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Dear FJAA Members:

It is hard to believe that July is here and that I have been in this position for eight months! Our Executive Board has done an extraordinary job this year of keeping all the necessary balls in the air that allow our organization to run smoothly! I am extremely thankful to be able to work with such a stellar group of women and remain ever thankful for their service!

Our Circuit Reps continue to be your contact and voice. I hope you continue to send them information about current happenings in your courts, so that our Public Relations/Newsletter Committee can share your news. We also have a large group of committee members who work behind the scenes to accomplish the goals we have set. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let me know.

Our Conference Committee has spent a huge amount of time behind the scenes planning our educational conference, putting together a varied and exciting agenda, contacting speakers, planning extra events, choosing food, dealing with the hotel, registration, etc., to make sure we have a successful conference in Minneapolis!! Kudos to them for the countless hours they have spent making sure you will love every moment! If you haven't already signed up, please do so!! (See the link in this newsletter.) If you've already booked your room at the hotel, please be sure to get your registration in to Lynn Magee, so we can confirm our numbers. This is your opportunity to learn, network, experience Minneapolis and reunite with friends and colleagues.

We have also switched to a different web plan and thanks to our VP, Melissa Hardin, we are up and running!!! It is a much easier website to maintain and should be able to meet the needs of our Association for a very long time. Kudos to Melissa, who by the way is on the ballot to be our next President! If you haven't already voted, **please cast your ballots by July 15th!!**



President's Letter (continued)

As you are now aware, our Bylaws Committee recently worked on revisions to our bylaws, and although our Board later determined to strike the proposal from the ballots, my thanks go out to each of them for their time, consideration and work product. Over the months, we have discussed as a Board, the need to be more inclusive in our association. While it's clear, we are called the Federal Judicial Assistants Association, our positions are changing across the country.

Many Judicial Assistants do the work of both deputy clerk and JA; some are paralegals, and some judges have chosen a law clerk to perform the duties of a JA. Recent statistics are such that 48 percent of chambers no longer have judicial assistants. Therefore, it may be time to offer a specific type of membership to a wider range of chambers staff, and to those JAs who were members for years and have taken on other positions within the judiciary. How we choose to do that will be up to the Bylaws Committee, the Board and all voting members. We will be discussing this issue at our general meeting during the September Conference. If you cannot attend, you are welcome to voice your thoughts on the link we plan to provide under the members section of our website. We look toward the future in hopes our association continues to grow and flourish.

Remember, you have a voice!

My thanks to all our faithful volunteers, as without you, we could not accomplish our goals:

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

I look forward to seeing you on September 8 – 11, 2016 at our FJAA Conference in Minneapolis!!

All the best,

Mary Ellen

NOTE TO ALL !!!!!

Join the Membership Challenge!!!!

Get out there and sign up a new member!!!

Send your name and who you recruited to Melissa Hardin and you will be entered into a special drawing at our Annual Conference in Minneapolis!!!!

CIRCUIT NEWS



**JSAG Representatives from
March 2016 Meeting Washington, D.C.**

WANTED

Committee Member(s) for the following:

Ways and Means Committee

According to our Bylaws, this committee implements methods and resources for raising necessary revenues to help defray expenses of the Association. All proposals or recommendations must be approved by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Board before implementation. In plain language this an opportunity to solicit donations, order tickets, purchase gifts and handle the raffle for our FJAA Conferences.

In the past, Marie Firmin, has been our gift buying and raffle ticket guru!!! Marie's judge is retiring and we are very sad to see her go!

Thank you, Marie, for all your work in support of FJAA! We will miss you and your expertise!!!!

FJAA CONFERENCE DETAILS

FJAA.NET WEBSITE

2016 FJAA Conference
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
September 8-11, 2016

FIRST CIRCUIT

Joan Ausman

As the 2016 FJAA year comes to a close and after 4 years as your circuit rep., I have decided it is time to pass the torch. I am just a couple of years away from retirement, and am embroiled in selling my house after 31 years (what a chore that is!) and looking forward to moving to Arizona once I do retire. Christie Clifford, J.A. to Judge David Levy, D. ME, has raised her hand to volunteer, so her name will be on the ballot for this next year.

I encourage your votes for Christie and know she will be a great First Circuit representative!

~ Best to all,
Joan Ausman, D.NH



Travel Tip by Joan Ausman, 1st Circuit

Curious what the government rate for city pairs is so you can compare to non-government rates before booking a flight? Check out this GSA link for city pair rates. Probably been around awhile but I just learned of it today.

<http://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov/cpsearch/search.do?method=enter>

GSA U.S. General Services Administration Federal Acquisition Service

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BOSTON	BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INT'L AIRPORT	JetBlue	N	82.00	48.00	0.00	10/01/2015	09/30/2016
BOSTON	RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT	American	N	101.00	53.00	0.00	10/01/2015	09/30/2016
BOSTON	WASHINGTON DULLES INT'L AIRPORT	JetBlue	N	99.00	69.00	0.00	10/01/2015	09/30/2016

From Terry Manning, JA to Judge Burroughs, USDC-MA

March 11, 2016 marked my 35th year in the Federal Government. Back then you had to take the Civil Service exam. My first federal government job was as a reception/clerk with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Boston, MA), followed by a clerk typist position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Newton, MA). When that office relocated quite a distance away, I was fortunate enough to be hired by the U.S. Attorney's Office (Boston, MA) where I was until February, 2015. When I started in the U.S. Attorney's Office I had always dreamed that one day I could retire as a Judge's secretary. That dream may come true. In February, 2015 I was extremely honored to become Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Allison D. Burroughs. No retirement date in the near future.

A familiar face in the FJAA and First Circuit– someone we all know and love is retiring!

Congratulations Mari Rosa!



Mari Rosa Jorge reflects on her retirement:

When I joined the courts back in 1985, it was a challenge, since working in chambers was quite a different story from working at a law firm. I felt it was jumping into the unknown, but I was ready to take the challenge head on. Back then there was hardly any support or guidance regarding the administration of chambers. The way it worked was that each chambers ran like a separate office with respect to its administration, involving ordering supplies, dealing with human resources matters, contacting technicians for service to equipment, etc., things at the firm somebody else took care of. I became an office manager from one day to the next! But, as I have experienced throughout these thirty years, secretaries and judicial assistants are always there to help each other, and I received the support and assistance of a couple of them who later became good friends of mine and to whom I will forever be grateful.

As the years went by and work became more of a routine, I discovered that the courts also offered me the opportunity to expand my horizon and acquire knowledge in many of the fields related to my job and the court system in general. That for me has been the most satisfying part, since I love to learn; that is my passion. I joined the FJSA (now the FJAA) almost immediately and started attending annual conferences every time I could. From there, and through the network created by interacting with secretaries from different courts, I expanded my education by signing-up for training offered at the AO and the FJC, becoming a certified court trainer for both. This allowed me to travel extensively and visit many courts and court units throughout the nation to facilitate training sessions and programs. I cannot express in words how much satisfaction this interaction with other court personnel has brought. In addition, the many friendships I have made and the support I have always received from my colleagues is extraordinary. I will miss you all.

Now, as I enter this new phase in my life, one thing I know for sure: Work will not form part of it! Recently I read a meme on Facebook which I think explains why I say this. It went something like “Life is not all about work and paying bills.” I believe I have worked long enough to at least stop working and, although I cannot stop paying my bills, at least now I’ll combine paying my bills with sleeping late, traveling, and spending more time with my family, especially my granddaughters.

See you in Minneapolis in the fall!!!

- Mari Rosa Jorge, D. PR.

SECOND CIRCUIT

Janet Hansen



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Judicial Assistant to Judge José A. Cabranes

District of Connecticut:

On January 12, 2016, Robert A. Richardson was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut. His formal investiture took place on April 22, 2016, at the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse, New Haven, CT, followed by a reception. Judge Richardson is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Ohio State (Moritz) College of Law. At the time of his appointment, he was a partner at the New Haven, CT law firm of Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Richardson, Fitzgerald & Pirrotti. Judge Richardson's chambers are located in the U.S. Courthouse, Hartford, CT. Congratulations to Judge Richardson on his appointment!

On Friday, June 3, 2016, the portraits of four retired U.S. Magistrate Judges were unveiled at a ceremonial session of the U.S. District Court at the Richard C. Lee Courthouse in New Haven, CT.

The portraits were of the following retired U.S. Magistrate Judges

Arthur H. Latimer (New Haven, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut)
(1971-1993)

F. Owen Egan (Hartford, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut)
(1975-1996)

Thomas P. Smith (Hartford, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut)
(1979-2015)

Holly B. Fitzsimmons (Bridgeport, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut)
(1993-2015).

These four judges have served the courts for a combined period of **over 100 years!**

Following the portrait unveiling ceremony, a reception was held for all guests. The portraits will be displayed in each of the Judges' respective courthouses (indicated in parenthesis next to their names above).

Congratulations to each of the U.S. Magistrate Judges on the unveiling of their portraits!

On May 31, 2016, Chief Judge Loretta E. Preska concluded her seven year term as Chief Judge. Chief Judge Preska was honored at a wonderful party held at Fordham Law School, her alma mater. Judge Preska was nominated to take the seat of U.S. District Court Judge Robert Ward in 1992 by President George H.W. Bush. Judge Preska became Chief Judge in 2009, when then-Chief Judge Kimba Wood took senior status. Although she will certainly be missed, we wish Judge Preska all the best in her future endeavors!

U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon assumed the position of Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York on June 1, 2016. Chief Judge McMahon was nominated to fill the seat of U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan of the Southern District of New York Court in 1998 by President William Clinton. She received a B.A. from Ohio State University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. We send our congratulations to Chief Judge McMahon. We wish her much success and fulfillment in her new role as Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York!

Western District of New York:

The message below is from our fellow, now-retired, Judicial Assistant, Janet Curry:

“Greetings from Buffalo to all of my former colleagues, many of whom I have met at our wonderful FJAA conferences or JSAG meetings. As many of you know, Judge Curtin, one of the longest sitting senior judges in the country, assumed inactive status on April 12--coincidentally, that was my 38th anniversary of employment with the courts! I am now retired--and actually loving it! I do get to the courthouse often--either for business still remaining or to go to lunch with my friends. I have been chosen as an extra in the Thurgood Marshall movie that they are filming in our old courthouse, and so this week I am waiting to see if I will be returning to our courthouse as a movie star instead of a JA! Life always has a lot to offer--if one looks for it! I am certainly going to look, even though I want to stay connected to the past because it was such a big part of my life. As I say, "You can take me out of the courthouse, but you can't take the courthouse out of me!"

I will miss you all at the September conference, but I hope to return to a conference in the future--and bring some of my fellow retirees with me!

God bless you all, and thank you for your friendships.”

Janet Curry

Eastern District of New York:

On Friday, April 15, 2016, the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of New York, and the Federal Litigation Section, held a special “passing of the torch” ceremony at the U.S. Courthouse in Brooklyn, NY. Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon “passed the torch” to Judge Dora Irizarry, who will replace her as Chief Judge. Judge Bagley Amon is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, and the University of Virginia Law School. She served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of NY from 1986-1990, was appointed a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY in 1990, and served as its’ Chief Judge from 2011-2016. Thank you Judge Bagley Amon for all of your Judicial Service!

The ceremonial courtroom was packed with judges, court employees, family and friends. Among the various speakers were Dina Miller, the President of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of New York; Mark K. Vincent and Ernest T. Bartol, president and vice president of the Federal Bar Association; former Chief Judge Edward Korman; U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert; and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge José A. Cabranes (who also had the honor of administering the oath to Judge Irizarry at her installation as a District Court Judge in 2004.) In addition, there was a video message for Judge Irizarry from U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch. Judge Irizarry holds the distinct honor of being the first Hispanic judge appointed to the Eastern District of New York, and she is also the first Hispanic Chief Judge of the Eastern District of New York! We send Chief Judge Irizarry our congratulations and best wishes in her new role!

On March 21, 2016, Steven L. Tiscione, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York. Judge Tiscione is a graduate of Hofstra University and Yale Law School. He also served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Edward R. Korman (EDNY), and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Reena Raggi. Prior to his appointment, Judge Tiscione was serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District for 10 years prior, rising to the position of Chief of the International Narcotics and Money Laundering Section. He was also the recipient of many awards during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Judge Tiscione’s formal investiture was held on April 20, 2016, at the U.S. Courthouse, Brooklyn, NY. Judge Korman and Judge Raggi spoke at his investiture, as well as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Robert L. Capers. We wish Judge Tiscione every success in his new position! Congratulations!

Court of Appeals

On April 27, 2016, a portrait of Judge Barrington D. Parker, Jr. was unveiled at Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, in the presence of his fellow Court of Appeals colleagues, various Yale Law School dignitaries, his past and present law clerks, and his family and friends. Dean Robert C. Post, Dean of Yale Law School, welcomed everyone. Speakers included two of Judge Parker's Court of Appeals colleagues, Judge Guido Calabresi and Judge José A. Cabranes, as well as his daughters, and a former law clerk, Lauren Wetzler (now Chief, Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia). It was a lovely affair followed by a wonderful reception at Yale Law School. Judge Parker was appointed a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York in 1994, and was elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 2001. Judge Parker has many Yale ties: he is an alumnae of Yale College and Yale Law School, he served as Successor Trustee of the Yale Corporation, two of his daughters are Yale alumnae, and his nephew, Jonathan Holloway, is now Dean of Yale College! Therefore, it could not be more appropriate for Judge Parker's portrait to grace the walls of Yale Law School.

Congratulations to Judge Parker!

On May 17-18, 2016, the 2016 Appellate CM/ECF Operational Practices Forum was held in Orlando, FL. The theme of the forum was "Transitioning to the Next Generation of CM/ECF." There were 161 staff members (from Circuit Executives', Clerks', Staff Attorneys', and Mediators' Offices, as well as Chambers) in attendance from the 13 Courts of Appeals. There were live demonstrations and presentations on Next Gen functionality and sessions were aimed towards the various groups in attendance. It was a very informative conference. If you are interested, the Forum presenters prepared slide presentations and they are now posted on the AO-JNet; search "2016 Appellate Forum."

That's about all the news for now from the Second Circuit. I hope to see everyone at the FJAA Conference in September in Minneapolis.

Until then, have a wonderful summer!

Janet F. Hansen

Judicial Assistant to Judge José A. Cabranes

THIRD CIRCUIT

Iris Liriano



On May 6, 2016, our newest member of the Court family, the Hon. John Michael Vazquez, held his Investiture at the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Opening remarks and the Administration of Oath were given by the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, the Hon. Jerome B. Simandle. Judge Vazquez's daughters, Meredith, Samantha and Kaitlin, held the bible while the Administration of the Oath was administered by Judge Simandle. Thomas and Mary Ann Vazquez, Judge Vazquez's parents, presented Judge Vazquez with his robe. The guest speakers were the United States Senator for New Jersey, Hon. Robert Menendez; George Helmy, New Jersey State Director on behalf of United States Senator for New Jersey Hon. Cory Booker; Governor – State of New Jersey, Hon. Christopher J. Christie; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey, Hon. Stuart Rabner; Senior Fellow Center on Administration of Criminal Law, New York University School of Law, Anne Milgram, Esq.; Attorney for Critchely, Kinum & DeNoia, LLP, Michael Critchley.

This investiture has to be one of the best ones I've attended. The guest speakers had great stories to tell, especially Michael Critchley, who is a partner at the law firm where Judge Vazquez worked prior to becoming a Judge. Mr. Critchley spoke on some very funny events that led up to Judge Vazquez's nomination. When Judge Vazquez gave his remarks, he told a compelling story of how his grandfather migrated to this country from Spain without speaking a word of English. We were all touched by his story and his family's humbling beginnings. The event was concluded with a beautiful reception in the Great Hall.

Prior to joining the Court, the Hon. Michael Vazquez was a partner at Critchely, Kinum & Vazquez, LLC, from 2008 to 2016. Judge Vazquez worked in the Office of the Attorney General for the State of New Jersey where he served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General and afterwards as First Assistant Attorney General from 2006 to 2008. Next, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey from 2001 to 2006. Here is where I met Judge Vazquez because I worked here too before I joined the Courts in 2003. Judge Vazquez commenced his first private practice job as an associate in the Law Offices of Michael Critchley and Associates from 1997 to 2001. His law career began when he clerked for the Hon. Herman D. Michels of the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division.

We congratulate Judge Vazquez and wish him the very best!

District of New Jersey
Host Intern/Law Clerk Summer Program

Every year, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey hosts a intern/law clerk summer program. This year's program commenced June 8th and will conclude on July 20th. Every week, the program schedules two guest speakers on different days to talk about a topic relating to their line of work. This year's guest speakers include Magistrate, District and Appellate Court Judges, Federal and State Court attorneys, the U.S. Attorney, Criminal and Civil Attorneys, a former Governor and a Training Specialist. Sessions are held in a Judge's courtroom and is scheduled during lunchtime. Therefore, the staff are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch to consume while they listen to a guest speaker talk about a specific subject area. For example, on June 8th, the Hon. Katharine S. Hayden, United States District Judge, spoke regarding "An introduction to Federal Courts in the District of New Jersey".

Prior to the interns and law clerks's attendance, an email was circulated to all with a copy of a pamphlet addressing the many components of our court system. At the conclusion of each session, the interns and law clerks are encouraged to ask questions

The last day of the program is reserved for a tour of the Northern State Prison where the court staff arrives at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. For security reasons, the prison will only allow 25 people to tour it. The staff have to undergo a clearance by completing a form "Application for Clearance". In addition, attire must be kept in a modest fashion. I hear this is quite a popular event and from the quick response to confirm attendance, you will see what I mean. An email was circulated to the Judge's Chambers and within 9 seconds, 25 people replied. This beats out last year's record of 2 hours. Everyone who was fast enough to respond I'm quite sure is very happy to have made the list.

Hope you all have a wonderful Summer!

Iris





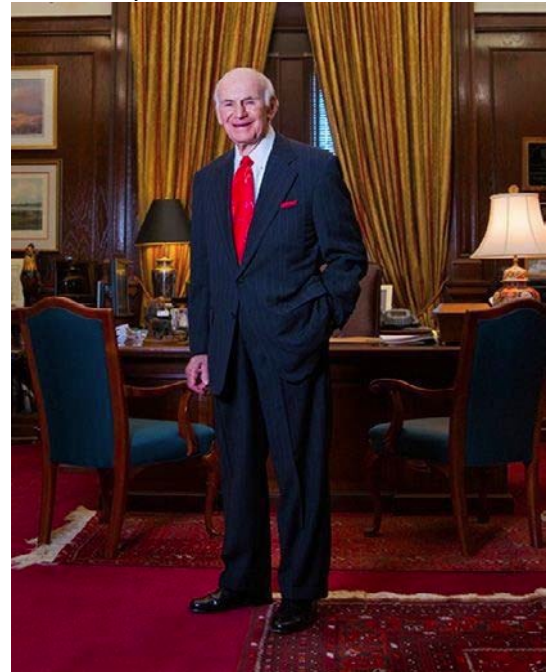
HONORABLE SOL BLATT, JR.

AUGUST 20, 1921—April 20, 2016

U.S. Senior District Court Judge Sol Blatt, Jr., at the age of 94, left this mortal Earth and in so doing left a huge void in the lives of all he touched at the courthouse and far beyond. Sol Blatt, Jr. (pronounced /blot/) was the grand-son of a Russian-Jewish immigrant, and the son of one of the most powerful South Carolina state representatives who served in the House of Representatives for 53 years, 33 of them as its speaker. Judge Blatt grew up in the small western South Carolina town of Barnwell, attending public school there and graduating from the University of South Carolina in 1941.

While at South Carolina he was president of the student body and a member of the boxing team, winning the Southern Conference lightweight title. He was a true Gamecock and attended every rival Carolina-Clemson football game for 88 years only missing 3 years due to his military service in World War II. He earned his law degree from the USC School of Law and practiced law at his father's firm for 25 years before being appointed to the federal bench in 1971 by President Richard M. Nixon. Judge Blatt served as chief judge from 1986-1990, and senior judge from 1990-2016. He served 45 years as a federal Judge, and in 2006 became the longest serving federal judge in South Carolina history. In order to mark this great milestone, the federal judges in South Carolina signed a resolution naming Judge Blatt's courtroom in Charleston, the Sol Blatt, Jr. Courtroom, and a brass plaque outside this historic courtroom bears his name. It should also be noted that he is the longest serving judge in the Fourth Circuit of U.S. Courts. Everyone who knew Sol Blatt, Jr. loved and respected him, and the respect he received was directly proportional to the respect he showed for everyone with whom he came into contact.

He wasn't interested in making headlines but instead strove to be a fair, courteous and intelligent federal judge. Judge Blatt was a humble and unassuming man who loved life and people and embraced life to the fullest each day. A local newspaper after his passing described him as "a living legend and known widely for his fairness, gentleness and stamina." His dear friend and former law clerk (1977- 1979), Ed Westbrook, gave a beautiful grave-side eulogy to a standing room only gathering, wherein he described Judge Blatt as a man who gave much love, encouragement, wisdom and joy to many and asked little in return, and appreciated every small thing anyone did for him. He went on to list lessons Judge Blatt taught to include, don't wait to show people you love them, don't be arrogant, age is a state of mind, and don't shout to be heard loudly. Lawyer Westbrook (this was how Judge Blatt addressed lawyers he admired)



recalled from the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" where the wizard tells the Tin Man, "A heart is not measured by how much you love but by how much you are loved by others." Sol Blatt, Jr.'s heart was enormous - it gave and received boundless love. Representative Joe Wilson, on the floor of the House of Representatives 3 days after Judge Blatt's death declared, "Indeed, it was as if the American Bar Association had him in mind when it outlined the tenets of judicial temperament: 'compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice.'" Judge Blatt's chambers could not have run efficiently and smoothly for 45 years without the loyal support and friendship of his assistant, Janice Pearce, a member of FJAA. My life is better for having known Judge Blatt for the past 21 years I've been at the federal court, and I miss him every day as does everyone at the federal courthouse in Charleston. He is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Barbara M. G. Lynn
Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas
effective May 1, 2016.
First Female Chief in Texas



Barbara M. G. Lynn took the oath of office as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 14, 2000. On May 1, 2016, Judge Lynn became the Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas, the first female Chief in Texas. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia, Judge Lynn graduated first in her class at SMU's Dedman School of Law in 1976. Upon her graduation from law school, she joined the Dallas law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, and remained there until she took the bench.

She was listed in the Best Lawyers in America in Business Litigation from 1994-99 and was designated by the National Law Journal in 1998 as one of the fifty most influential women attorneys in the country. In 2004, Judge Lynn was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Judge Lynn is married to Michael P. Lynn, a Dallas trial lawyer at Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

News from the Fifth Circuit

Judge Robert Gillespie James (WLA) assumed senior status effective May 31, 2016. Judge James has been on the bench since 1998. After graduating from LSU law school in 1971, he was in general practice of law in Ruston, La, and then became the Ad Hoc Juvenile Judge, Third Judicial District, Lincoln/Union Parishes, January 1985-1998. He went on the Bench as a Judge of the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, from October 31, 1998, to the present, during which time he also served as the Chief Judge from May 31, 2009 – October 15, 2012.

District Judge Jorge A. Solis (NTX) retired effective 5/1/16.

Andrew B. Jackson, Supervising Fifth Circuit Librarian for the Houston satellite library was the recipient of the annual federal court employee professionalism award of the Garland Walker Inn of Court on May 26, 2016, at its annual banquet in Houston. The award recognizes excellent service to the legal community and courts.

SIXTH CIRCUIT News



Hello
From
Michigan
JA Luncheon



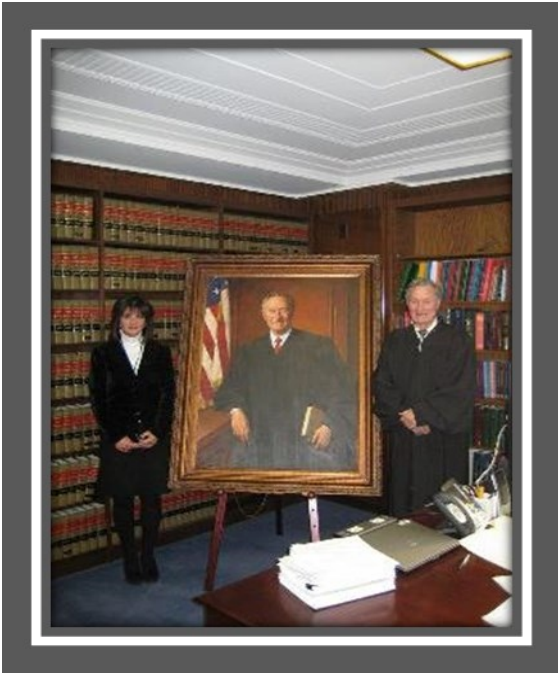
Suzanne Gammon

From left to right: Alisha Kaszubski, Michelle Howard, Barb Radke, Donna Vinson, Linda Vertriest, and Charlene Gill

May 2016—Spring Luncheon

The Judicial Assistants in the Michigan Eastern District hold regular luncheon meetings to promote professional development and collegiality between chambers. JA’s in satellite offices can join by teleconference. This month, an off-site spring luncheon was hosted by Charlene Gill, JA to Chief Judge Hood. Topics included fall conference attendance and discussion of a leadership seminar conducted that day by our Human Resources Department, Training Division.





Elizabeth Claes.. Best Wishes

With the retirement of Senior District Judge Patrick J. Duggan, Judicial Assistant Elizabeth Claes departs from the Michigan Eastern District after nine years of service. With the approval of the Circuit, Elizabeth's employment was extended by the District Court an additional six months after Judge Duggan's departure.

While Judge Duggan wintered in Florida each year, Elizabeth was always ready to assist other chambers and our Court Administrator's Office, as well as our Human Resources Department. She will be missed.

As is our tradition in the Michigan Eastern District, the Judicial Assistants gave Elizabeth a 14 ct gold bracelet and gavel charm.

Good luck to you Elizabeth!

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

Beverly Gerken, Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham in the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis, retired March 31, 2016, after 30 plus years of government service. Beverly started her career as a clerk with a joint military operation in West Germany in 1984. Upon her return to the States in 1986, she served as a secretary for the Air Force and U.S. Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, where she also served as secretary to a 1-Star General. She then moved to Madison, Wisconsin and served as secretary to the Chief of Cardiology in the Veterans Administration. Beverly continued her career at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Madison before transferring to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Memphis in 1997. Beverly remained with the U.S. Attorney's Office until Judge Pham selected her to be his judicial assistant upon his appointment in May 2003.

Beverly was honored for all her years of service at a reception on March 30. Judge Pham presented a beautiful crystal obelisk inscribed to Beverly along with a gift certificate from him and his wife. The judicial assistants gave Beverly a Pandora bracelet with charms including the scales of justice and a laptop to remind her of the work she accomplished here, and friends forever charm to remind her of all the friends she has in the court.

Beverly and her husband, Mike, daughter Tari, and granddaughter Mickaela are moving to the mountains of East Tennessee where her brother lives. We miss her in this court and wish her all the best in retirement.

Top Photo: Beverly with Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham

Second Photo:

Front row: Jean Lee, Jackie Logue, Beverly Gerken, and Carol Kronquest Back row: Loretta Carswell, Bernita Henley, Cathy Gray, Phyllis Buchanan and Jennifer Hodge.



Seventh Circuit



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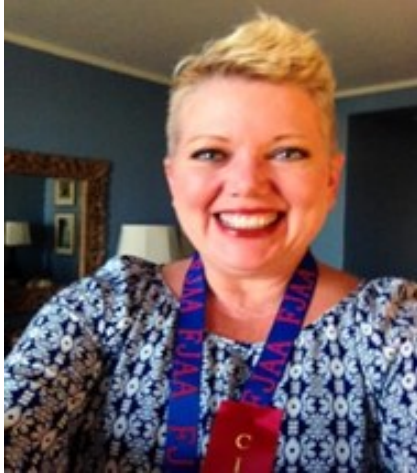
Melissa Hardin reports from WIWD

We just went live on new e-voucher system for CJA vouchers (criminal cases) May 9th. As some judges are less computer-literate than others, all of the JA's have rights to get reports and make sure the vouchers are moved along in a timely manner.

WIWD also just completed renovations to add 4 new offices in our chambers / law library area on the fifth floor, so that all law clerks are now on the same floor as the judges. Our courthouse is unique in that all judges' chambers are on the same floor, but with Judge Crabb becoming the first senior judge our court has had since 1987, we did not have enough offices for all law clerks on the fifth floor. The work was done on weekends, for minimal disruptions.

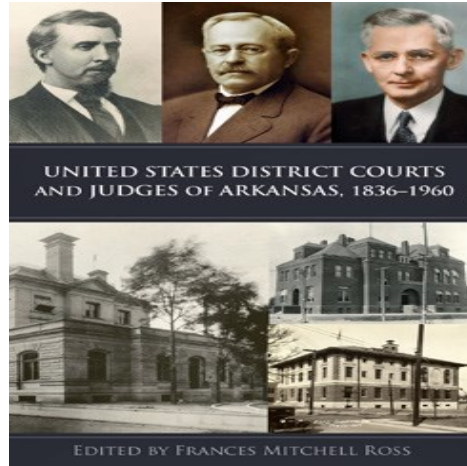
Our highly-contested Courthouse Cookoff was held on April 7th this year. Our theme was "Slide Into Spring" and featured Sliders, with entries from chambers, the clerk's office, bankruptcy, marshal's, probation & CSOs. The CSOs continued their streak of winning one of the two trophies for 6 years in a row, taking the judge's trophy with a hot ham & cheese slider. The clerk's office took the people's choice trophy with a falafel slider.





ARKANSAS

United States District Courts and Judges of Arkansas, 1836-1960



*News from a few states that
comprise the Eighth Circuit*

On May 19, 2016, the history of the federal district courts in Arkansas, published by the University of Arkansas Press, hit the warehouse! The history is told through essays on the lives and significant cases of the courts' judges, written by various authors and edited by Frances Mitchell Ross. This book is the culmination of a three decade project of the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas branches of the Eighth Circuit Historical Society, led by the dedicated efforts of Ms. Ross, of the Eastern District. At the recent Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, Judge Morris S. Arnold and University of Arkansas Press Director Mike Bieker both spoke on publishing court histories. To hear Judge Arnold relate how the Arkansas history came to be published and insight on publishing court histories, [click here](#). Advance to minute 53 of the Historical Society's workshop for the portion on Court History

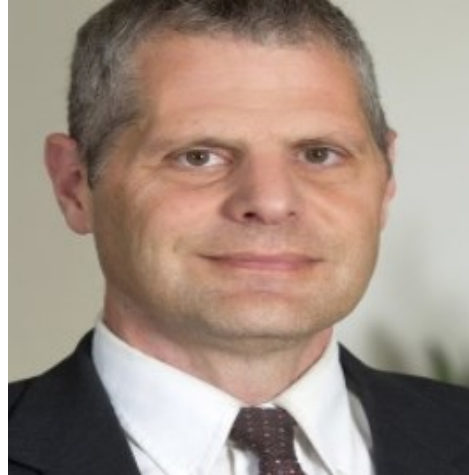
Minnesota

Retirement of Judge Gregory F. Kishel



Judge Gregory F. Kishel, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota retired on May 31, 2016. Judge Kishel was born in 1951. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1973 and his law degree from Boston College in 1977. He worked in private practice in Duluth, Minnesota from 1978 to 1986. He also served the Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, as a staff attorney (1978-1981), board member (1981-1982), vice president (1982-1983), and president (1983-1984). Judge Kishel was appointed by the U.S. District Court of Minnesota as a part-time bankruptcy judge on May 25, 1984, and then by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit as a full-time bankruptcy judge on October 1, 1986. Kishel continued . . . He served as Chief Judge of

the Bankruptcy Court from October 3, 2000, until September 25, 2007, and again from January 26, 2011, until his retirement. He also served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit from 1996 until 2016. Judge Kishel has been active in the Minnesota State Bar Association, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and the American Bankruptcy Institute. In 2013, he received the Minnesota State Bar Association's Judge Nancy C. Dreher Pro Bono Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations, Judge Kishel!



Chief Judge William J. Riley of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit recently announced the appointment of William J. Fisher as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota. The appointment was effective June 1, 2016, and fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gregory F. Kishel on May 31, 2016.

Judge Fisher received his undergraduate degree with honors from Tufts University in 1982 and his law degree from the University Of Chicago Law School in 1985. He began his legal career at the firm of Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, where his practice focused on commercial bankruptcy cases and commercial collection cases in state and federal court. In September 2014 he was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve as a District Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota. In addition to his legal practice and his time on the bench, Judge Fisher has also served as an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline) and as a community faculty member at Metropolitan State University. He has also been a member of the Pro Bono Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Minnesota Bar Association. Welcome, Judge Fisher!

Message from Lynn:

The sun has been shining a lot here in Minnesota. We are working to keep improving the FJAA Conference, and we most definitely look forward to meeting and getting acquainted with you in September.

Go to: FJAA.net for 2016 Conference details

Missouri

Judge Catherine D. Perry Receives American Inns of Court Eighth Circuit Professionalism Award

On May 5, 2016, U.S. District Judge Catherine D. Perry of the Eastern District of Missouri was honored with the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Eighth Circuit. The award was presented during the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Rogers, Arkansas.

This award is presented each year to a lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character, unquestioned integrity, and ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law.

Judge Perry served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge from 1990 until her appointment in 1994 as a U.S. District Court Judge. She served as Chief Judge for the district from 2009 to 2015. She currently serves on the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council as well as the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

In addition to her service on the bench, Judge Perry was instrumental in establishing the Theodore McMillian Inns of Court at St. Louis University. She was also instrumental in the development of The Judicial Learning Center at the Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse in St. Louis, an interactive education center where visitors can learn about the judicial branch. Congratulations, Judge Perry!



NEBRASKA



Judge Bazis has served on the Douglas County Court bench since 2007, and was presiding judge of that court for four years. Her innovative leadership has been widely recognized in Nebraska's bar and judiciary. She is the recipient of the UN-O School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Rising Star Award, the Nebraska Supreme Court's Distinguished Judge--Service to the Community Award, the National College of Probate Judges Treat Award for Excellence, and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation's Public Service Award. Judge Bazis will take the United States Magistrate Judge bench on January 1, 2017, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken.

Mike Nelson is an Omaha trial lawyer, practicing primarily in the area of federal criminal defense. Nelson serves as an adjunct professor at the UN-O School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and is also a recipient of its Rising Star Award. He is a member of a select group of attorneys recognized by Nebraska's federal judges as highly qualified to receive court appointments to represent defendants charged with felony offenses. His peers have honored him with the Criminal Justice Act Jury Acquittal Award and Dedication to Justice Award. Nelson will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge F.A. Gossett, III, on June 30, 2017.

NINTH CIRCUIT—JULIE LEMM



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NEWS RELEASE

June 2, 2016

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Nevada Bar Awards Highest Honor to Chief Judge Emeritus Procter Hug, Jr.

RENO, NEVADA – The State Bar of Nevada has awarded its highest honor to Chief Judge Emeritus Procter Hug, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The 2016 Presidential Award will be presented to Judge Hug on June 8, 2016, at the Washoe County Bar Association’s annual meeting here.

Judge Hug is completing his 39th year of service on the nation’s busiest federal appellate court.

Nominated by President Carter, he came onto the Ninth Circuit bench on September 15, 1977. He served as chief judge of the circuit from 1996 to 2000 and assumed senior status in 2002. He currently ranks third in seniority among the court’s 44 judges.

In announcing the selection of Judge Hug for the prestigious award, the state bar noted his tireless efforts to preserve the geographic and organizational integrity of the Ninth Circuit. Throughout his tenure and particularly while serving as chief judge, Judge Hug worked closely with members of the U.S. Senate in heading off attempts to split the Ninth Circuit.

The state bar announcement quoted Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, who expressed his admiration of

Judge Hug as a “a great Nevadan.”

“His impact upon the law in the western United States is unsurpassed by any other Nevada lawyer,”

Senator Reid said. “He can truly be described as the man who saved the Ninth Circuit.”

Prior to coming onto the federal bench, Judge Hug had been in government service as a civilian aide to the secretary of the Army in 1977; as general counsel to the University of Nevada System, from 1972 to 1976; and as a deputy attorney general for the State of Nevada. He had practiced law in his native Reno from 1958 to 1977. Judge Hug received his B.S. from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1953 and his LL.B. from Stanford Law School in 1958. He served in the Navy from the 1954 to 1955.

The State Bar of Nevada’s Presidential Award is presented annually to a member practicing 20 years or more whose conduct, honesty and integrity represents the highest standards of the legal profession. Award recipients are those who inspire by example, advance the administration of justice, and bring honor and integrity to the profession.

TENTH CIRCUIT—LYNDA BROWN

GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. The FJAA Conference is right around the corner!! Hope everyone will be able to attend.

OKLAHOMA NEWS:

The Western District of Oklahoma is very happy to welcome Kathrine (“Kadi”) Burleson to the chambers of Judge Lee R. West. Judge West has served the Western District for almost 37 years. When he came to the court in late 1979, he encountered an enormous trial docket and a huge backlog of civil cases. He quickly concluded that rather than full-scale jury trials, many litigants would be better served by mediation, summary trials, and other alternate dispute resolution methods. He helped pioneer a number of the ADR techniques that have revolutionized federal practice.

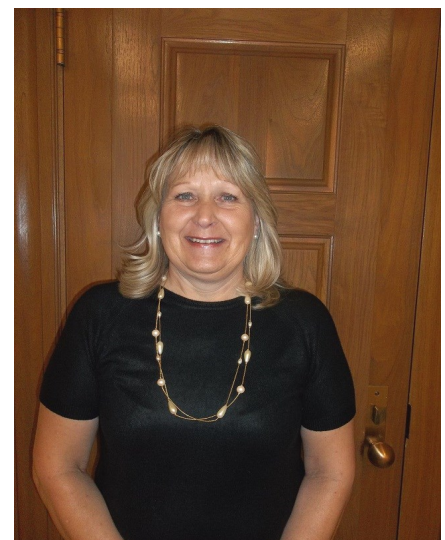
Judge West was not content to merely try cases from dawn to dusk while developing ADR programs in his “spare time” encouraging settlement techniques in. He also managed to establish the world-renown Barshoe Kennel which produced more than 30 champion field trial bird dogs. In 2004, he was inducted into the National Field Trial Hall of Fame. Judge West credits his ability to accomplish so much, in part, to his very capable staff. He claims he owes a special debt to his longtime administrative assistant. Wilma House, his classmate at the tiny Antlers, Oklahoma High School, “kept him between the ditches” for thirty productive years.

When Wilma retired in June of 2015, it was rightly declared that no one could ever take her place. Wisely, Kadi never even tried. Instead, she carved out her own role and quickly proved to be indispensable in her own right. She is organized and resourceful, and she unfailingly finds a way to accomplish every task set before her. Kadi is a native of Kansas City, and she is an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. She is also passionate about animals in general, and dogs in particular. The Western District could not be more delighted to have her on board.



Picture of: Kadi Burleson & Judge Lee R. West

Lynda Brown



D.C. CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE—SHARON DEARE

United States Court of Appeals DC Circuit

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit is gearing down for the end of Innovations for Learning (IFL) Program 2015/2016 school year. We had another very successful year that culminated on a high note. Our local elementary students were invited to our courthouse for a tour and pizza lunch. The children always seem to enjoy the tour of the courthouse prison and hearing stories from our marshals the most. For those of you who do not know about this organization, IFL is a superb nationwide organization that provides opportunities for tutors to work with first and second graders from urban city schools in subjects such as reading, writing and math. There are also opportunities to assist in coaching for 4th and 5th grades at school scrabble clubs.

Chief Judge Merrick Garland and many of our court employees have been volunteering their time to a local elementary school for the last 18 years.

As a tutor you will work with a student for a half-hour a week, each viewing the same page on their respective computer screens, reading stories and playing games that build fluency, comprehension, phonics and spelling skills. For the last two years, I have tutored first grade students in reading for 30 minutes each week and have really enjoyed the opportunity. The IFL program is always looking for new volunteers who are interested in giving a helping hand. If you are interested in getting involved in this program for the upcoming fall, check out the link for more information.

<http://www.innovationsforlearning.org>.

Judge Martin S. Teel, Jr., of The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit was reappointed as the United States Bankruptcy for the District of Columbia. Judge Teel was first appointed to the Bankruptcy Court on February 8, 1988. His reappointment to a third term will be effective February 8, 2016. Judge Teel is the only judge on the Bankruptcy Court.



Federal Circuit/Federal Claims—SHARON DEARE

Unites States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Mr. Dan O'Toole the Circuit Executive and Clerk of Court retired for health reasons.

Mr. Peter R. Marksteiner took the oath of office on Thursday May 5th 2016 and became the clerk of court and circuit executive. Mr. Marksteiner holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminology, cum laude, from Florida State University. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program, a Juris Doctor with Honors from Florida State University, holds a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Master of Laws with Distinction from the Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Marksteiner recently retired from the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps as a colonel. He is the recipient of numerous military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law Career Military Service Award for the Air Force.

Mrs. Charlotte Suniega, Judicial Assistant to Judge Alan Lourie retired on February 29, 2016. She has been a longtime member of FJAA. Her presence will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

United States Court of Federal Claims

Chief Judge Patricia E. Campbell-Smith of the United States Court of Federal Claims announces the designation by the court on April 4, 2016, of Chief Deputy Lisa Reyes to the position of Acting Clerk of Court, effective May 4, 2016.

Ms. Linda Eddins, Judicial Assistant to Senior Judge James F. Merow is retiring in early August. Linda has also been a loyal member of FJAA for many years. Her participation will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best on her new journey in retirement.

**FROM MY DESK
TO YOURS
TIPS FOR THE
OFFICE**

**By
Debby Sawyer,
ACP**

Each of us recognize the importance of leadership when we vote for our political leaders. We recognize effective leadership of parents who enable their children to grow strong and healthy and become productive adults. And we've seen how great leadership can create great things for our economy and our country. If we can recognize these things, we should be able to recognize that leaders in our association are just as vital. I congratulate all of FJAA's current leaders for their commitment and dedication. I also want to encourage all other members to consider leadership positions within the organization.

Leadership is a process by which one person influences the thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors of others. Leaders set a direction for the rest of us. They help us see what lies ahead, they help us visualize what we might achieve, and they encourage us and inspire us. Many may think our leaders are just our board members, directors, or officers. Leaders are much more than that, and can be any person within our association.

Good leaders are in short supply. Most of our members never envision themselves as being leaders. I believe every member of FJAA has the potential to be a leader. What makes a good leader and how can someone develop himself or herself into a good leader if they do not believe they can be? Here are a few factors that cannot only help us be good leaders, but things we can also utilize to develop future leaders:

Get To Talking: One of the key factors of good leadership is communication. Good communication skills are needed to effectively become a good leader. When communication occurs, a leader will be able to accurately convey ideas and thoughts to those members they are leading. Members, in turn, can give helpful feedback and generate new ideas that help the association as well.

Get Something Moving: Motivation is another variable that plays into good leadership. Members tend to languish when motivation decreases. A fresh challenge always adds excitement and spawns creativity. Challenge members with tasks that may be slightly out of their range and let them at it! If they run into a snag, coach them into discovering the solution themselves. Once they have, their self-esteem will rise, thereby raising their motivation level.

Two Heads Are Better Than One: Teamwork is always something to consider when striving to become a good leader. This means not only being the teacher, but becoming part of the team as well. Many times, members' potential is wasted - trust members to do more.

Back to School: As always, increasing your education and knowledge is definitely a good thing when trying to improve your leadership skills. Take the time to learn as much about your position of being a leader as possible. Talk to other leaders and see how they do/did things and exchange ideas. The more you continually evaluate yourself and your practices and search for as much information on leadership as possible, the more you will be able to keep up with changing times.

These are just a few fundamentals on how to become a leader. I think it is the responsibility of FJAA members in leadership positions to constantly strive to create more leaders within our organization. I run into the age-old question all the time about whether leaders are born or made. This question is as controversial as the question about the chicken and the egg. It is my opinion that every person has the capacity to become a leader given the necessary tools.

FROM MY DESK TO YOURS (continued)

By Debby Sawyer, ACP

FJAA has some very useful tools to create good leaders. First, its “people” are its very best assets. FJAA Officers, Board Members, and Committee Members are very accessible and are always excited to talk and share information. I am a new member to FJAA and I can attest to this. I felt welcomed into the organization from day one. I had numerous questions and everyone has been helpful and encouraging. I have found that the FJAA leaders are a gold mine of knowledge and information. Serving on a committee is another great tool to get your feet wet as a leader. FJAA has numerous committees and is always looking for new volunteers. Also FJAA’s upcoming convention in Minneapolis, MN September 8-11, 2016 is a great tool to enhance your personal growth as a leader. The education programs offered, along with the networking opportunities are invaluable resources to expand your leadership potential.

John Maxwell said, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” Let us all strive to be leaders, who do exactly that, not only within our organization, but also in our professional and personal lives.



FJAA SCHOLARSHIP

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

The deadline for applying for the FJAA scholarship is August 31.

Please take advantage of this wonderful program to enhance your skills and personal growth. The more diversified a person is, the better chance of keeping our jobs in the uncertain future for judicial assistants. This does not cost a member a thing, other than the time it takes to fill out the application.

The FJAA Scholarship Program is administered by the Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee (PDCEC) to enable and assist members in good standing to pursue their educational goals and professional development by taking courses and attending seminars and workshops to provide additional knowledge and skills to enhance job performance.

The course or training program for which the scholarship is used does not have to be applied toward a degree, but must be work or career-related so that the courts and the individual recipient benefit.

When making application for the scholarship, please remember to provide the **exact** amount that you are requesting and documentation to support the request. If applications are sent by mail, they must be postmarked by August 31st. No extensions will be granted. Applications are accepted through email, regular mail, and fax to the chair of the committee. Applications postmarked after August 31st will not be considered. The application, along with additional scholarship information, can be found on the FJAA website.

For other questions or inquiries, please contact:

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Trivia



Learn "60" Tips



BACK TO THE SIXTIES!

FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION 2016 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE Minneapolis, Minnesota September 8 – 11, 2016

We are very excited to welcome all of you to Minnesota in September! We have a great agenda put together and can't wait to share it with you.

As was mentioned previously, our theme is "Back to the Sixties," and we hope that you'll participate by wearing something tie dyed to the Opening Reception on Thursday evening and that you'll wear your pearls and pillbox hat (or fedora for the gentlemen), to honor Jackie O at the Banquet on Saturday evening while we listen to Chief Judge John R. Tunheim give a presentation on his participation on the President John F. Kennedy U.S. Assassination Records Review Board.

And, let's not forget that we have two optional events that you can choose from on Friday night! You can either go to the Mall of America and participate in a scavenger hunt and then go shopping **OR** you can attend a Twins game at Target Field!

When you arrive at the airport, transportation is fairly easy.... you may take the Light Rail Transit (LRT) to the Nicollet Mall Station (approximately two blocks from the hotel), which runs every 10-15 minutes, with a \$2.25 fare (during rush hour) or \$1.75 at other times. Taxi service is also available, which is approximately \$50 one way.

If you haven't already done so, please book your room at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center as soon as you can. For your convenience, 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**.

WANTED: DOOR PRIZES!!!

The Conference Committee needs your help. As in past years, the Committee is asking for items for door prizes. If you would like to participate, please bring with you donations from your state or region. There are no rules. Any size, shape or value accepted. However, do remember that most people will be traveling by air and will have to pack it in a suitcase! Please bring your contribution with you to the registration table or contact Gerri Rishel (gerri_rishel@mnd.uscourts.gov) to send your donations directly to us.

Thank you in advance! We really appreciate your participation.

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BACK TO THE SIXTIES!

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
2016 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 8 – 11, 2016**

Thursday, September 8, 2016

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception (suggested attire: Tie Dye)

Friday, September 9, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Travel to Minneapolis Courthouse, Courtroom 15E
- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Welcoming Remarks from FJAA President Mary Ellen Druckenbrod
- 9:10 – 9:15 a.m. National Anthem – Lynn Magee, Eighth Circuit Representative
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome to Minnesota – Tara Norgard, President, Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Active Shooter Training – U.S. Marshal Sharon Lubinski, District of Minnesota
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and Somali Terrorism Trials – The Honorable Michael J. Davis, District Judge, District of Minnesota
- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. NextGen Preview and Panel Discussion
- Lou Jean Gleason, Operations Manager, District of Minnesota
 - Judith Kirby, Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy to the Honorable Hildy Bowbeer, Magistrate Judge, District of Minnesota
 - Heather Arent-Zachary, Courtroom Deputy to the Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chief District Judge, District of Minnesota
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break

- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. *Pro Se* Project Panel
- The Honorable Franklin L. Noel, Magistrate Judge, District of Minnesota
 - Tricia Pepin, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, District of Minnesota
 - Tiffany A. Sanders, *Pro Se* Project Coordinator
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. WestCheck – Chris Duncan, Esq., Government Client Manager, Thomson Reuters
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Tips and Tricks from the Librarian – Andrea Wambach, Eighth Circuit Branch Librarian
- 5:30 p.m. Meet in Lobby for Optional Events (Scavenger Hunt at Mall of America [or] Minnesota Twins v. Cleveland Indians Baseball Game (game starts at 7:10 p.m.)

Saturday, September 10, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. FJAA General Membership Meeting
- 9:30 – 9:35 a.m. JSAG Update
- 9:35 – 10:30 a.m. Courtrooms as Classrooms...How the courts can provide meaningful civics education programs for citizens
- Kathleen McMahon-Walford, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Jeffrey T. Miller, District Judge, Southern District of California
 - Susie Chilton, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia, District Judge, Southern District of California
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. International Rule of Law – The Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, District Judge, District of Minnesota
- 11:45 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. What You Need to Know About International Travel – Wanda Rubianes, Supervisory Attorney Advisor, Judicial Programs Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. iPads for Judges – The Honorable Timothy Burgess, Chief Judge, District of Alaska
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Oscar Presentation - Laura W. Simon, Management Analyst, Policy and Strategic Initiatives Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Lou Gil, IT Specialist, IT Training Division, San Antonio Training Center
- 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Banquet (suggested attire: Classic '60s, ladies are encouraged to wear pearls or a pillbox hat and perhaps a fedora hat for the men)
President John F. Kennedy U.S. Assassination Records Review Board Presentation – The Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chief District Judge, District of Minnesota

Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Please note that topics and speakers are subject to change due to circumstances beyond FJAA's control.

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

Name	Title	
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? Yes 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>)		
	✍ Scavenger Hunt at Mall of America	\$ 21.00	
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OPTIONAL EVENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AS OF AUGUST 19, 2016 **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____

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