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July 15, 2015

Dear FJAA Members:

Summer came in with a vengeance to Alaska! We are literally "on fire" as the millennials like to say. With over 700 fires burning in Alaska currently, we have exhausted the resources we have here to fight the fires. We recorded extremely hot temperatures in May and June. The combination of high temperatures, lower humidity and record lightning strikes created the perfect conditions for wildfires. As of July 1st, over 1.88 million acres of land have burned.



On my way home from the FCCA Conference in Kansas City, I met several young firefighters, seasonal employees of the Department of Forestry, who were headed to Fairbanks, Alaska to parachute into the wildfires to help contain them. I thanked them for their service and for helping try to save homes and property. Sometimes reinforcement is necessary and you just cannot fight the fires by yourself.

Often times, I see judicial assistants jump in to help others with assignments, projects and anything that needs to be done. It makes me proud to be part of the cadre of professionals who serve in this capacity in the federal courts. To know that there is someone who is willing to "show you the ropes" or pitch in when you really need a hand in chambers is comforting.

I attended the FCCA Annual Conference in Kansas City in June. Jenine Wright, a judicial assistant from Wichita, organized the group of JAs who attended for a luncheon at a fabulous local restaurant. Jenine and her Chief Judge Thomas Marten could not have been more gracious in welcoming us to Kansas City.

Your FJAA Board is a group of consummate professionals. They are the ones who have done more than I have asked and are always willing to go the extra mile for you and me. I could not have picked a better group to serve alongside.

I have had the good fortune to meet so many of you and share ideas and discuss issues. Our annual conference in Charleston is heating up and on track to be one of our best yet. So make your plans now to attend and end your summer with an inspiring and educational weekend in South Carolina. It is certainly going to be the “hottest” ticket in town when the FJAA arrives! Invite your colleagues and recruit a new judicial assistant who may want to join us for a cool, refreshing end-of-summer celebration as we share ideas and learn together.

Stay safe and enjoy the lazy days of summer!

All Best,

Stephanie Lawley

CIRCUIT NEWS

Federal Court Clerk’s Association 2015 Annual Conference In Kansas City

The FCCA Annual Conference was held June 22-25, 2015 in Kansas City. The conference was a fantastic opportunity to attend the educational sessions and network with other judicial assistants, courtroom deputies and staff from courts across the country. There were 8 Judicial Assistants and 56 Courtroom Deputies in attendance. Jenine Wright, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable J. Thomas Marten, Chief Judge, from Wichita, Kansas went out of her way to organize a special luncheon at a local restaurant for JAs and CRDs to meet and have lunch together.

One of the highlights of the conference was getting to tour the beautiful the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. AO Deputy Director, Jill Sayenga, and John Cooke, Deputy Director of the Federal Judicial Center, presided over a plenary session in the ceremonial courtroom. Afterwards, a reception complete with delicious Kansas City BBQ and live jazz musicians completed the event. The Kansas City courthouse has an exceptional Citizenship Exhibit outside their ceremonial courtroom. The designer of the exhibit also has a touring exhibit that over 125,000 people have had an opportunity to see. Chief Judge Marten proudly showcased the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse and the entire Kansas City team rolled out the red carpet for all who attended.

Next year’s FCCA Conference will be a joint conference with the Bankruptcy Clerk’s Association to be held August 8-11, 2016 in Washington, DC.

Thank you Jenine Wright, Chief Judge Marten, Team Kansas, and the FCCA for extending a warm welcome to Judicial Assistants to attend the FCCA annual conference.

Photo of Stephanie Lawley and Jenine Wright at the 70’s Disco Banquet.





SAVE THE DATE!!!

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE 2015 FJAA
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN BEAUTIFUL
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA SEPTEMBER 10 – 13**



EVERYONE'S FAVORITE SPEAKER

LOU GIL

**HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION
TO SPEAK AT THE
CONFERENCE**

**GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS
AND START MAKING PLANS TO
ATTEND.....**

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!



BE SURE TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

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**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL RAFFLE 2015**

DRAWING: Saturday, September 12, 2015
Charleston, South Carolina

Grand Prize - \$200.00 VISA Gift Card

Jewelry, Totes, Wallets, Watches and Much More!

\$10.00 Book of (12) Tickets or \$1.00 per ticket

Winner Need Not Be Present

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You can purchase raffle tickets from your 5th Circuit Rep, or by mailing a check to Marie Firmin, Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge Sally Shushan, 500 Poydras Street, Room B-345, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 and your raffle stubs will be mailed to you. Winner Need Not Be Present at the conference to collect the prize - the prize will be sent to you. Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase during the Conference in Charleston.

Conference Door Prize Reminder: Any Judicial Assistant willing to donate a door prize from their Court should bring it to the conference registration table or to the raffle table. If not attending the Conference and you would like to donate, please contact marie_firmin@laed.uscourts.gov and mailing instructions will be given.

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
2015 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Charleston, South Carolina
September 10-13, 2015**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2015

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting - Laurens
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration - Upper Lobby
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception - In park across street from the Francis Marion Hotel
Welcome by The Honorable Solomon Blatt, Jr., Senior District Court Judge,
District of South Carolina

Friday, September 11, 2015

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration - Upper Lobby

All Meetings will take place in Colonial

- 8:30 - 8:40 a.m. Welcoming Remarks from the Conference Committee and FJAA President,
Stephanie Lawley, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Timothy M. Burgess,
Alaska District Court
- 8:40 - 8:50 a.m. Welcome to Charleston, SC - The Honorable Patrick Michael Duffy,
Senior District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Director James C. Duff, AO
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. What Do We Really Know About Leadership? - Dr. Michael E. Siegel,
FJC Senior Education Specialist
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Travel to Charleston Federal Courthouse for Judge Gergel's presentation
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The Honorable J. Waties Waring and *Plessy v. Ferguson* - The Honorable
Richard Mark Gergel, District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Retirement - *Planning for Your Future* - John L. McGrath, Jr., AO HR Specialist
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Personal Safety/Security Training and Awareness -
Chuck Banghart, United States Marshal Service
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. CM/ECF NextGen/TDY - Karen Hillebrand, Judicial Assistant to
District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds, Michigan Eastern District Court

- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Capitalizing on OSCAR's Robust Hiring Features!
Laura W. Simon, AO OSCAR Program Manager
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Optional Event - Dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of Carolina

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. FJAA General Membership Meeting
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Chambers Software Tips and Tricks - Cathy B. Gray, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Sheryl H. Lipman, Tennessee Western District Court
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Customs Investigations in a Global Economy - Patrick Brennan McDavid, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, Resident Agent in Charge, Charleston, South Carolina
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dealing with the Six Parts of Personality - Lou T. Gil, IT Specialist (Texas)
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. BRIDGE: South Carolina's Federal Drug Court - The Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks, District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Update on Open Doors to Federal Court - Rebecca L. Baertsch, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Donovan W. Frank, Minnesota District Court
- 3:45 - 4:05 p.m. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) - Janet E. Curry, Judicial Assistant to District Judge John T. Curtin, Western District of New York
- 4:05 - 4:15 p.m. JSAG Update - Acting Chief Ellen Fritz, JSAG Coordinator
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Banquet - Gold Ballroom

Sunday, September 13, 2015

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial

General Business Meeting was held on Saturday morning.
Attendees can have the day to sightsee or travel.

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

NextGen CM/ECF Operations Forum held May 19-20, 2015 in Dallas, Texas

The NextGen CM/ECF Operations Forum held May 19-20, 2015 in Dallas, Texas. The combined forum was attended by over 1,600 participants from the District and Bankruptcy courts. Attendees attended live demonstrations of the central sign-on featured in NextGen, as well as other workshops and open forums describing new features that will be available when NextGen CM/ECF is live in the courts.

All PowerPoint presentations from the forum will be available on the J-Net. There were several judicial assistants in attendance. One of the lunchtime breakout sessions was exclusively for judicial assistants.

Pictured in this photograph are:

Cindi Hubbard, South Carolina; Mari Rosa Jorge, Puerto Rico; Gail Morgan, Alaska; Julie Lemm, Western Washington; Stephanie Lawley, Alaska; Cathy Gray, Tennessee; and Phyllis Buchanan, Western Tennessee.



FIRST CIRCUIT NEWS



First Circuit
Joan Ausman

Memberships:

Thank you to several returning and new members who sent in their registration forms and checks recently. We may be a small circuit but we can still have a large presence in our association! I hope to see many of you in September at the Charleston conference!

Welcome to Terry Manning, JA to Judge Allison D. Burroughs, U.S. District Court, Boston, Massachusetts

Terry's career with the government spans over 34 years. She came to the judiciary from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston, MA where she had worked with Judge Burroughs when the judge was an AUSA. Terry has worked with various government agencies over the years, including the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Drug Task Force Unit and Criminal Division. In 1995 she briefly left the federal government for a position as Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff of Middlesex County, Mass. In May 1997 she returned to the U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as Administrative Assistant to U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern. Terry later joined the Economic Crimes Unit where she worked until February 2015, when she joined the court. Terry enjoys traveling, bowling, shopping, and most of all spending time with her sisters and their families.

Judge Allison Burroughs was sworn in as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Massachusetts on January 7, 2015. She received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to joining the bench, she was a partner in the Boston firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish. Before that, she worked in the Boston and Philadelphia offices of the United States Attorney. During her 16 years as an AUSA, she developed trial and investigation expertise in sophisticated white collar and economic crimes. Judge Burroughs began her legal career as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Norma Shapiro in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Remarking on her appointment, Chief Judge Saris said, "Judge Burroughs fills the seat left vacant when Judge Rya Zobel took senior status, and is the fourth new judge on the Federal District Court confirmed in the past year. We are excited to have her energy and vast civil and criminal litigation experience."

We wish Terry and Judge Burroughs all the best in their positions with the court and look forward to getting to know Terry as a member of the FJAA!

First Circuit News Continued.....

The following press release concerning the elevation of Judge Jeffrey Howard to Chief Judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeals was recently announced:

**THE HONORABLE JEFFREY R. HOWARD NEXT CHIEF JUDGE
OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

BOSTON (June 16, 2015)—On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Honorable Jeffrey R. Howard became the tenth chief judge of the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, a position created by Congress in 1948. The chief judge of the circuit assumes the position based on seniority, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 45. Chief Judge Howard succeeds Judge Sandra L. Lynch, who has served with distinction as Chief Judge for her seven year term. Judge Lynch remains on the Court of Appeals in regular, active service. Upon assuming the office Chief Judge Howard stated, "I am humbled to be entering this position of enormous trust among my colleagues on the Court of Appeals. I am grateful that I enter the office with the knowledge that the courts of the First Circuit are held in the highest regard, thanks to the fine judges and public servants who staff those courts, and especially because of the tireless efforts of outgoing Chief Judge Sandra Lynch, whose reputation as a brilliant judge and national leader in court administration has been a credit to our circuit."

A native of New Hampshire, Chief Judge Howard has served on the First Circuit Court of Appeals for 13 years. He was nominated by President George W. Bush on September 4, 2001, and received his commission on May 3, 2002. Before joining the federal judiciary, Chief Judge Howard spent much of his career serving the state and federal governments, first in the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General in the 1980s as an Assistant Attorney General, and then Deputy Attorney General. In 1989, Chief Judge Howard became the United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, and in 1991 was designated Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice, holding both positions until 1993 when he returned to state service as the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire until 1997. Subsequently, Chief Judge Howard was a partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart. As a judge on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Howard has served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law and the Committee on the Judicial Branch."

We extend our congratulations to Judge Howard and his Judicial Assistant, Lynne Woodward.

**See you in Charleston!
(My husband and I vacationed there last year – you will love it!
Bring your walking shoes because it's a great city to walk (it's flat, unlike NH!)).**

Joan Ausman, D.N.H.



Second Circuit *Janet Hansen*

District of Connecticut:

On April 26, 2015, the Honorable Lorraine Murphy Weil passed away at the age of 68. Judge Weil was sworn in as the first female United States Bankruptcy Court Judge for the District of Connecticut in 1999 and her chambers were located in New Haven, CT. Judge Weil retired as Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the District of Connecticut in 2013. We send our sincerest condolences to Judge Weil's family.

On June 1, 2015, 482 people from 91 countries took the oath of citizenship in the largest naturalization ceremony ever held in the State of Connecticut. U.S. Magistrate Judge Joan Margolis convened U.S. District Court at Woolsey Hall at Yale University, New Haven, CT, in order to accommodate the large group. Several officials spoke at the event, all of whom had family immigration stories of their own to tell. Yale University's President, Peter Salovey, spoke of his paternal grandfather, who was from Jerusalem, and his grandmother, who was born in Poland. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn, spoke of his father, who came to America at age 17 in 1935, fleeing persecution in Germany, speaking no English and arriving with little more than the clothes he was wearing. Even Judge Margolis spoke of her grandparents, who left Czarist Russia in 1905. She told the new citizens that "America is you," referring to the long history of immigration to the United States. She also told the group "We need your heritage, we need your culture, we need your beliefs, because that is what makes America great, *you* are what makes America great." Congratulations to all involved in making this naturalization ceremony the *huge* success that it was!

On June 30, 2015, U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas P. Smith, who sits in Hartford, Connecticut, retired after more than 35 years on the bench. Judge Smith is the longest-sitting U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Second Circuit, which is comprised of Connecticut, Vermont and New York. He graduated first in his class of 137 at the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1972 and is the first University of Connecticut Law School graduate to be appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge. Magistrate Judges are federal trial court judges who are appointed to the court for eight-year terms. Judge Smith is in his fifth eight-year term. Before his appointment, Judge Smith was a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice and a professor of contract law. He also taught an undergraduate law course at Trinity College in Hartford for 23 years. We thank Judge Smith for his many years of dedicated service, and wish him much happiness and personal fulfillment in his retirement!

Second Circuit Continued.....

One of our colleagues, Bernadette DeRubeis, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Janet C. Hall, informs me that she attended the CM/ECF Next Gen Forum which was held in Dallas, Texas, in May. She reports that it was a great experience for her and she enjoyed meeting with other Judicial Assistants who were in attendance. Apparently there were more than 1,200 Clerk's Office staff and Chambers staff attending the conference! She particularly enjoyed a lunch one day in which a group of attendees shared some great ideas with each other. This is what also occurs at the FJAA Conferences—meeting your counterparts and sharing ideas!

Thanks Bernadette!

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Eastern District of New York:

Marie Liberatore, Judicial Assisant to Chief Judge Carol B. Amon, is retiring after 41 years of federal service. Marie's Eastern District Court family held a farewell gathering in her honor on June 30 at the Cadman Plaza Courthouse, sending her off with plenty of hugs and good wishes. Marie, we applaud your dedication and wish you every happiness in the next chapter of your life.

Enjoy your retirement—you deserve it!

Southern District of New York:

Katia Tompkins joined Judge Tsoucalas' chambers in September 2014 with quite an impressive resume. From January 2010-2013, she was an Administrative Assistant to the Clerk of the Court at the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York. Prior to that she was an Office Manager/Senior Paralegal at a law firm in Garden City, New York and was also a Senior Court Analyst to the Chief Clerk, Unified Court System, New York State, Supreme Court of Kings County in Brooklyn, New York. Katia has a Master of Arts degree, and a Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree; all from St. John's University, Jamaica, New York. Katia lives in Oceanside, New York, with her husband Shaun Tompkins and their two children, Kaitlyn and Matthew. In her spare time, Katia enjoys traveling, volleyball, swimming, makeup and reading.

WELCOME NEW FJAA MEMBERS

I would like send a warm welcome to three new FJAA members from the Second Circuit: **Maria C. Dionne**, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Colleen A. Brown, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Burlington, VT; **Peggy Weissberg**, Judicial Assistant to Judge Brian M. Cogan, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY; and **Katia Tompkins**, Paralegal to Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas, U.S. Court of International Trade, New York, NY.

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Maria Dionne came to the Bankruptcy Court, District of Vermont, in November of 2014 as Judge Colleen Brown’s Judicial Assistant. Prior to joining Judge Brown, she had worked at GE Healthcare for over 20 years as a Legal Administrator and Executive Assistant. Maria has a Bachelor’s Degree from Johnson State College and an Associate's Degree from Champlain College in Paralegal Studies.

Maria is thrilled to be part of the Federal Court team and delighted to be working with Judge Brown. Maria wanted to thank the other JAs across the country for all of their support and mentorship.

Maria and her husband Mike have two daughters, Natalie and Alex, and they reside in Williston, Vermont. Maria is a classically trained pianist, and enjoys music of all kinds. She also enjoys cooking, shopping, traveling and sports.

Maria joined FJAA in February, and is interested in possibly attending future conferences.

Peggy Weisberg has been in the federal court system since 2006. She began working with Judge Cogan in 1981-- first as his legal secretary while he was a Senior Litigation Partner and General Counsel at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, and later as a member of his Chambers' staff. As his Judicial Assistant, Peggy enjoys the many challenges of the position and the fact that it is a continuing learning experience. When not at work, she enjoys gardening, cooking and dance fitness. But most importantly, she treasures the time that she can spend with her family-- her husband Michael, her son Andrew, and daughter Pam and son-in-law Michael and her two granddaughters, Olivia and Sydney, and last but not least, their dog poodle Bella!

Katia Tompkins joined Judge Tsoucalas’s chambers at the International Court of Trade in September, 2014.

Congratulations, even if belatedly, to all of you on your appointments! We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the FJAA—hopefully in person, in Charleston, SC!

We wish everyone a wonderful happy, healthy Summer! Enjoy!

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

THIRD Circuit

Iris Liriano



On May 7, 2015, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey in Trenton held a dedication ceremony for The Honorable Anne E. Thompson. The jury assembly room located at the Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Courthouse was renamed in her honor. In addition to court personnel and guests, Judge Thompson's past and present law clerks were there to partake in this celebration. We congratulate Judge Thompson for this huge honor.



The Honorable Anne E. Thompson

On May 28, 2015, our newest member of the Court family, The Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre, held her 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 Honorable Jerome B. Simandle. Christian Dunn and Ryan Wettre held the bible during the administration of the oath. William and Beverly Dunn presented Judge Wettre with her robe. The guest speakers were The Honorable John F. Keenan, U.S. District Judge, S.D. New York and Donald A. Robinson, Esq., Robinson Miller, LLC. The event was concluded with a beautiful reception in the Great Hall.

Judge Wettre was a partner with the law firm, Robinson, Wettre & Miller, LLC from 1997 until her appointment. She clerked for the Hon. John F. Keenan, U.S. District Court Judge, S.D. New York from 1995 until 1997. Judge Wettre graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990, cum laude and Fordham University School of Law in 1993. Currently, she is the President of the Historical Society of the United States District Court.



(Pictured from left to right: Donald A. Robinson, Esq. The Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre, U.S. Magistrate Judge, The Honorable John. F. Keenan, USDJ, SDNY)

FOURTH Circuit *Barbara*



Maryland

There has been a redesign of the District of Maryland courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland! The court was facing a space emergency with three district judges taking senior status, their replacements coming on board, and a growing misdemeanor docket. The court was short on chambers and courtrooms. In 2011, led by then Chief Judge Deborah K. Chasanow an innovative solution was planned that would maximize use of the existing space. The end result, a chambers suite that will accommodate five judges and staff, was revealed in May. In addition to offices, the suite includes shared conference rooms, copy and file/storage areas, as well as a large kitchen/break room. The judicial assistants share a common area in the center of the suite. A special design touch was the use of glass for the interior walls that gives the suite an airy feel. It is a beautiful and efficient use of space that alleviated some of the Southern Division's overcrowding issues. A more extensive article about the redesign can be found on the U. S. Courts website. The article includes more photos and a video interview with Senior U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow. <http://www.uscourts.gov/news/2015/05/28/redesign-saves-millions-gets-courthouse-out-jam>



Judicial Assistants' Central Area

Law Clerk Offices



Fourth Circuit News Continued.....

Have you made your reservation yet for the 2015 FJAA Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina? If not, don't delay - you don't want to miss this exciting event! Here are a few interesting facts about Charles-ton to pique your interest:

At the tip of the Charleston peninsula is the Battery, where the Ashley River and Cooper River meet. White Point Gardens is located in the Battery, and received its name from the English in 1670, because they noticed droves of white oyster shells in this area as they sailed by. If you have a chance, be sure to visit – it's a lovely park with old cannons and a gorgeous gazebo.

Native Charlestonians Arthur Middleton, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Edward Rutledge and Thomas Lynch, Jr. were signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Charleston is nicknamed "The Holy City" because it was among the few cities in the original colonies that welcomed many different religions. The downtown skyline is dotted with many church steeples that date back to the 1700s and 1800s.

The pineapple has long been a symbol of hospitality. Come see the most delightful pineapple fountain, located in Waterfront Park at 1 Vendue. Take in the beautiful views of the Cooper River while relax-ing on a family-sized swing.

Whether you're a foodie or a shopaholic, a history buff or a beach bum, Charleston has something for everyone to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to reunite with your FJAA friends, learn what's going on in the Judiciary, and enjoy a beautiful and historic city.

In order to attend the conference, you must first submit your registration form and check to:

Janice Pearce
Chambers of the Honorable Sol Blatt, Jr.
United States District Court
PO Box 835
Charleston, SC 29402

Once your registration form and check have been submitted, you will receive a code via email that you will use when making your hotel reservation. This code is mandatory. If anyone has questions about using the code when making their hotel reservation, please contact Cindi Hubbard (cindi_hubbard@scd.uscourts.gov) or Lisa Richberg (lisa_richberg@scd.uscourts.gov).

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Fifth Circuit
Hope Taormina

Fifth Circuit News
Southern District of Texas
Congratulations and Welcome

Houston Division
United States District Judge David Hittner



Judge David Hittner was awarded The Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award given by the Texas Bar Foundation at the State Bar of Texas' annual conference dinner in June. The award was the first award established by the Texas Bar Foundation in 1974 and recognizes attorneys whose practice spanned 50 years or more and who adhere to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public. Judge Hittner began his professional career in private practice in Houston, Texas for 12 years; appointed Judge of the 133rd Judicial District Court in Harris County, Texas in 1978 and was nominated by President Ronald Regan to the bench of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas - Houston Division in 1986.

Congratulations Judge Hittner!

Houston Division
United States District Judge Alfred Bennett



Judge Alfred H. Bennett was nominated by President Barack Obama on January 7, 2015, to a seat vacated by Kenneth M. Hoyt. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 13, 2015, and received his commission on April 15, 2015. Judge Bennett was administered the oath of office on April 16, 2015 and is currently serving in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas. Judge Bennett received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1988 from the University of Houston. He received a Juris Doctor degree in 1991 from the University of Texas School of Law. He served as an attorney at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski from 1991 to 1994 and at the law firm of Solar & Fernandes LLP from 1994 to 1998. From 1998 to 2008, he was a solo practitioner, representing individuals and companies in litigation before both Federal and State courts. From 2009 to 2015, he served as the Presiding Judge for the 61st Civil District Court of Texas. From 2010 to 2011, he served as the Administrative Judge for the Harris County Civil District Courts.

Welcome Judge Bennett!

Galveston Division

United States District Judge George C. Hanks, Jr.



Judge George C. Hanks, Jr. was nominated by President Barack Obama on January 7, 2015, to a seat vacated by Nancy F. Atlas. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 20, 2015, and received his commission on April 22, 2015. Judge Hanks was administered the oath of office on April 23, 2015. He will serve in the Galveston and Victoria Divisions of the Southern District of Texas.

Judge Hanks was born in 1964, in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, in 1986 from Louisiana State University. He received a Juris Doctor degree in 1989 from Harvard Law School. He received a Master of Laws degree in 2014 from Duke University Law School. He began his legal career by serving as a law clerk for Judge Sim Lake of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, from 1989 to 1991. He served as an associate at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, from 1991 to 1996, and as a shareholder at the law firm of Wickliff & Hall, PC, from 1996 to 2000. From 2001 to 2002, he served as a District Judge for the 157th Civil District Court of Texas. From 2003 to 2010, he served as a Justice on the First Court of Appeals of Texas. From September 13, 2010 to April 22, 2015, he served as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of Texas.

Welcome Judge Hanks!

SIXTH Circuit

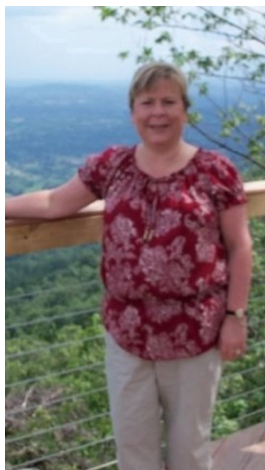
Kelly Kopf

Western District of Michigan

Welcoming the next Chief Judge

On June 19, 2015, the Western District of Michigan had a ceremony to celebrate the term of Chief Judge Paul L. Maloney. Judge Maloney has proudly served as the District's Chief Judge since July 2008.

While Judge Maloney will remain the active Chief Judge through July 17, 2015, the District is excited to welcome The Honorable Robert J. Jonker as the next Chief Judge.



Pictured:

Current Chief Judge Paul L. Maloney
Presided in Kalamazoo, Michigan as the
Chief of the Western District since July 2008



Pictured:

The Honorable Robert J. Jonker, who will become
The Chief Judge on July 18, 2015

SEVENTH Circuit*Anne Wolf*

Sadly, Marcia DeYoung died May 26, 2015. She was the Judicial Assistant to The Honorable Harry D. Leinenweber (ILND) from 1986-1996.

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Shared info from Melissa Hardin WIWD:

Our court is in the midst of reappointing Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker to another 8-year term. He is our only full-time Magistrate. We've also welcomed four new employees since the beginning of the year which, as a small court, is very unusual. Typically we go several years in between new hires (with the exception of term law clerks).

**FJAA Conference in Charleston, S.C.
Transportation Information**

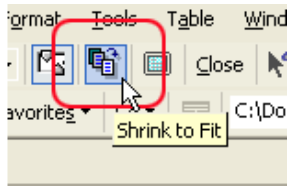
For members attending the annual conference in Charleston, the following ground transportation information might be of interest:

Transportation can be obtained at the airport to the Francis Marion Hotel. You will need to exit the airport through the baggage claim area to the shuttle stand outside. There you will get on a shuttle or take a taxi to downtown. Shuttles usually cost \$12- \$15 per person and a taxi will be \$30-35. The shuttles and taxis are awaiting arriving passengers so there shouldn't be any problem getting one immediately.

When you are leaving the Hotel to go back to the airport, you can sign up for Mitch's shuttle service at our front desk. He will go directly to the Airport without stops. We schedule the return shuttle on the half hour and hour. We suggest leaving 1 ½ hours before your departure time. Shuttle will be \$15 per person if two or more are traveling at the same time in the shuttle or \$30 for one person.

Microsoft Word Tips

Shrink to Fit



<https://support.microsoft.com>

When you write a document in Word 2010 and your document is just a few lines too long to fit onto one page, you can use the Shrink to Fit option (Shrink One Page) to quickly reduce the document to one page. Shrink to Fit will reduce the font size of the document to the point where the document fits on one less page than it would use.

The Shrink to fit command is available in Word 2002, 2003, and 2007. In Word 2010 the option is not available on the ribbon or the quick access toolbar. However, you can customize the ribbon and add the command Shrink One Page to a new or existing group.

Format Painter



<https://support.office.com/en-za/article/Use-the-Format-Painter-4bb415a9-d4e4-42b7-b579-170adc594e40>

You can use the Format Painter on the Home tab to apply text formatting and some basic graphics formatting, such as borders and fills.

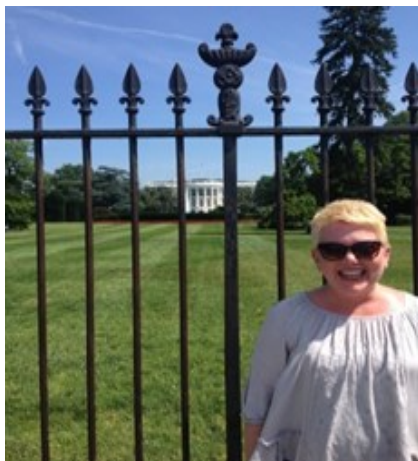
Let me know if you have questions. If you have other Word tips, please share them!

Tips shared by: anne_wolf@ilnd.uscourts.gov

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston! Anne

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Lynn Magee



Not too long ago, Judge Scott Wright, Middle District of Missouri, announced that he would be retiring at the end of June 2015. After some soul searching, Judge Wright's Assistant and our 8th Circuit Representative, Susan Sandridge, decided to take early retirement. As you can imagine, there has been a lot of transition and clean-up work going on in Susan's world.

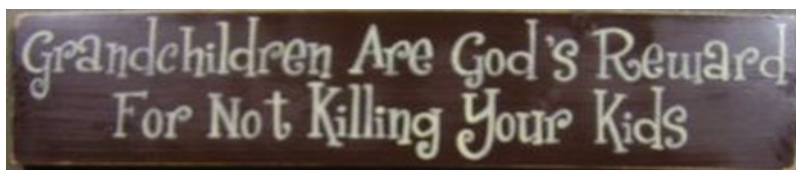


On behalf of all of us at the FJAA and the Eighth Circuit, we wish you well, Ms. Susan!

Greetings from Saint Paul! I am so happy to be back home after traveling to D.C. on an Eighth Grade History Tour earlier this month. 160 Students, 22 chaperones, very little sleep, and many, many miles of walking and touring. All in all, a great trip!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Lynn Magee, and I have been with the Federal Family here in Saint Paul for about eight years now, assisting Judges Paul Magnuson and Donald Alsop, and I am the new Eighth Circuit Representative. Prior to working here at the Federal Court, I was a JA to a Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court. With 18 years of service at a Minneapolis law firm prior to both of these positions, I can tell you one thing for sure: I have the greatest job in the world!

On a personal note, I have been married to my husband, John, for 30 years, we have five grown children (one boy, four girls), two of whom are married, and we have one grandson. When I was younger I came across this saying:



I kind of dismissed it when I was younger, but now that I'm a grandma I know this to be 100% true!

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(Photo: Minneapolis Sculpture Garden)

The Eighth Circuit Judicial Assistants Workshop was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 3-5. I would like to thank the Program Committee, Tammy Haglin, Kris Schneiss, Arla Woerth, and Anita Wolrab, with special thanks to Julie Sante, and the always enjoyable Ms. Mille Adams for their work in putting this Workshop together. From Travel Policies and Regulations, e-Vouchers, Retirement, and Wellness presentations, to iPad/iPhone tips and tricks, it was *very* informative. Again, thank you all.



Judge Michael J. Davis



Judge John R. Tunheim

For those of you who attended the Workshop, you will remember that The Hon. John Tunheim (MN District) presented a very informative lecture entitled “President John F. Kennedy Assassination.” Judge Tunheim will become our new Chief Judge for the District of Minnesota on July 1, 2015. Our current Chief Judge, Judge Michael Davis (who was also in attendance, and introduced Judge Tunheim) is sincerely thanked for his leadership these past seven years through very uncertain and difficult financial times.

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If you have any questions, or if you would like to submit an article for our next newsletter, please send me an e-mail. Lynn_magee@mnd.uscourts.gov.

I look forward to working with you, and meeting you in Charleston, South Carolina this fall.

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NINTH CIRCUIT

Julie Lemm



New Federal Re-entry Court in Alaska Aimed at Reducing Recidivism

Federal officials in Alaska have established a "re-entry" court aimed at reducing the number of offenders' relapses into criminal behavior. "The goal is to reduce recidivism, but really it's to help people reclaim their lives in a crime-free and a drug-free lifestyle," said U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Smith, who was credited by colleagues with heading up the effort to establish the court. The U.S. District Court for the state set up the Alaska Hope Court by general order on May 29.

Re-entry courts are meant to closely manage people after they are released from prison, using court authority to steer them toward resources and offer feedback. It's like a team of guidance counselors for felons trying to re-establish their community ties. That includes ensuring participants enroll in substance abuse or mental health treatment and helping them meet essential needs like housing and employment.

Research shows recidivism can be reduced through such assistance, officials said.

All federal defendants on probation and those who have completed their sentences and are on supervised release can volunteer for the re-entry court, with the exception of sex offenders. Smith said the exclusion of sex offenders is typical in similar courts nationwide. But they could be added in the future, she said. As of May 29, the re-entry court team had identified 17 potential participants. All six of the people asked to join the pilot project so far had agreed. The first court session was set for June 25.

The Revolving Door

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Burgess said he and others involved in setting up the re-entry court were interested in trying something new after dealing with the same offenders multiple times. "It came from a basic frustration of seeing people come back to court too often after they've already been through the criminal justice system," said Burgess, who serves as the re-entry court's committee chair. The team felt it was important to get involved earlier in the lives of recently released inmates and help them break bad habits, he said.

"Once people have served their sentence and paid their debt to society, as is often said, we all still have a role to play when helping offenders transition back into the community, so we don't see them again and start the whole process over," said first assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Feldis. The court system spends a lot of money dealing with people who break their release conditions, said federal public defender Rich Curtner.

Studies: Re-entry courts reduce recidivism

This is the third attempt to start a federal re-entry court in Alaska. The previous two attempts, Judge Smith said, were halted by concerns about effectiveness and availability of resources. This time, a subcommittee reviewed numerous re-entry and therapeutic courts in federal districts with caseloads similar to Alaska's. They also looked at the state's therapeutic courts, officials said.

The re-entry team required that the Alaska court be founded on empirical evidence. "We wanted to make sure we had a program that fit our (criminal) court and our community," Curtner said. "It was a matter of shopping and trying to come up with our own plan."

The subcommittee's report says there are more than 2,300 courts nationwide seeking to solve the problems presented by defendants with substance abuse issues and addictions. The bulk of these are called drug courts. Several studies have found that drug courts reduce crime. One such study concluded that for every dollar spent on drug courts, the criminal justice system saves more than \$2 in the long run, the report says.

Continuing dialogues

Judge Smith said she and her colleagues agree there should be swift sanctions for re-entry court participants who fail to follow the rules. The severity of the sanctions varies and can include things like a few days of jail time for a positive drug test. "That seems to be a very valuable feature," Smith said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin McCoy said that in criminal court, dialogue between judge and defendant often ends when a judge starts to detail why the defendant is being sentenced. Offenders tune out the court, said McCoy. Re-entry court will allow for greater interaction between judges and defendants, he said.

"What this program has that I don't have now is the opportunity to acknowledge someone's accomplishments and not just their failures," Burgess said.

Source URL: <https://www.adn.com/article/20150607/new-federal-re-entry-court-alaska-aimed-reducing-recidivism>

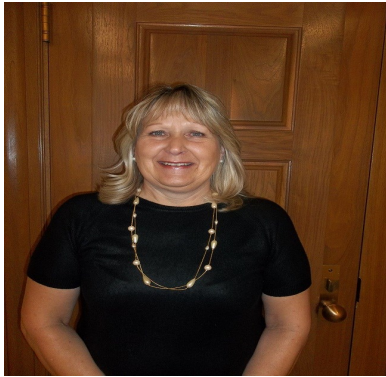
Senate Panel Approves Judge for California Courthouse

The Senate Judiciary Committee on [June 4, 2015] overcame its frequent partisan rancor to recommend filling a crucial Fresno-based judicial seat, handily approving the nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd as a U.S. District Court Judge. The committee's action on voice vote clears the way for Drozd's elevation to a life-tenured position in the Eastern District of California, with final Senate approval possible at any time.

"I am so pleased that the Judiciary Committee approved Judge Drozd, an exceptional nominee who has a proven track record as a magistrate judge in the Eastern District for the last 18 years, including as chief magistrate judge for the last four years," Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer of California said in a statement. If confirmed by the full Senate, as now appears probable, the 60-year-old Drozd will replace U.S. District Judge Anthony Ishii. Ishii took senior status in 2012, a kind of quasi-retirement position in which he can choose to take cases, or not.

A graduate of San Diego State University and UCLA School of Law, Drozd was originally appointed as magistrate judge in the Clinton administration. "He is well regarded in the legal community and among those who appear before him on a daily basis," said Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein of California, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/nation-world/national/article23151411.html#storylink=cpy>

TENTH CIRCUIT*Lynda Brown***GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!**

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at the conference in Charleston in September.

KANSAS NEWS

Thelma (Meacham) Borresen reports that on March 10 she became a great-grandmother of a beautiful little girl, Sydney Palay, of Chicago, Illinois.

Thelma is an active lifetime member of the FJAA. Thelma served as second President of the Federal Judges Secretaries Association (FJSA) from 1974-1976. She retired from the chambers of U. S. District Judge Wesley E. Brown (Wichita, Kansas) in March 1989. Thelma started work in Judge Brown's law office in Hutchinson, Kansas in September 1957. On April 1, 1958, she became Chief Clerk of Bankruptcy Court (that was the title at the time) when Judge Brown was appointed to the Federal Bankruptcy Court by President Dwight Eisenhower.

On April 12, 1962, Judge Brown was sworn in as United States District Judge in Wichita, Kansas. President John F. Kennedy appointed him. Thelma retired on April 1, 1989 but kept in touch with Judge Brown and attended by his invitation the Court's Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 1, 2011. She said Judge Brown was an amazing man. Judge Brown, who was still sitting at the time of his death, passed away on January 23, 2012 at the age of 104. He served 54 years on the bench.

Thelma also reports that her husband of more than 48 years, retired Psychologist, Robert Borresen, Ph.D. age 88, passed away on April 24, 2015.

Thelma is planning to attend the FJAA conference in Charleston, South Carolina in September. She is an amazing lady and hopefully everyone will get a chance to visit with her.

**ELEVENTH
CIRCUIT**

Barbara Lay



**Hello once again
from
the 11th Circuit!**

I would just like to say that I am happy to be your circuit representative, and I have so many things to be thankful for -- our very loyal 11th Circuit members are just one of the many!

I also want to say that my heart goes out to the folks in the Midwest and down to Texas with all the raining and flooding going on there now. I hope by the time the newsletter comes out it is a lot drier for all of you!

Best wishes
from the 11th Circuit and a big happy, Fourth of July!

DC CIRCUIT*Sharon Deare*

D. C. Circuit Courthouse

United States Court of Appeals D.C. Circuit

The D.C. Circuit ended another successful year of participation with the Innovations for Learning (IFL) Program. 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. The IFL serves students in the developing world as well, such as Ghana, Rwanda 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>

United States District Court for the District of Maryland *(No news for this issue)***United States Court of Appeals Federal Circuit**

MS. KARA FARNANDEZ STOLL has been nominated and is awaiting confirmation from the U.S. Senate to fill the soon to be vacated seat of Judge Randall Rader. Ms. Stoll received a B. S. degree in electrical engineering, in 1991, from Michigan State University. She worked as a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office from 1991 to 1997. Ms. Stoll received a Juris Doctor degree in 1997, from Georgetown University Law School. She served as a law clerk to Judge Alvin Schall of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from 1997 to 1998. Ms. Stoll is well known in the patent law community and is a litigator at Finnegan Henderson in Washington, D.C.

United States Court of Federal Claims

SENIOR JUDGE WILKES COLEMAN ROBINSON, of the United States Court of Federal Claims, died Monday, May 11, 2015. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Immanuel Anglican Church, 250 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, Florida. Judge Robinson was born in Anniston, Alabama in 1925. He graduated in 1948, from the University of Alabama, receiving an A.B. degree. In 1951, he received an LL.B. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. Judge Robinson served his country in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1944, and was in private practice as counsel for many years. Prior to his appointment to the Court, Judge Robinson served as vice president and general counsel to the SR Financial Group, Inc. Judge Robinson was appointed to the United States Court of Federal Claims by President Ronald Reagan on May 7, 1987. He formally retired on July 31, 1997, and continued to serve the Court during periods of recall as a Senior Judge.

MR. THOMAS HALKOWSKI has been nominated and is awaiting confirmation from the U.S. Senate to fill the soon to be vacated seat of Judge Lynn Bush. Mr. Halkowski received a B.S. degree, cum laude, from Marquette University in 1985, an M.S. degree in 1986 from the University of Florida, and received his Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1989. He began his legal career by serving as a law clerk for Judge Roger B. Andewelt of the United States Court of Federal Claims, from 1989 to 1990, and for Judge Helen W. Nies of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, from 1990 to 1992. Mr. Halkowski served as a trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice, from 1992 to 2000. Since 2000, he has served as a Principal in the Delaware office of Fish & Richardson, P.C., where he primarily handles patent litigation in federal court.

Scholarship Opportunities for FJAA Members

One of the benefits of membership in the FJAA is the opportunity to apply for scholarship money. The FJAA allocates \$1,500 annually to the scholarship fund. Members can apply for the scholarship money by contacting Bridgette Fortenberry, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and submitting the scholarship application form. Applications are due May 31, 2015 and August 31, 2015.

It was my distinct honor to receive scholarship money to offset the costs of completing the Certificate in Judicial Administration from Michigan State University (MSU). The MSU program offers coursework that may be completed either in-person, on-line or a combination of the two. I completed the requisite coursework at the FCCA annual conferences and on-line. Coursework includes: Caseflow Management; Information Technology management; Human Resources Management; Leadership, Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts; Resources, Budget and Finance; Court and Community Communication; Education, Training, and Development; Essential Components of Courts; and Visioning and Strategic Planning.

I received my Certificate in Judicial Administration from MSU at the FCCA Annual Conference in Kansas City on June 24, 2015. There were nine graduates of this program from courts across the United States. I encourage any of you who may be considering professional development and educational training to consider the MSU program. And if you are reluctant due to cost, I urge you to consider applying for a FJAA Scholarship.

My thanks and gratitude to the FJAA Scholarship Committee over the past four years for choosing me as a recipient. This allowed me to complete the certificate. I hope others of you will consider taking advantage of yet another perk of being a member of the FJAA.

Photo includes: Chuck Diard, FCCA President, Stephanie Lawley, FJAA President, Dr. Maureen Conner, Director MSU Judicial Administration Program



New Hires - 2015

Updated: 6/30/2015

Total New Hires in 2015: 27

Cir.	Dist.	First Name, MLast Name	EOD	Title	City, State	Judge
9	AZ	Barbara J. Wentz	1/5/2015	Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge	Tucson, AZ	Hon. Raner Collins
10	OKW	Willia Harmon	1/5/2015	Administrative Assistant	Oklahoma City, OK	Hon. Timothy D. DeGiusti
7	ILN	Rosemarie E. Gale	1/5/2015	Judicial Secretary (Sr. District Judge)	Chicago, IL	Hon. Elaine E. Bucklo
8	MOW	Gloria J. Amos	1/5/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Kansas City, MO	Hon. Stephen R. Bough
2	CT	Lizeth Lewis	1/12/2015	Judicial Legal Assistant (District)	Hartford, CT	Hon. Vanessa Lynne Bryant
3	DE	Cacia M. Batts	1/12/2015	Judicial Assistant to Bankruptcy	Judge Wilmington, DE	Hon. Laurie Selber Silverstein
5	n/a	Leslie Mercado	1/19/2015	Secretary to Circuit Judge	Jackson, MS	Hon. E. Grady Jolly
Fed	CIT	Janice R. Blake	1/26/2015	Judge's Executive Assistant (Int'l)	New York, NY	Vacant
11	GAS	Pamela M. Hammock	1/26/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Brunswick, GA	Vacant
11	n/a	Rhonda C. Case	2/2/2015	Administrative Assistant (Senior Circuit)	Mobile, AL	Hon. Emmett Ripley Cox
10	CO	Marinell Steffens	2/3/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Denver, CO	Hon. Robert E. Blackburn
Fed	CFC	Katrina S. Harris	2/9/2015	Secretary to Senior Judge (Claims)	Washington, DC	Hon. Lynn J. Bush
1	MA	Theresa M. Manning	2/9/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Boston, MA	Hon. Allison Dale Burroughs
3	PAM	Nicole R. Rinaldi	2/12/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Hon. Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.
4	VAW	Miriam Frazier	2/16/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Roanoke, VA	Hon. Elizabeth K. Dillon
3	PAE	Karen P. Muroski	2/23/2015	Secretary to Bankruptcy Judge	Philadelphia, PA	Hon. Eric L. Frank
6	n/a	Michelle L. Sanders	2/23/2015	Administrative Manager	Memphis, TN	Hon. Bernice Bouie Donald
4	MD	Valerie J. Cusatis	3/2/2015	Secretary to District Judge	Baltimore, MD	Hon. James K. Bredar
8	IAS	Evelyn M. Worth	3/9/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Des Moines, IA	Hon. James K. Helen C. Adams
4	MD	Beth R. Thomas	3/18/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Baltimore, MD	Hon. Richard D. Bennett
6	TNE	Rebecca R. Campbell	5/1/2015	Secretary to Magistrate Judge	Greeneville, TN	Hon. Clifton R. Corker
11	ALS	Mary Carol Oates	5/1/2015	Judicial Assistant to Bankruptcy Judge	Mobile, AL	Hon. Henry Callaway
9	AZ	Monique S. Klabis	5/11/2015	Judicial Assistant to Magistrate Judge	Flagstaff, AZ	Hon. Deborah M. Fine
4	MD	Valerie D. Jones	5/20/2015	Secretary to Senior District Judge	Greenbelt, MD	Hon. Peter J. Messitte
1	MA	Christine Patton	5/18/2015	Secretary to Magistrate Judge	Boston, MA	Hon. Marianne B. Bowler
5	TXW	Daniel J. Pope	6/4/2015	Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge	San Antonio, TX	Hon. Samuel F. Biery
10	OKN	Lisa A. Hess	6/8/2015	Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge	Tulsa, OK	Hon. Gregory K. Frizzell
9	CAC	Diane Z. Bowen	6/9/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Los Angeles, CA	Hon. Margaret M. Morrow
5	LAW	Nan M. Landry	6/15/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Lafayette, LA	Hon. Rebecca F. Doherty
5	TXS	Donna Smith	6/22/2015	Judicial Assistant to District Judge	Houston, TX	Hon. Alfred H. Bennett

Welcome

Special Olympics Flame of Hope

Special Olympics Unified Law Enforcement Torch Run was in Alaska for the first time ever on July 7, 2015. The goal of the relay is to promote respect and unity for everyone with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics athletes, sponsors, and volunteers ran the relay alongside law enforcement passing the Special Olympics Flame of Hope that will eventually end its journey in Los Angeles for the Special Olympics World Summer Games beginning July 25, 2015.

U.S. Deputy Marshal Jimmy Johnson from Anchorage and Stephanie Lawley, former 2001 Special Olympics World Games staff member stand beside the cauldron with the Flame of Hope. Deputy Johnson will accompany the flame to Los Angeles with other law enforcement personnel.

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Guest Fees:	Continental Breakfast (2 mornings)	\$ 45	
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	Closing Banquet	\$ 65	
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		Sub-Total	

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

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

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

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

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

2015 FJAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

Name: _____ Title: _____

Judge: _____ Court: _____

Judge Type: _____ Circuit: _____

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

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Birthday (mm/dd): _____

Renewal

Check if you are retired:

New Member

Date of Retirement: _____ Date of Hire as JA: _____

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Annual Conference

Audit

Budget and Finance

By-Laws

History and Archives

Legislative

Long-Range Planning

Membership

Nominations/Elections

Public Relations/Newsletter

Ways and Means

Professional Development/Continuing Education

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

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



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

The Representative for your Circuit is:

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

Membership renewals are due during the month of January.

Keep our Association strong!

Please pay your dues promptly.

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