the Senate in 1994 and asked me to join her as she ascended to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. What an honor for me!

Judge Hood presently serves as Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Michigan, a title which she attained on January 1, 2016. A few weeks later, she was administered the oath at one of the largest ceremonies ever held here at the Courthouse. It still amazes me to know that over 700 colleagues, family, friends and Court Family were in attendance to observe and support her as she became the third female to lead our Court as Chief, and the second African American female to do so. It was quite an event and certainly well-deserved.

Judge Hood currently serves on the Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee for the 6th Circuit and the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee of the U.S. Courts. She has served on several District Court Committees: Pro Bono; Local Rules; and Ad Hoc Jury. She is an active member of several professional organizations: Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Michigan State Planning Body for legal services; the State Bar Pro Bono Initiatives Committee; and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation Board. She is past president of the Detroit Bar Association and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. In addition, Judge Hood serves as a volunteer in various community groups including: vice chair of the Olivet College Board of Trustees; the Harper-Hutzel Hospital Board of Trustees; and the InsideOut Literary Arts Project Board.

Judge Hood has received numerous honors including, most recently, the 2016 Damon J. Keith Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award. She is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law. She is married to the Reverend Dr. Nicholas Hood, III, Senior Minister of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit. They have two sons.

Judge Hood is a highly respected jurist among her peers and to those who happen to have the good fortune to cross her path - whether in front of the bench, behind the bar or in the community. The epitome of fairness and patience, her “judicial temperament” defies the standard. Yes, she is now Chief of our Court, but there are so many other words that describe this woman, most of them beginning with the word “phenomenal.” If you've already met her, you know what I mean. If you haven't, well, you're in for a treat.

By Charlene Gill April, 2016 FJAA



In the News
Lynn Magee
EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Here’s an update from a few of the states that comprise the Eighth Circuit.

Arkansas

With the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference just a couple of months away (May 3-5, 2016), the Embassy Suites Hotel in



Hon. John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States, and Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, both plan to attend the conference as guests and speakers.

If you have any questions, or if your judge has not received information, please contact the Eight Circuit Executive’s Office at JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov, or by telephone at (314) 244-2600.

Iowa



On Monday, February 8, 2016, the Senate confirmed Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa. She is the second woman appointed to serve in the district. She fills the vacancy left by Judge James E. Gritzner who took senior status on March 1, 2015. From 2006 to 2008 she served as a law clerk to Circuit Judge Michael J. Melloy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Welcome, Judge Ebinger.



On February 11, 2016, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Leonard T. Strand as a district judge for the Northern District of Iowa. He fills the vacancy left by Judge Mark W. Bennett, who took senior status on June 4, 2015.

Welcome, Judge Strand.

CONGRATULATIONS



Charles J. (“C.J.”) Williams was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Iowa in Sioux City on February 16, 2016. He succeeds Judge Leonard T. Strand, who was confirmed as a U.S. District Judge for the Court on February 11, 2016.

Welcome, Judge Williams.

Minnesota



On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, the Senate confirmed Wilhelmina M. Wright as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota, making her the first African-American female federal judge in Minnesota. She fills the vacancy left by Chief Judge Michael J. Davis, who took senior status on August 1, 2015.

Welcome, Judge Wright.



Missouri

Project Home: Making Dreams Come True!

U.S. Eastern District of Missouri Probation Office



Imagine that you are a recently released convicted felon. You find employment and have a steady income. You think about purchasing a home, but you do not have sufficient funds for a down payment. No one in your family has ever owned a home -- why should you be any different? You convince yourself that home-ownership is impossible.

The U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri started Project Home in 2007. The mission: to educate ex-offenders that home-ownership is possible. To that end, Project Home assists interested ex-offenders in becoming homeowners through education and coordination with state and federal resources.

Hundreds of ex-offenders have participated in the home-ownership education program since 2007. Many participants are currently establishing or repairing credit in preparation for the goal of home-ownership. To date, forty-five ex-offenders have obtained homes!

Nebraska

On Monday, March 21st, the Supreme Court declined to hear Nebraska and Oklahoma's proposed lawsuit against Colorado's legal marijuana laws. Even though the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, the plaintiff states can still take their cases to U.S. District Court.



Nebraska State Flower

NINTH CIRCUIT

Julie Lemm**Pocatello judge nominated for federal bench**

- By Cydney McFarland cmcfarland@journalnet.com

District Judge David Nye of Pocatello was nominated by President Barack Obama Tuesday to serve in the U.S. federal court for the District of Idaho. The nomination comes after a cooperative selection process between the White House and Idaho's Republican Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch.

"I am pleased to nominate Judge Nye to serve on the United States District Court bench," President Barack Obama said in a White House press release. "I am confident he will serve the American people with distinction."

While the president nominates federal district judges, state Sens. Crapo and Risch have veto power. So Nye's nomination was the result of a lengthy selection process carried out by Idaho's senators — both of whom are lawyers.

Nye, born in San Jose, Calif., moved to Idaho after completing his bachelor's and law degrees at Brigham Young University in Utah. For 20 years he worked as an attorney with the Merrill & Merrill firm in Pocatello before being appointed as district judge by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter in 2007.

"We're very proud and lucky to have him as a judge in our county," said Bannock County Prosecutor Stephen Herzog. "We'll be sad to lose him."

In Pocatello, Nye oversees the divisionary felony drug court.

"He's very qualified and I've always found him to be very level-headed and fair," said Herzog. "He's well-versed in the law and treats everyone respectfully. If I were to be judged I would have no problem with him judging me."



Ninth Circuit News Continued...

With the White House and Senate currently at odds over the Senate's refusal to hold hearings on Judge Merrick Garland — Obama's nomination for the Supreme Court — the confirmation of federal judges has been slow at best.

However, in a press release, Crapo said that he felt confident he could get Nye's nomination confirmed.

"As I have told the president, I am committed to working diligently and enthusiastically to obtain the consent of the Senate for Judge Nye's confirmation," Crapo said in a press release.

Idaho was forced to use out-of-state judges to hear Idaho cases after U.S. district Judge Edward Lodge took senior status in July, leaving just District Judge Lynn Winmill in the District of Idaho. The federal courts declared it a "judicial emergency."

http://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/obama-nominates-pocatello-judge-for-federal-court/article_33c3f4ee-c155-5763-81d6-0aacd83c7da5.html



Photocopy: State Flower of Washington

TENTH CIRCUIT*Lynda Brown***GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!****NEW MEXICO NEWS:**

Judge Joel M. Carson III was sworn in as part-time Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico on August 14, 2015 in a small ceremony attended by colleagues and family. The oath of office was administered by the Honorable M. Christina Armijo, Chief United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

After receiving his Juris Doctorate from University of New Mexico School of Law, Judge Carson began his legal career in 1999 as law clerk for Judge Bobby R. Baldock of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. After completing his clerkship, he worked first as an associate and then as a partner for one of New Mexico's most established energy law firms. Judge Carson later served as General Counsel to one of New Mexico's largest employers and producers of oil and gas for several years before starting his own law firm, Carson Ryan LLC. As a part-time Federal Magistrate, Judge Carson continues his private practice which focuses on legal issues related to the energy industry and problems faced daily by corporations and their employees.

Judge Carson resides in Roswell, New Mexico with his wife, Dr. Karen Carson and their two sons, J.C. and Chris. In addition to his private practice and part-time judgeship, Judge Carson competes in National Cutting Horse Association competitions in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Texas. His passion for the western-style equestrian sport is matched only by his wife and two sons, who tend to fare better in competitions than the Judge!

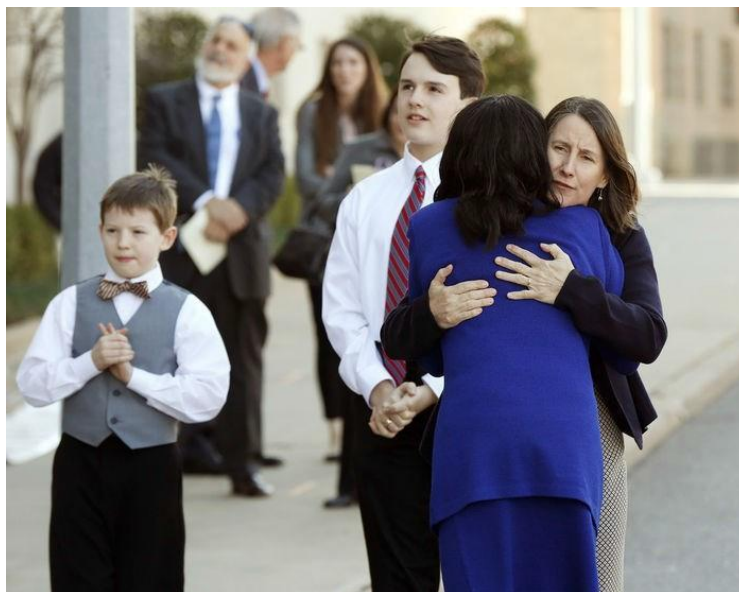
Judge Carson's courtroom deputy, Rachel Tutor, is prepared for the challenges the new position entails. She began working for Judge Carson in 2001 and has transitioned with him throughout his legal career. In addition to being a part-time courtroom deputy, she continues her duties as paralegal with Carson Ryan LLC.



OKLAHOMA NEWS:

A dedication ceremony held Friday, February 12, 2016, at the Oklahoma City federal courthouse, officially renamed the building after the longest sitting judge on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. The federal appellate judge, William J. Holloway Jr., was born in Hugo, Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Judge Holloway died April 25, 2014, at the age of 90, after serving more than 45 years on the federal appellate bench.

(Thanks to Mary Stricklin, JA to Judge Holmes, for submitting this article and pictures.)



FED & DC CIRCUITS*Sharon Deare*

D. C. Circuit Courthouse

United States Court of Appeals DC Circuit

On March 16, 2016, President Barak Obama nominated Chief Judge Merrick Garland to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Merrick, if confirmed would fill the vacancy created by the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Chief Judge Garland was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals in April 1997 and became Chief Judge on February 12, 2013. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1974 and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1977. Following graduation, he served as law clerk to Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and to U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. From 1979 to 1981, he was Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He then joined the law firm of Arnold & Porter, where he was a partner from 1985 to 1989 and from 1992 to 1993. He served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1989 to 1992, and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1993 to 1994. From 1994 until his appointment as U.S. Circuit Judge, he served as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, where his responsibilities included supervising the Oklahoma City bombing and UNABOM prosecutions.

United States Court of Federal Claims

A number of senior judges were welcomed back to the bench for 90-day periods of recall service: Judge Loren A. Smith began his service on January 19, 2016; Judge Robert H. Hodges, Jr., on February 1, 2016; Judge Robert J. Yock on April 1, 2016; and Judge Bohdan A. Futey on April 18, 2016.

Judge Lawrence J. Block retired on Jan 8th, 2016. Judge Block was confirmed to the United States Court of Federal Claims on October 2, 2002. Prior to his confirmation, from 1994 to 2002, Judge Block served as Senior Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked on a number of significant issues, including property rights legislation, punitive damages and class action court reform bills, cost-benefit analysis regulatory reform, tobacco policy, litigation and arbitration policy. He also worked on issues involving the First Amendment, privacy, and other constitutional provisions arising out of legislation and governmental programs related to high technology.

2016 FJAA Conference

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

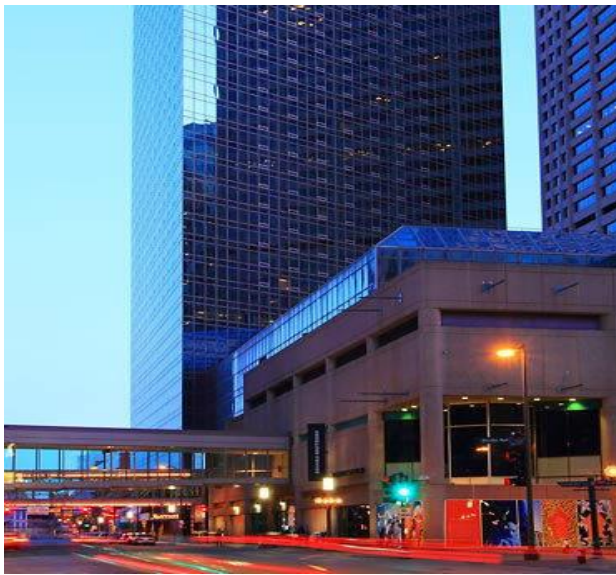
September 8-11, 2016

All of us from the District of Minnesota want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 2016 FJAA Annual Conference in Minneapolis/St. Paul on September 8 – 11, 2016. September is a beautiful time of year to be in Minnesota, with temperatures during the day typically in the mid-70s and in the mid-50s in the evening. Minneapolis lies on both banks of the Mississippi River and Saint Paul, the state's capital, lies mostly on the east bank of the Mississippi River. Known as the "Twin Cities," the two form the core of Minneapolis–Saint Paul, the 16th-largest metropolitan area in the United States, with about 3.5 million residents. The Minneapolis-St. Paul area is incredibly diverse and offers an endless array of things to do during the 2016 FJAA Annual Conference.



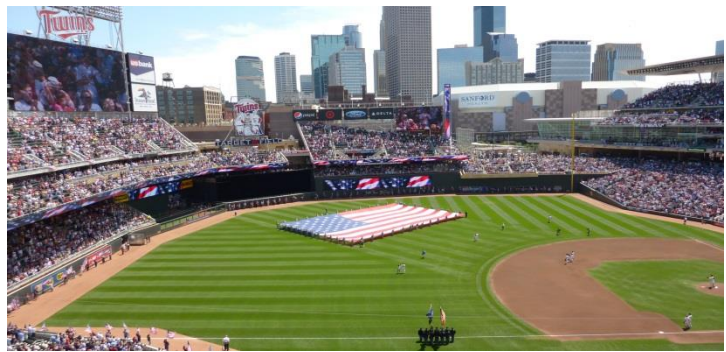
We hope that you will enjoy the Conference this year. We thought it would be fun to have a theme, and we have chosen "Back to the Sixties." There will be Sixty Tips and Tricks interspersed throughout the Agenda and there will be a trivia contest. We encourage everyone to wear pearls or a pillbox hat (in honor of Jackie Kennedy) or perhaps a fedora hat for the Banquet on Saturday night, which will feature a presentation on the Kennedy Assassination by our Chief Judge John R. Tunheim, who served as chair of the U.S. Assassination Records Review Board.

The Conference Committee has put together an outstanding agenda and we hope that the Conference will provide you with invaluable information to take back home with you. Some of the topics covered will be CM/ECF NextGen Preview and Panel Discussion; Active Shooter Training; Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and Somali Terrorism Trials; a *Pro Se* Project Panel; Westcheck and Groovy Tech Tips from the Librarian; Courtrooms as Classrooms; International Rule of Law; travel (which includes international travel); changes in OSCAR; and Lou Gil.



As we mentioned in the previous newsletter, you will be staying in the heart of downtown Minneapolis at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, which is conveniently connected to the Minneapolis Skyway System. The Minneapolis Marriott City Center is ideally located near Target Field, where our Minnesota Twins play; premier downtown shopping and the historic Hennepin Theatre District are nearby as well. The Metro Transit light rail system's Nicollet Mall Station is only 2-1/2 blocks away from the hotel and can take you to many exciting attractions, including our capital city of St. Paul where you can visit the Minnesota State Capitol, the Science Museum, the Minnesota Children's Museum or the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, to mention a few. You can also take the Metro Transit light rail out to the famous Mall of America.

We are so excited to share our Friday night optional event! You can choose from one of two events. Your first option is to attend a Minnesota Twins game against the Cleveland Indians at the spectacular Target Field, the world class home of Twins Territory. Target Field is located three blocks northwest from the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. There are many amenities and breathtaking views at Target Field. We have reserved seats in the Home Plate Terrace.



The second option for our Friday night event is a Scavenger Hunt at the Mall of America (the state's most visited attraction). Teams are given iPads with humorous clues as you search the Mall of America for answers. After the 60-minute scavenger hunt, you will meet at Dick's Last Resort to view a slideshow of the photos taken during the hunt and you can enjoy some cocktails or dinner or, if you'd prefer, you can go on to shop as long as you'd like. Each person in the Scavenger Hunt will receive a Mall of America Coupon Book. Keep in mind that there is no sales tax on clothing in Minnesota! The Metro Transit

light rail system (Blue Line) runs every half hour to take you back to the Marriott City Center when you are finished shopping.

A block of rooms have been reserved for us at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center at a special group rate of \$135 per night. This rate is available from September 9, 2016 to September 12, 2016. Here is the reservation link to make your online reservation (please copy and paste it into your browser):

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=FJAA%20Educational%20Conference%5Emspcc%60FJAFJAA%60135.00%60USD%60false%604%609/7/16%609/12/16%608/17/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

You may also make your reservation by calling 1-888-236-2427 and ask for the FJAA Educational Conference rate. The last day to book your room is **August 17, 2016**.

The Registration Form for the Conference is included in this newsletter. For those who are interested in registering online, please use the following link (please copy and paste it into your browser):

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fjaa-2016-annual-educational-conference-tickets-24463098787?aff=eac2>.

The Registration deadline is **July 31, 2016**.

We can't wait to see all of you in September!

FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
2016 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2016

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Name	Title	
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Judge's Name	Court	Circuit
_____	_____	
Work Number	Email Address	
_____	_____	
Are you a member of FJAA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*	First FJAA Conference? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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, closing banquet, and various service fees.

Members:

Member Conference Registration Fee**	\$265.00	_____	
Retiree Registration Fee	\$165.00	_____	
Member Optional Friday Night Event (<i>pick one</i>)			
✍ Scavenger Hunt at Mall of America	\$ 21.00	_____	
✍ Minnesota Twins v. Cleveland Indians Game	\$ 38.00	_____	Sub-Total _____
Closing Banquet Meal Choice/Member:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan

Guests:

Are you bringing a guest? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*		_____	
		Name(s) of Guest(s)	
Guest Fees:	Continental Breakfast (3 Mornings)	\$ 45.00 _____	
	Opening Reception	\$ 40.00 _____	
	Closing Banquet	\$ 69.00 _____	
	Guest Optional Friday Night Event (<i>pick one</i>)		
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OPTIONAL EVENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AS OF AUGUST 19, 2016 **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____

Registration deadline is **July 31, 2016**. Notification of cancellation must be received by **August 31, 2016**, as no refunds will be given after that date.

Please mail completed registration form with your check payable to **“FJAA Conference Fund”** to:
Lynn Magee, Judicial Assistant
Chambers of Senior Judge Paul A. Magnuson
316 North Robert Street, Suite 734, St. Paul, MN 55101

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW INCOMING JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS:

**Chambers Staff Administrative Workshop (CSAW)
Sponsored by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts**

When: August 15—18, 2016

Where: Washington, D.C.

Deadline to Register: May 6, 2016

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Please consider volunteering for one of these and helping make a difference in the FJAA.

If you would consider serving on a standing committee with other FJAA Members, please contact Mary Ellen Druckenbrod at mary_ellen_druckenbrod@azd.uscourts.gov or 520-205-4560

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