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Letter from the President

Melissa Hardin

Dear FJAA Members and all Judicial Assistants:

I love the long days of summer! Having the sun shining as I leave the courthouse makes such a difference in my attitude. Plus, it's so much easier to get things done outside of work when you feel like there's still "day" left. I hope you're also enjoying beautiful weather and soaking up some sunshine -- after applying sunscreen of course :)

Registration is open for our 2017 FJAA conference, which will be held in San Francisco September 7-9. We are well on the way to filling the 150 spots, so if you are thinking about coming to the conference, don't wait too long to register. Please remember that you need to register for the conference before reserving a room. <http://www.fjaa2017conference.myevent.com> Kudos to Judy Stoyko for putting together a fantastic website for the conference and a big Thank You to the entire conference team for all your hard work!

Voting for the Executive Committee and Circuit Representatives will be happening in early July. Also on the ballot is a proposed change to our Constitution and Bylaws, providing a new definition of Judicial Assistant to be more inclusive. I would like to thank our Bylaws Committee; they did a super job on incorporating the results of last year's survey of members into the new proposed language. Bio's for the Executive Committee and Circuit Representatives, as well as the proposed Bylaws change, are posted on our website for your review. Please cast your ballot by July 15th!

In my April column, I asked for volunteers for the nominations and elections committee. I would like to thank Amy Robinson & Bernita Henley for stepping forward and volunteering. That's one of the things I love about our FJAA – there's always someone there to lend a hand when needed. If you would like to get involved, it's not too late! Take a look at our website at www.fjaa.net to find a list of all our standing committees. You could also run for circuit representative or the executive committee. Job descriptions for those positions are also on our website, under Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws.

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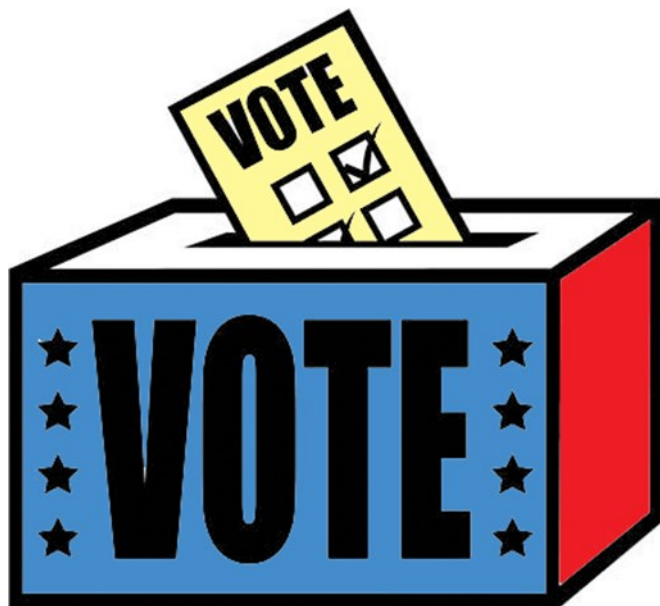
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Continued Letter from The President

I attended the Chambers Staff Advisory Group (CSAG) annual meeting in Washington DC at the end of March, and finally got to see the cherry trees in bloom! They were gorgeous!! Besides getting to hang out with several FJAA members who are also part of CSAG, a highlight was a tour of the Supreme Court that included an opportunity to sit down with Justice Breyer and ask him questions.

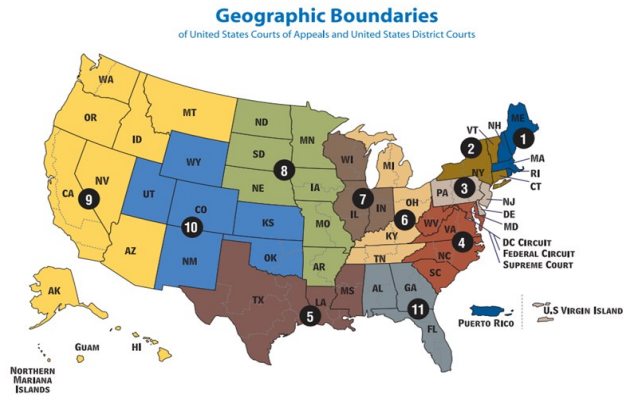
I look forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco September 7-9!



Please cast your ballot by July 15th!

**VOTE FOR YOUR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND
CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVES**

CIRCUIT NEWS



GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS HERE!

Our Annual FJAA Raffle will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 in San Francisco, California.

Winner need not be present. Prizes will either be sent with a member attending the conference or mailed directly to the winner.

Prizes: Kendra Scott Jewelry

Kate Spade Items

Visa Gift Card

Amazon Fire Stick

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AND MUCH MORE!

Books of 12 tickets are \$10.00 or individual tickets are \$1.00 each. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets to friends, family and co-workers prior to the conference, we are happy to send tickets to you beginning in July.

Please email your request for tickets to [Flay Sambrone-Metover@laed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Flay_Sambrone-Metover@laed.uscourts.gov) or [Hope McDonald@laed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Hope_McDonald@laed.uscourts.gov). Be sure to let us know the number of books you are requesting and your mailing address.

No tickets will be mailed after August 11th, but they will be available for purchase throughout the conference.

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FJAA 2017 EDUCATION CONFERENCE



The 2017 FJAA Education Conference will be held September 7-9 in the beautiful city of San Francisco, located in the Northern District of California and the Ninth Circuit.

Home of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge and cable cars, Fishermans Wharf and Pier 39, the upscale Union Square shopping district, and numerous museums, there is no shortage of things to see and do in San Francisco! The FJAA Conference offers the perfect opportunity to visit this world-famous city, as well as to meet your FJAA colleagues.

To register, visit the website at: www.fjaa2017conference.myevent.com There are tabs to register online or mail in your registration. Remember, you must be registered before you make your hotel reservation. We hope you will join us in San Francisco!

FRIDAY NIGHT OPTIONAL EVENT

September 8, 7–10 pm

Join your fellow JAs for a night of fun and camaraderie and enjoy a wild and wacky, uniquely San Francisco event - **Beach Blanket Babylon!** Follow Snow White as she takes a fast-paced journey around the world in search of her “Prince Charming.” Along the way, she encounters a star-studded, ever-changing line-up of hilarious pop-culture characters including Donald and Melania Trump, Vladimir Putin, Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Hamilton, Barack and Michelle Obama, Taylor Swift, Prince, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, Kellyanne Conway, Adele, Sia, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Kim Kardashian & Kanye West, Oprah, Princess Leia, and the San Francisco Giants. Celebrating over 15,000 performances, Beach Blanket Babylon has become a world-renowned record-breaking success. Seen by nearly six million people, this internationally acclaimed musical revue continues to delight audiences at Club Fugazi in the City’s North Beach district with hilarious spoofs of pop culture, spectacular costumes, and outrageously gigantic hats!





FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

2017 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Omni San Francisco Hotel

500 California Street (at Montgomery)

San Francisco, California 94104

(415) 677-9494

September 7-9, 2017

Agenda

Thursday, September 7

- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting – Russian Hill Room
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Registration – Mezzanine
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Opening Reception – Mezzanine
Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar (no credit/debit cards)

Friday, September 8

- 7:30-8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Mezzanine
- 7:30-8:15 a.m. Registration – Mezzanine
- 8:20 a.m. Travel to San Francisco Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue
*Buses will depart from the front of the hotel promptly at 8:20 a.m. to allow time for the drive to the courthouse and security screening. **Please bring your federal ID.***
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks – Ceremonial Courtroom, 19th Floor
Melissa Hardin, FJAA President
Susan Y. Soong, Clerk of Court, NDCA
Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Northern District of California
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Court That Tamed the West: A Brief History of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel, Senior District Judge (Ret.), Northern District of California, San Francisco
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break – Jury Assembly Room, 19th Floor
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. The Northern District Court Legal Help Center
Manjari Chawla, Supervising Attorney
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. Meet Charlee: The U.S. Marshals Service Explosives Detection K-9
Tim Shobar, Deputy U.S. Marshal, Northern District of California, San Francisco
- 11:50 a.m. Return by bus to Omni Hotel
Buses will depart from the Turk Street side of the federal building
- 12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own

Afternoon conference sessions will be held at the Omni Hotel, Grand Ballroom

- 1:15-1:45 p.m. What's New at the AO?
Ellen Fritz, Program Analyst, Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, DC
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Travel
Stacy Slette, Chief, Travel Management and Policy Branch, Department of Administrative Services, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, DC
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00-3:45 p.m. A Second Chance for Criminal Offenders: The Conviction Alternative Program (CAP) and Re-Entry Court in San Francisco
Joseph C. Spero, Chief Magistrate Judge, Northern District of California, San Francisco
Laurel Beeler, Magistrate Judge, Northern District of California, San Francisco
- 3:45-4:30 p.m. Grammar Matters
Judy Stoyko, JA to Senior District Judge Charles R. Breyer, Northern District of California, San Francisco
- 4:30-4:45 p.m. Wrap-Up and Information
- 7:00 p.m. Buses depart from front of hotel for *Beach Blanket Babylon*
(optional event, advance reservations required)

Saturday, September 9

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Mezzanine
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. FJAA General Membership Meeting – Grand Ballroom
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Making a Federal Case: Evidence Gathering, Wiretaps, and Undercover Agents
William Frentzen, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief, Strike Force/Violent Crimes, Northern District of California, San Francisco
Emmanuel Pascua, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Northern District of California, San Francisco
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. The U.S. Sentencing Commission and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines
Honorable Charles R. Breyer, Senior District Judge, Northern District of California, San Francisco; Vice-Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. Cyber Security: Protecting Yourself and Your Network from Phishing Schemes
Joshua Glovinsky, Systems Administrator, U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, Rockford
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. Microsoft Word: Tips & Tricks
Lois McLeod (Home-Based Contractor), IT Training Division, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45-3:30 p.m. Microsoft Word: Templates
Lois McLeod (Home-Based Contractor), IT Training Division, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. It's the Little Things: Civility in the Workplace
Lou Gil, Training Specialist, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, San Antonio, Texas
Honorary FJAA Member)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Banquet – Grand Ballroom
6:00 p.m. – Cocktails (cash bar; no credit/debit cards)
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

FIRST CIRCUIT—Christie

Maine

The U.S. District Court of Maine held our annual Offsite Program at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, Maine

on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Our program was entitled “Perspectives.”

After lunch, we held our annual Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony for 2016. The following awards were given:

2016 Recipients

Employee of the Year – Candace Collins

Special Act or Service – Don Marshall

Professional Outstanding Performance – Sarah McNamara

Best Team Player – Sean Crider

Suggestion – Devon Richards

Enthusiasm – Nick Gordon

Conscientious – Julie Edgecomb and Melissa Merenberg

Community Service Award – Susan Way

On the Spot – Marsha Heath

Length of Service Awards:

Christa Berry 25 Years
Lori Dunbar 10 Years
Robert Guptill 15 Years
Marsha Heath 20 Years
Jennifer Lyons 15 Years
Sarah McNamara 25 Years
Eric Storms 20 Years
Marc Veilleux 15 Years
Dennis Ford 15 Years
Julie Rodrigue 25 Years

Also, we learned this week that Robert Guptill has been selected by Director Duff to be a resident in the 2017 Director's Leadership Program. Beginning on September 1, Robert will work with the Procurement Management Division at the AO developing contracting officer courses.



SECOND CIRCUIT—Janet Hansen



Court of Appeals:

On May 7, 2017, Judge Reena Raggi celebrated 30 years on the bench. Judge Raggi spent 15 years as a District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and the last 15 years as a Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Raggi was recently honored at her alma mater, Harvard Law School. Her experiences on the bench were the focus of a question and answer session with Dean Martha Minow at Harvard Law School. The attached poster was created to advertise the program. If you wish to see the full post which appeared in the Harvard Law Today, please visit:

<https://today.law.harvard.edu/judge-reena-raggi-76-shares-highlights-30-years-federal-bench-hls-audience/>.

Congratulations to Judge Raggi on her luminous career and many years of judicial service!

Dean Martha Minow invites you to join her in celebrating


The Honorable Reena Raggi '76

Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit 2002-17
District Court for the EDNY: 1987-2002
on her 30 years of judicial service

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If you or an event participant requires disability-related accommodations, please contact Accessibility Services in the Dean of Students Office in advance of the event.


HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

SECOND CIRCUIT Continued

District of Connecticut:

On Friday, May 19, 2017, Judge Janet Bond Arterton’s portrait was unveiled at a ceremony held at the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse in New Haven, CT. Judge Arterton was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was sworn in on May 15, 1995 as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Current and former law clerks, colleagues and family joined in the unveiling. Chief Judge Janet C. Hall presided over the proceedings, and remarks were given by Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Paul Thomas, Esq. (Former Federal Defender); Michael J. Gustafson, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Magistrate Judge Robert A. Richardson, Diana Daskal Ruben, Esq., Jennifer Willcox, Esq., and of course, Judge Arterton. Judge Arterton’s grandchildren assisted in the unveiling of the portrait. A lovely reception was held immediately following. The portrait artist was Mr. Steve Brennan, who has worked as an artist for three decades. Mr. Brennan works and resides in Connecticut. Judge Arterton’s portrait will be on permanent display in Courtroom 2 of the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse in New Haven,



Commemorating the unveiling of the portrait of Honorable Janet Bond Arterton Oil on canvas, by Steve Brennan

U.S. Court of International Trade:

Katia M. Tompkins, a member of the FJAA, worked for Senior Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas from September 2014 until he took inactive status in September 2016. Fortunately for Katia, in September 2016, Gary S. Katzmann was appointed a Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade and Katia was hired as his paralegal. At the time of his appointment, Judge Katzmann had been serving since 2004 as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Judge Katzmann received his A.B., *summa cum laude* from Columbia College, an M.Litt. from Oxford University, an M.P.P.M. from the Yale School of Management, and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He served as a law clerk to Judge Leonard B. Sand of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and to then Judge Stephen G. Breyer of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and now Justice of the Supreme Court.

Judge Katzmann was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Massachusetts, where he variously held the positions of Chief Appellate Attorney, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, and Chief Legal Counsel, and engaged in criminal and civil litigation in the trial and appellate courts. He also served on detail to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. as an Associate Deputy Attorney General focusing on criminal justice policy, and on detail to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is a recipient of the Department of Justice’s Director’s Awards for excellence in appellate advocacy, and for a successful terrorism prosecution.

Judge Katzmann has been a Lecturer at Harvard Law School and a Research Associate at Harvard Law School’s Center for Criminal Justice. He has been a Fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and the Governance Institute, directing a project on juvenile justice. He has also taught at Yale and has been a member of the faculty of the NYU Law School New Appellate Judges Seminar. Judge Katzmann’s publications include the book, *Inside the Criminal Process*. He is also the editor and contributing author of *Securing Our Children’s Future: New Approaches to Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence*. He has been actively engaged in civic education of school children.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SECOND CIRCUIT

U.S. Court of International Trade continued:

As it turns out, Judge Katzmann is the twin brother of the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit—Robert A. Katzmann. We send our congratulations and a belated warm welcome to Judge Gary S. Katzmann, and also congratulate Katia on her appointment to his chambers!

On May 24, 2017, the U.S. Court of International Trade hosted their Court Achievement Program (CAP) Awards Ceremony and Katia Tompkins received the Exceptional Productivity Award. Great job Katia—congratulations!



Looking forward to seeing you all at the conference in September in San Francisco!

Janet F. Hansen
Judicial Assistant to Judge Jose A. Cabranes
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



THIRD CIRCUIT—Iris Liriano

On April 26, 2017, The Federal Executive Board hosted its annual Women in Government “A View from the Top” and “Administrative Professionals Seminar” which was held at The Westwood. Before the program commenced, we ate a continental breakfast and socialized with our colleagues and members of other federal agencies. The national anthem was beautifully sung by Ms. Carol A. Fowlkes from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Diane Johnson, Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, once again successfully moderated a panel discussion of six professional men and women who work for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FBI, Mayor, and a Consulting Group. In addition, we had a coaching workshop, networking, and a Conflict Resolution Workshop. My favorite part of the program was the Conflict Resolution Workshop held by Dr. D.A. Graham. His lecture was very compelling and addressed conflict with personal and work relationships and how to work through it.

Lastly, our keynote speaker was a best-selling author, Ms. An-drea Kane. She talked on how she always wanted to be a writer and could never see herself doing anything else and of the support of her family. Every attendee received a copy of her most recent book titled, “The Murder That Never Was”. I have only begun reading her book as I was in the middle of reading, “Boys in the Boat”. So far, the book seems like an easy, interesting read. Every year, I attend this conference to meet new people, see my former colleagues, to learn from others and to be inspired from other’s successes. It’s a treat to have a program dedicated to women in government and especially geared towards administrative professionals.

THIRD CIRCUIT—Iris Liriano

On May 4, 2017, the Federal Executive Board held their annual Awards & Recognition Program at Mayfair Farms. Thirty five federal agencies submitted nominations to the Board recognizing employees for their dedication, commitment and excellence in their field. There were three New Jersey employees from District Court and Court of Appeals who were nominated and selected to receive an award. Our first recipient was Nicole Peaks, our Librarian, who received an award for Communications/Community Outreach.

I was the next recipient who received an award for Outstanding Executive Assistant and our last recipient was Susan A. Travis, Executive Assistant to Clerk of the Court, who received Woman of the Year award. The program included a brunch followed by the presentation of awards. There were 19 categories who awarded beautiful plaques to about 32 recipients and 10 Honorable mentions. The recipients also received congratulatory letters from Congressman Donald M. Pane, Jr. and Senator Corey A. Booker. Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients !



Nicole Peaks, Iris Liriano and Susan Travis

Good luck to next year’s nominees!

Every Summer, The District Court of New Jersey, holds a Law Clerk/Intern Summer Program. The 12 week program schedules a weekly brown bag lunch session with various speakers ranging from Magistrate and District court Judges, Court of Appeals Judges, Criminal Defense attorney, training specialist, Attorney General of NJ, Former U.S. Attorney, and Acting U.S. Attorney. The topics covered range according to the speaker’s profession. This is a very popular and interesting program which concludes with a Tour of Northern State Prison in Newark, New Jersey for 30 lucky interns who were randomly selected.

Catherine Hughes, a former Paralegal and Judicial Assistant to the Hon. John W. Bissell, has passed away unexpectedly on May 18, 2017 at the age of 71. Cathy born in Newark, NJ, attended Rutgers University. Cathy worked for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey from 1974 until her retirement in 2005. When Judge Bissell left the federal bench to join the law firm of Connell Foley, Cathy joined him as his legal secretary. Cathy was a devoted, locally and international ballroom dancer who won many awards. She is survived by her sister Mary and brother Peter.

Have a Happy Summer!

Iris

FOURTH CIRCUIT — Barbara



District of Maryland

On June 2, 2017, Judge Messitte was awarded the Order of the Southern Cross (Ordem do Cruzeiro do Sul) from Brazilian President Michel Temer.

This is the highest award that can be given to a foreigner by Brazil. It is given “as a token of gratitude and recognition from those who have rendered significant service to the Brazilian nation.” Prior winners include several Heads of State, among them Queen Elizabeth, President Eisenhower – and somewhat more controversially – Che Guevara. The award was given to Judge Messitte in recognition of his work for many years with the Brazilian Judiciary. Judge Messitte is currently Adjunct Professor of Comparative Law and Director of the Brazil-U.S. Legal & Judicial Studies Program at WCL.



Fourth Circuit news continued:

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Retirements:

May 31, 2017

On May 10, 2017, the Judges and staff of the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit held a ceremonial session to honor Circuit Executive Samuel W. Phillips. Mr. Phillips served as Clerk of Court from 1968 to 1972 and as Circuit Executive from 1972 to 2017. He was the first Circuit Executive in the country. The court session included the unveiling of a portrait and the presentation of a rare resolution in which the title “Circuit Executive Emeritus” was conferred upon Mr. Phillips.

August 31, 2017

Judge Andre M. Davis announced that he will retire from the court effective August 31, 2017. The following is an excerpt of a statement given by Judge Davis on May 5, 2017:

With a keen appreciation for this mixed blessing, today I announce my retirement from the federal judiciary, effective on August 31, 2017, for the purpose of accepting Mayor Catherine Pugh’s request that I take on the responsibilities of Baltimore City Solicitor. My nearly thirty-year tenure as a judge has been a labor of love. It has been an extraordinary privilege and a high honor to have served the people of our city, state and country in the important work of safeguarding the rule of law. I shall especially miss the collegiality and collaboration that distinguish the work of the most exceptional court in the country: the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Judge Davis served as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland from 1995 to 2009 and as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit from 2009 to 2017.

FIFTH CIRCUIT—Penny Stautberg



News from the Fifth Circuit

Not a lot of action that I have been able to find out. The next few months should bring lots of changes.

Gina Rogers, JA to Circuit Judge Pat Higginbotham, reports that her daughter, Ariana Rogers, graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in December. She will continue her studies and plans to become a nurse.

She starts her first real job in mid-June at the newly opened Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas in Austin.

Circuit Judge Jennifer Elrod was honored as Appellate Judge of the Year on May 25 at the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists' dinner. Several Fifth Circuit Judges came into Houston for the event.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference in San Francisco in September. I already am registered, have made my hotel reservations, and have my airline tickets. Can hardly wait.

SIXTH CIRCUIT— Debby Sawyer



FJAA VOLUNTEERISM: Is Yours Priceless?????

One definition of volunteerism is the policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community. We all at some time have volunteered at our church, our child's school, at work, and for various other things we feel are worthy of our time.

Volunteerism is a two-way street. As members of FJAA we are volunteers for our organization.

One of my favorite quotes is "*Volunteers don't get paid. Not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.*" That is a great quote and is very true. If we spotlighted our individual volunteerism to FJAA, how would it be rated? Is yours priceless or would it fall a little short?

Have you recently sat down and thought about your volunteerism to FJAA? Are you being the very best volunteer you can be? Go back to the beginning and ask yourself "Why Did I Join?" Was it to feel needed, to share a skill, to gain leadership skills, to give back to your profession, or was it just because someone asked you to? Whatever the reason, as a current member you are obviously still committed and still want to be a part of a successful association. So, are you giving your FJAA 100% or are you just coasting along?

As we are beginning summer and are gearing up for FJAA's Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, take the time to re-evaluate your volunteerism to FJAA. If you find it lacking, make 2017 the year you will be a priceless volunteer for FJAA. Join a committee, write a newsletter article, provide news for the newsletter - these are just a few ways to make a difference. Don't use lack of time as an excuse, as we all find the time to do the things that are important to us. Put FJAA at the top of your priority list. Remember, volunteers are love in motion. Love of our profession and love of our association!!!

Now onto the Sixth Circuit news...



**The Honorable Waverly D. Crenshaw Jr.
Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle
District of Tennessee**

The Honorable Waverly D. Crenshaw Jr., was appointed by President Barack Obama to be a judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, and sworn in as District Judge on April 15, 2016. On April 15, 2017, he became the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

He has been recognized for his professional achievements by more than a dozen organizations. After serving as a law clerk for United States District Judge John T. Nixon in Nashville, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General for the state of Tennessee. He then became an associate at Pasino, Delaney & Hildebran and later joined Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, as it first African-American attorney and partner.

Chief Judge Crenshaw has excelled both in the courtroom and in the community. He serves as an inspiration and mentor to many young people and is active as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Nashville School of Law, the Nashville Bar Foundation and as a member of the Harry Phillips Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

He received the Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from Vanderbilt University. For fun and relaxation, he heads to the American West or the Caribbean to perfect his fly-fishing techniques.

HONORABLE CHIEF JUDGE J. DANIEL BREEN

On March 17, 2017, the Western District of Tennessee hosted a portrait unveiling and change of status ceremony for the Honorable Chief Judge J. Daniel Breen. Over 300 guests were in attendance, many wearing green in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

The ceremony was directed by the incoming Chief Judge, Honorable S. Thomas Anderson. Personal and professional remarks were made on his behalf by the other District Judges in the Western District. During these remarks, it was revealed that Judge Breen's name is of Irish descent. Additionally, comments were made by Unit and Agency Executives for the District, and his longest serving term clerk, Tom Whitworth, spoke on behalf of his current and former law clerks.

The official portrait was unveiled by Judge Breen's wife and grandson. The remarkable masterpiece was created by the very talented Jamie Lee McMahan of Memphis, Tennessee, who has also painted United States senators, governors, mayors, judges, supreme court justices, university presidents, and a wide range of subjects in private collections. A reception followed the ceremony, thanks to the generosity of several West Tennessee Area organizations.

Judge Breen received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1975. He spent sixteen years in private practice and served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Tennessee from 1991 until 2003. Judge Breen was nominated to the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee as an Article III Judge on March 14, 2003, by President George W. Bush and was later confirmed by the United States Senate. He had served as Chief Judge since August 2013.

He will continue his tenure as a Senior District Judge with his current Judicial Assistant, Jennifer Hodge. The incoming Chief Judge Anderson's Judicial Assistant is Emily Strope. Emily has joined the FJAA and we welcome her into the organization.



SEVENTH CIRCUIT— Whitney Gingrich



Central District of Illinois (submitted by Cathy Geier)

On April 23, 2017, Chief U.S. District Judge James Shadid, Senior U.S. District Judge Michael Mihm, and Senior U.S. District Judge Joe Billy McDade of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Peoria Division, hosted a reception for the 2017 class of International Fellows from the National Defense University. In addition to the 32 International Fellows and 6 staff from the National Defense University, who were participating in a joint education program, we also invited members of the legal community, the media, and members of the Federal Bar Association and our Chapter to the reception. Approximately 125 people attended the event. Many members of the Peoria Federal Family were also in attendance, including United States Magistrate Judge Jonathan Hawley, law clerks, judicial assistants, courtroom deputies, and court reporters, United States Probation officers, as well as attorneys from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Public Defender's Office.

Prior to their visit, the International Fellows are asked to submit questions to our judges that are then discussed in a private meeting, prior to the reception. Judges Shadid, Mihm, McDade, and Hawley spent a little over an hour responding to the questions which had been previously submitted, which many times lead to follow-up questions being asked and answered.

The National Defense University is an institution of higher education funded by the United States Department of Defense, intended to facilitate high-level training, education, and the development of national security strategy. It is chartered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with Major General Frederick M. Padilla, USMC, as president. It is located on the grounds of Fort Lesley McNair in Washington, D.C. The University's mission, in part, is to support Joint Professional Military Education in a one-year intensive study program. This year's event marked the third group of International Fellows from the National Defense University to visit Peoria.

Wisconsin Western District (submitted by Melissa Hardin)

WIWD has a new Chief Judge - James D. Peterson took over on March 30th. Here's a short bio on him:

Judge Peterson was appointed to the bench on May 12, 2014, by President Obama. Prior to joining the court, he was a shareholder at the firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., with a litigation practice focused on intellectual property disputes. He earned his B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin—Madison and his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Before his legal career, he taught film and television history and criticism at the University of Notre Dame.

Our courthouse book group celebrated 10 years. We've had members come and go, but have a core group of people from chambers, clerk's office, probation and the U.S. Atty's Office. We take turns picking which book to read and discuss, and have read the gambit, including non-fiction, sci fi, history, memoirs and, of course, fiction. Our current book is: *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to tell the story of eight families on the edge. Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality—and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” and “vivid and unsettling,” *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Northern District of Illinois (submitted by Kelly Fox)

Kelly Fox has been busy preparing for the reentry court graduation on June 8th. Judge Cox was able to drum up some interest at the Sun Times about the program in advance of the graduation, and on Sunday, 5/21/17, an article by Neil Steinberg ran about the program. The link to the article is below and a great read:

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/federal-judges-help-ex-cons-live-better-lives-outside-of-prison/>

Southern District of Indiana (from *The Indiana Lawyer.com*)

A documentary coinciding with the bicentennial of Indiana's federal courts will premiere at a special event next month ahead of its debut airing on public television.

"And Justice for All: Indiana's Federal Courts" will be screened at a premiere event June 14 at 4 p.m. at the Indiana War Memorial. The documentary will be broadcast for the first time the following day at 9 p.m. on the Indianapolis Public Broadcasting Service affiliate, WFYI-Channel 20.

The documentary was developed and scripted by Doria Lynch, special projects manager for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Its production was aided by grants and donations from the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Documentarians, Indiana historians and members of the local federal bar participated in filming that began last summer.

Information about registration for the premiere event will be posted soon on the Southern District's website, Lynch said, and continuing legal education credit has been requested for the event. She said the premiere is being geared toward members of the court historical society, and as a way to increase membership in that group.

The documentary focuses on three landmark cases heard in Indiana's federal court: the Civil War era case *Ex parte Milligan*, which established that military tribunals have no constitutional authority over civilians while civil courts continue to function; a 1912 dynamite conspiracy case in which dozens of ironworkers were convicted of conspiracy for the bombing of the Los Angeles Times office; and the 1970s Indianapolis school desegregation case.

Sponsors include the Indiana Historical Society; Heritage Support Grants made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc.; The R.B. Annis Educational Foundation; and The Indiana Bar Foundation.

A trailer for the film may be viewed here

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8789_tP6gwBQkNFcUpYNm9yM00/view?invite=CJqZ-Cs&ts=5925d426

Eighth Circuit:

Chief Judge William J. Riley's Retirement: Eighth Circuit Chief Judge William Jay Riley takes Senior Status on June 30th and stepped down as Chief on March 10. Judge Riley became chief judge on April 1, 2010, and served almost seven years as chief. He will be retiring and closing his office at the end of August. He was nominated by President George W. Bush on May 23, 2001, and confirmed two months later on August 2, 2001. He received commission as a U.S. Circuit Judge from President Bush on July 19, 2002. He was the first President Bush circuit judge nominee confirmed. Judge Riley received his B.A. from the University of Nebraska and his J.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law.

Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith of Little Rock, Arkansas, took over as chief judge on March 11, 2017 and is the first black chief judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was appointed July 19, 2002, nominated by President George W. Bush on September 4, 2001, and confirmed on July 15, 2002. Before joining the federal bench, Chief Judge Smith worked in both private practice and public service. Governor Mike Huckabee had appointed him an Associate Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court, as well as a Commissioner on the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Smith was an assistant professor at John Brown University and an Executive Director of the Rutherford Institute.



Julie Kroner, Replacing Debbie Lancette as Chief Judge Tunheim's Judicial Assistant: Julie will replace Debbie Lancette as Chief Judge Tunheim's new Judicial Assistant and begin her new position on June 23. She has been Secretary to Circuit Executive Millie Adams since November 2004. She was a Case Administrator in the Southern District of Illinois from January 2003 until October 2004 and a legal secretary in a law firm from 1988 until the end of 2002. Julie says she is excited to move Minnesota! We look forward to having Julie in Minnesota Federal Family. Welcome to the District of Minnesota Julie!

Kristine Schneiss, Judicial Assistant to former Chief Judge William J. Riley will be retiring at the end of August. All the best to Kris in her retirement!

District of Iowa:

Leslie Walker, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Leonard T. Strand: It saddens me to let you know that Leslie Walker passed away on Saturday, May 27, at 57, after a long four-year battle with cancer. Below is an excerpt from her Obituary. Rest in Peace Leslie—you will be missed!



Leslie was born December 30, 1959 in Sioux City, Iowa to Don and JoAnn (Jensen) Cook. She attended Hunt Grade School and North Junior High School in Sioux City along with her brother Steve. She graduated from Sioux City North High School in 1978. Upon graduation she earned an Associate Degree from Briar Cliff College and later went back to earn her Bachelor Degree as well.

Leslie was united in marriage to Doug Walker on January 16, 1982 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux City. To this union two sons were born, Benjamin and Joseph. They raised their family in Merville, Iowa.

Leslie worked at Internal Medicine, as a secretary and Paralegal at Eidsmoe Law Firm, Western Bank and Trust, as a Paralegal at Rinehart Law Firm, as a Judicial Assistant in United States Federal Court System and as an assistant coach for several of Woodbury Central High School's sports. She was very active in the community and never said no when asked for help. Leslie was an EMT for 20 years with the Merville Ambulance, a member of the American Business Women's Association, a member of Twisted Sisters and Sioux City Quilt Guild, a board member of the Siouxland Humane Society, an ambassador for Race for Hope, and a member of the Meadows Country Club. She started an annual Quilting Bee Fundraiser for the Patient Assistance Program at June E. Nylén Cancer Center and was voted as the Woman of the Year for the American Business Association. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was a part of the Vision and Mission Team, a past board member and was involved in many youth activities.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and spoiling her two granddaughters, Hailey and Quinn, who held a special place in Grammy's heart. She liked to quilt, golf, read, do photography, make pottery, garden and ride motorcycles. She loved to travel, especially to the beach and also go camping and snowmobiling. She enjoyed exercising and teaching fitness classes, bicycling, coaching and watching track and field, and was always up to doing anything adventurous and competitive.



In Memoriam: U.S. District Judge Edward J. McManus of the Northern District of Iowa died March 20, 2017, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the age of 97. Judge McManus was appointed by President Kennedy to the U.S. District Court in 1962, serving as the Chief Judge until 1985, when he took senior status. Judge McManus was the first native-born Iowan appointed to the Court. He received a B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1940 and a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1942.

District of Minnesota:

District Judge Richard H. Kyle: Judge Richard H. Kyle celebrated both his 25th Anniversary on the Bench and his 80th birthday at a dinner with his wife, past and present law clerks, and staff at Salut Bar American in St. Paul on Sunday, May 7th. Congratulations Judge Kyle!



Judge Kyle was appointed to the bench in 1992 by President George W. Bush. He received his B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Minnesota. He clerked for Judge Edward J. Devitt, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, from 1962 to 1963.

Debbie Lancette, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge John R. Tunheim Retiring:

Debbie has worked with Chief Judge Tunheim for more than 30 years and will be retiring on August 31. They started in June of 1986, when Chief Judge Tunheim was working under Minnesota Attorney General Skip Humphrey and appointed him as his Chief Deputy Attorney General. A little under 10 years later, President Clinton appointed him to the Bench and Debbie had the honor of being asked to join him as his Judicial Assistant. Debbie has over 20 years of service with the Court and her wealth of knowledge will be missed, along with her pleasant personality and positive attitude! She has truly enjoyed her many trips to the FJAA conferences over the past years. Debbie says, "It has been a privilege to work with such talented and dedicated people. Thank you for helping me all these years provide the best service to the Court. The FJAA is a fabulous organization."

We wish Debbie all the best in her retirement!

Judge Michael J. Davis:

The portrait commemorating Judge Michael J. Davis was unveiled by his family on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim presided over the unveiling ceremony and remarks were made by Tara Norgard, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; Mike Essien, President of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers; Dr. Josie R. Johnson, Civil Rights Activist; Judge Lyonel Norris, Hennepin County District Court Judge and former law clerk; Judge Donovan W. Frank, colleague and personal friend; William Manning, personal friend; and Jason Bouldin, the Artist. Mr. Bouldin has commissioned more than 20 official portraits for the U.S. Federal Judiciary. He lives and paints in Oxford, Mississippi. Remarks were also made by Judge Davis and his wife, Sara Wahl. Judge Davis's portrait has been hung in Courtroom 15E of the Minneapolis Courthouse. Below is a picture of Judge Davis and the artist with Judge Davis's portrait.



NINTH CIRCUIT—Julie Lemm



Court of Appeals Mourns Passing of Circuit Judge John T. Noonan, Jr.

SAN FRANCISCO – Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit are mourning the passing of Senior Judge John T. Noonan, Jr., a member of the court for more than three decades. Judge Noonan, who had his chambers in San Francisco and was a longtime Berkeley resident, died Monday (April 17, 2017) with his loving wife and family at his bedside. He was 90. “Judge Noonan was a distinguished jurist and an eminent scholar with a particular focus on the historical development of moral concepts. He was well known and highly respected by the bench and bar and had many admirers in academia,” said Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas. Appointed by President Reagan, Judge Noonan came onto the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1985. He served as an active judge for 11 years, assuming senior status in 1996. As a senior judge, he continued to serve the court for many years, hearing cases and authoring opinions, the most recent of which was published in December.

From: http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/ce9/2017/04/20/Noonan_Passing_042017.pdf

NINTH CIRCUIT continued...

Robert F. Peckham Award

ADR Program Director Gail Killefer of the United States District Court for the Central District of California received the 2016 Robert F. Peckham Award for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Ms. Killefer has directed the Central District ADR Program since 2010. She is credited with dramatically expanding the program and enhancing its effectiveness. She also manages the district Mediation Panel and serves as a staff mediator for the court.

The Central District of California is one of the largest districts in the country with over 14,500 civil filings last year. The local rules require that parties in each civil case participate in one of three ADR Procedures: 1) a settlement conference with a judge; 2) a mediation session with a member of the court's Mediation Panel; or 3) a private mediation session.

Ms. Killefer serves as a resource for panel mediators and handles issues arising from mediations that they conduct. She acts as the court liaison for grievances filed for violations of the district court ADR requirements. Her accessibility to and relationships with the panel mediators have greatly improved the court's relationship with the Mediation Panel.

Ms. Killefer was also instrumental in implementing several innovative ADR programs targeting common categories of civil cases. These include loan modification mediation; early mediation for non-major civil rights cases; and new procedures for ADA disability access cases.



Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith with 2016
Robert F. Peckham Award recipient Gail Killefer

TENTH CIRCUIT

— Lynda Brown

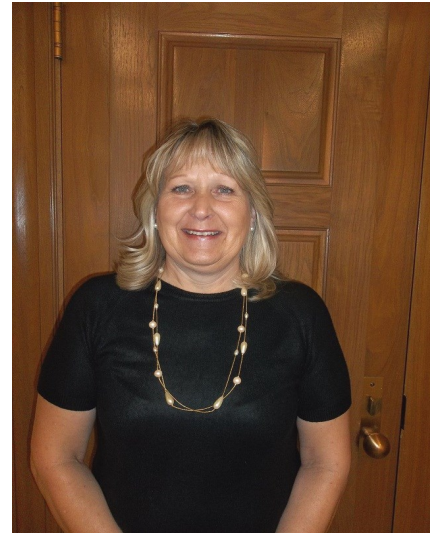
GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!

KANSAS NEWS:

News from Lawrence:

Upcoming Retirement of Carol Barnthson, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Mary Beck Briscoe:

When I retire on July 1, 2017, I will have worked in the legal field a little over 48 years, having gone to work on April 18, 1969, for an attorney named George Thomas Van Bebber, who was a sole practitioner in Troy, Kansas. At the urging of Tom’s former secretary (who was getting married and moving out of town), and with much trepidation, I put on my best gray jumper with a pink blouse and went to apply, making sure to tell Mr. Van Bebber that my little boy was in kindergarten so I would only be able to work half



days. I think I was hoping this would get me out of being hired, because I had no experience in the legal field and was really nervous about being able to do the job. But I was hired, and those half days soon turned into full time and the beginning of a wonderful, 36-year affiliation with Judge Van Bebber that included 13 years in his Troy office, moves to Topeka, Kansas (June 14, 1982) when he became a federal magistrate, and on to Kansas City, Kansas (December 1989) when he became a federal district judge. He also served a term as Chief District Judge. Our great adventure continued until his death in May of 2005, where my story nearly ends. I had spent six months closing his chambers and was within two weeks of retirement when my second lucky break occurred.

Tenth Circuit Judge Mary Beck Briscoe, who had been persevering almost a year without a judicial assistant, asked me to come interview. She graciously offered me the job, and in December, 2005, I began the final leg of my “I never would have dreamed this could happen” journey. For over 11 years I have been commuting



Carol Barnthson, 1970

TENTH CIRCUIT—Lynda Brown continued...

from Shawnee to Lawrence. This was not the best situation, but with elderly sisters in Kansas City and a condo already paid for, it was the best solution. Judge Briscoe, who had previously served on the Kansas Court of Appeals, also served as Chief Judge there for 5 years until her appointment to the Tenth Circuit. During my time here, Judge Briscoe served a 5-year term as the Chief Judge of the Circuit, so she had “double caught” – and now so had I – moving me one last step up the experience ladder.

Every move I have made since that April day in 1969 has allowed me to add another mountain of information to my brain bank. I have learned so much going from the only staff member in a small law office in Troy, Kansas, to the Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have gone from typewriters, triple carbon copies of everything, and mimeograph machines (that I used to take apart, fix, and put back together again), to copiers that scan and fax, computers with e-mail and the electronic filing of documents, and cell phones, and some technology that I have yet to master – which was one of the factors in deciding it was time to end this ride and start spending more time with my husband, Larry; my son, Jeff; and best of all, my 2 grandsons, Eliot (23), and Jody (19) who keep me happy and broke.

Among the many wonderful people I have met along the way are all of the judicial assistants in both the District of Kansas and the Tenth Circuit, as well as over 50 law clerks it has been my great joy to work with, and who (unbeknownst to them) will now be providing me with vacation stops all over the country.

All of the changes were a little traumatic, but in the end I think they made me stronger, made my brain work harder, and have maybe even warded off Alzheimer’s (or as my husband of 54 years calls it - Old Timer’s). I can’t remember, but I don’t think I have it yet!



Carol Barnthson, 2017

TENTH CIRCUIT—Lynda Brown continued...

News from Topeka:

The court held a special session at the Frank Carlson Federal Building and Courthouse on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. The panel—which was composed of Chief Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich, Judge Scott M. Matheson, and Judge Nancy L. Moritz—heard oral argument in three criminal cases that were held over from the regular May term of court. Chief Judge Tymkovich and Judge Matheson sat in by video from Denver and Salt Lake City, respectively, and Judge Moritz presided in the Topeka courtroom with all attorneys present.

(Submitted by Susan Goodwin, J.A. to the Honorable Nancy L. Moritz, Circuit Judge)

NEW MEXICO NEWS:

Oral argument was held Thursday morning, April 27, 2017, in Roswell, New Mexico at the Joe Skeen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse. The panel consisted of Chief Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich, Judge Harris L. Hartz, and Judge Bobby R. Baldock. Six cases were heard. Later that evening, Chief Judge Tymkovich spoke at Law Day to the Chaves County Bar Association. While in New Mexico, Chief Judge Tymkovich, his law clerks, and the law clerks of Judge Hartz and Judge Baldock traveled to hike and view the magnificent Carlsbad Caverns. A fun time was had by all.

(Submitted by Lynda Brown, J.A. to the Honorable Bobby R. Baldock, Circuit Judge)



Left to right: Chief Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich and law clerks, Erin Cady, Claire Chapla, Lauren Beebe, MaryLou Andrews, Stephen White, and Jacob Miller

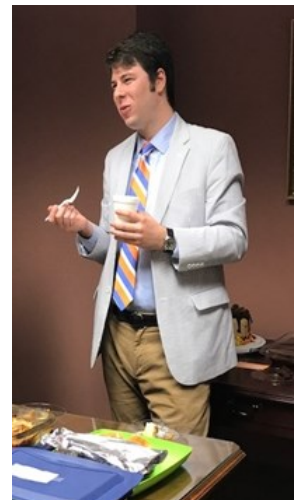
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

— Gail Shafer



Greetings from Augusta, Georgia!

May has come and gone, and was a busy month here in Augusta, having our annual fish fry and dessert contest. The food is always so good, with fish, cheese grits, hushpuppies and more – and some of the best desserts ever. The winning dessert this year was a cheesecake, with peach cobbler coming in close behind. Our law clerks judge the contest – it’s a tough job, but somebody has to do it, right!



ELEVENTH CIRCUIT continued ...

Of course, the biggest news of May - and I'm so proud to say is that my judge became the Chief Judge of our district. He will be an amazing Chief, and I'm already busy learning new things, and very excited about it. Here's to the next seven years!

From the Southern District of Georgia, Augusta Division:



Chief Judge J. Randal Hall



Honorable J. Randal Hall was sworn in as the new Chief Judge of the Southern District of Georgia on May 11, 2017 in Augusta. He succeeds Judge Lisa Godbey Wood, who had completed her 7 year term. Judge Hall was appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush and sworn in on May 1, 2008. This is the first passing of the gavel to occur in the 101 year history of the Augusta courthouse.

Have fun in the sun, but don't forget your sunscreen! Hope to see you at our conference in September ... it's going to be a great one!

San Francisco here we come!





THERE'S STILL TIME TO WIN CASH

FJAA Membership Contest

There is power in numbers, so the saying goes. As an incentive to increase the Federal Judicial Assistants Association membership numbers, we are offering a chance to win cash.

- **How?** Simply recruit a first-time FJAA member*
- **When?** Between now and August 31
- **Where?** Winner will be drawn at the annual educational conference in San Francisco (need not be present to win)
- **How Much?** \$100

*Ask your recruit to list you as the recruiter on the membership application. Your name will be entered into the drawing once for each new member.

Renewal

New Member

• Recruiter (if applicable): Jane Doe, MIED

For more information contact your Circuit Representative
Submitted by your Membership Committee





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The Federal Judicial Assistants Association has held annual conferences since 1973, in Washington, D.C., Denver, Las Vegas, Seattle, St. Louis, Memphis, and San Francisco, as well as many other wonderful locations. The Federal Magistrate Judges Secretaries Association ("FMJSA") held its first meeting in 1995 in San Francisco as a joint conference with The Federal Judges Secretaries Association. Subsequent joint meetings in Philadelphia (1998), Reno (1999) and Boston (2000) led to the formation of an Ad Hoc Merger Committee for the two organizations. In 2001 the new by-laws were written and the merger of both organizations was proposed to the membership and approved by formal vote. The two organizations became one effective October 12, 2002.

The goals of FJAA are:

1. •To promote the general welfare of its members,
2. •To encourage the highest ethical standards of conduct among its members,
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4. •To further the exchange of ideas and practical information relating to judicial support, and
5. •To foster among its members a feeling of camaraderie and mutual confidence.

FROM MY DESK TO YOURS—TIPS FOR THE OFFICE

Let your Circuit Representative know if you would like to share tips with you fellow FJAA members. We will be more than happy to include in the our next newsletter! Thank you all for your participation!

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SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO YOUR CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVE BY THIS DATE—THANK YOU!



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The Chambers Staff Advisory Group (CSAG) – formerly called the Judges Secretaries Advisory Group (JSAG) – was formed in January 1993. The committee's mission is "To provide advice, assistance, and recommendations to the Administrative Office regarding matters affecting administrative duties in chambers, and to give chambers staff appointed by judges the opportunity to meet, exchange information, and develop areas of mutual interest." Each circuit has a representative, who serves a two-year term. The group holds a monthly conference call and meets once a year in Washington, DC. Please feel free to reach out to your representative with questions or suggestions.

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