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Dear FJAA Members:

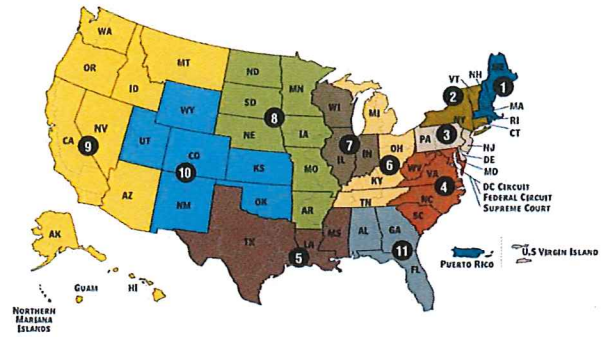
What an honor and pleasure it has been to serve as your 2018-19 FJAA President! Serving in this position has provided me the opportunity to work alongside many fabulous individuals and I have been rewarded with many new and totally unexpected relationships. Working with the FJAA board has been phenomenal; and next year, I know Judy Stoyko will take the reins and lead FJAA beautifully. Our outstanding Circuit Representatives have done an exceptional job with membership and providing us with a newsworthy *In Brief*. To all the various committees and their members, thank you for your dedication and service. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE for being a member of FJAA! It takes all of YOU to make FJAA what it is today, a consummate group of individuals who jointly create a sense of camaraderie and mutual confidence.

It takes a year to develop and organize our educational conference, so to see it come to fruition is such a rewarding experience! Our Nashville conference was nothing short of AMAZING! Our Nashville and Memphis planning committee members did an exceptional job! From the opening reception to the closing banquet, and everything in between, we had great food, delightful fellowship, as well as relevant and interesting speakers. Music City was no disappointment with *No Time Flat's* performance at the closing banquet. Music has been a constant suggestion on surveys, so it was nice to fulfill your requests.

As I stated in my last newsletter article, I have a fear of public speaking, so I want to give a round of applause and a huge THANK YOU to our fellow FJAA members Amy Robinson and Whitney Gingrich for their wonderful presentations at this year's conference. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of 100+ members and deliver a message. Our AO presenters are always informative, however, two that stood out were Henry Wigglesworth and Daniel Gough. Henry gave us many helpful tips on how to improve our editing and writing skills. Even though members have asked for more active shooter training, I must admit, I wasn't looking forward to coming back from Saturday lunch to the heavy topic. In fact, someone told me we should have a motivational speaker to get us going after lunch. To my surprise, Daniel delivered an energetic and powerful presentation. Hopefully, everyone came away with new techniques on how to "think outside the box."

CIRCUIT NEWS

Geographic Boundaries
of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts



Mark your calendars! Next year's conference will be held September 17-19, 2020 in Tucson. As promised, we negotiated the per diem rate for the conference hotel. To get you excited, please consider watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCBNV-txmeA&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzKMOxtJxNOuCROmIoVbBLA>

Just a taste of what Tucson has to offer and what you don't want to miss!

It will be an exceptional conference in a beautiful setting located in south-central Arizona along the banks of the Santa Cruz River, surrounded by four mountain ranges: the Santa Catalinas to the north, the Rincons to the east, the Santa Ritas to the south, and the Tucsons to the west.

Again, thank you all for allowing me to serve you this past year, and the great joy I received from doing so.

Warmly,

Cathy

FIRST CIRCUIT— Christie Piche

NASHVILLE CONFERENCE –

Deann Harvie (J. Hornby JA), Marsha Heath (J. Singal JA), Carianne Sawyer (J. Woodcock JA) and I (C.J. Levy JA), were able to attend this year’s conference and we had a great time.



Besides being fortunate enough to visit with some friends and family, one of the highlights of my trip was visiting the Antique Archaeology shop. The American Pickers Show is one of my favorites, so this was a real treat for me.



2019 Chambers Staff Administrative Workshop in Washington, D.C.

By Cheryl Derrah – Judge Lance Walker’s JA



In July, I attended the 2019 Chambers Staff Administrative Workshop in Washington, D.C. I found the conference very well organized and was very impressed with the quality of the speakers and the presentation of information. Since I have only been in chambers since January, there was still plenty of information related to my position which I have not dealt with yet. There was opportunity for sharing information amongst the attendees, which I found very helpful.

It was interesting to meet people from all over the country and to learn how other courts work. There were those new to Chambers; some had been in private practice with their Judge; others have worked at Federal Court, but not in Chambers; there were Law Clerks that were also handling administrative duties as well as case management.

It was also great to be in Washington, D.C., although it was very hot and humid. Not the best weather for those of us with curly hair. When I arrived, I ventured out for a walk from Capitol Hill to the White House. My feet were not happy with me. Washington is a great place to sit and “people watch.”

For anyone new to Chambers, it is a great opportunity to visit D.C. and the Thurgood Marshall Federal Building. I would highly recommend applying for the opportunity to attend.

FIRST CIRCUIT— Christie Piche

Court BBQ

On September 19, we had our annual court barbeque right in our courtyard. It was a perfect weather day and we had a good turnout. Our court staff, GSA staff, Bankruptcy, Probation, Court security officers, U.S. Marshal Service, and outgoing law clerks were all invited.

We sure do have some great grill-meisters, good bakers and cooks!



PORTRAIT CEREMONY

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the District of Maine Bench and Bar presented Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr.'s Portrait at a ceremony in the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building and Courthouse in Bangor. Many of Judge Woodcock's family, friends and colleagues were present as well as Governor Janet Mills and Chief Judge Gelpi from Puerto Rico. Judge Woodcock assumed Senior Status on June 27, 2017.



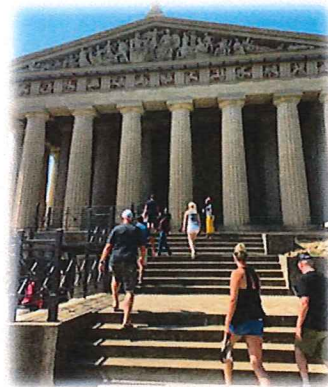
SECOND CIRCUIT

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SECOND CIRCUIT:

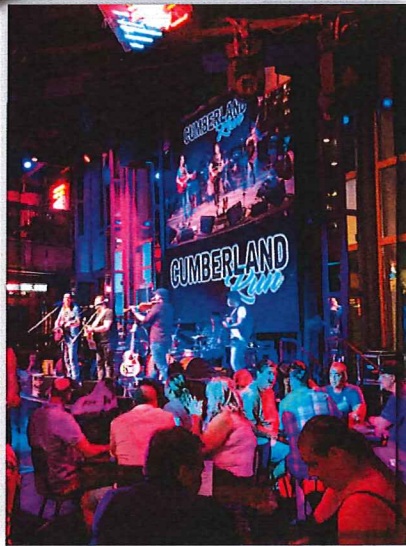
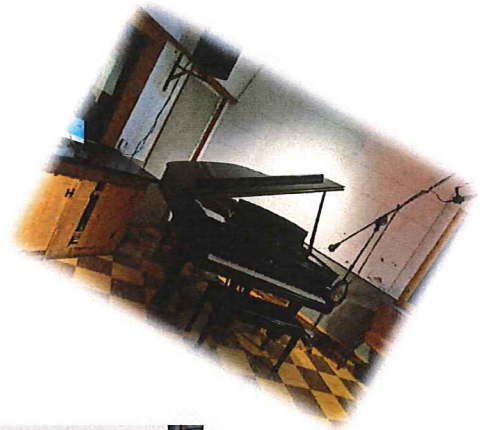
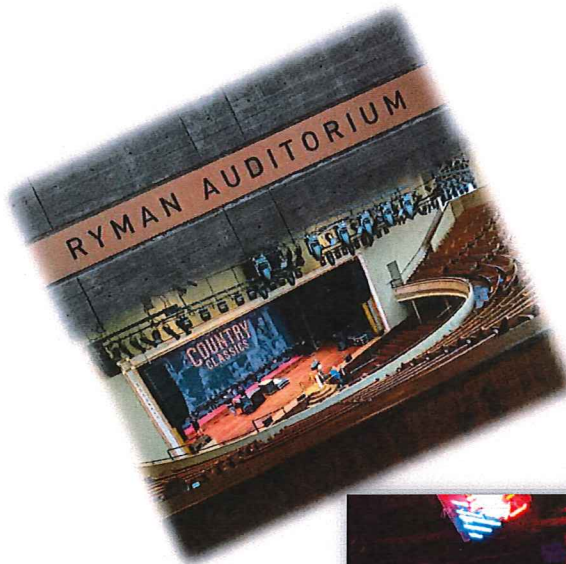
Court of Appeals:

Happy Fall y'all! (I think Nashville has rubbed off on me!) For those not able to attend the conference in Nashville, TN, you missed a good one! From the interesting speakers regarding a variety of subjects, to learning about the historical and musical aspects of Nashville, it was an amazing trip! And as always, it was great to see so many friends again—friends made at FJAA conferences over the years; just another bonus of being a FJAA member! Attached below are pictures taken during our Nashville visit. Pictures on this page were taken by Christine Stewart, Judicial Assistant to Judge Susan L. Carney.



Pictured Above: Red Ladder sculpture; Country Music Hall of Fame; Estes Kefauver Federal Building U.S. Courthouse; Parthenon replica “Athens of the South”; 41’ Statue of Athena, goddess of wisdom, among other things. Photos by Christine Stewart

SECOND CIRCUIT — Janet Hansen, Cont.



Pictured above: Ryman Auditorium (the original Grand Ole Opry); the Piano at Studio B where Elvis Presley and many others played; “Ole Red” Bar on Broadway; The “Batman” building; some of Johnny Cash’s gold records on display at the Johnny Cash Museum. Photos by Janet Hansen

SECOND CIRCUIT —Janet Hansen, Cont.

Now, for Second Circuit news:

An induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 for The Honorable Joseph F. Bianco at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, NY, NY. Judge Bianco was appointed as a Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit on May 13, 2019, and was serving as a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York at the time of his appointment. Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann administered the oath and Judge Bianco's children had the special honor of robing him. George E. Doty, III, Esq., Associate Counsel and Assistant to the President, read the commission. Remarks were given by Mary Jo White, Esq., of Debevoise & Plimpton, NY, The Honorable Carol Bagley Amon, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of NY, and Todd Blanche, Esq., Caldwellader, Wickersham & Taft, NY, before newly inducted Judge Bianco gave his remarks. A reception hosted by the EDNY and SDNY Federal Bar Associations was held immediately following the ceremony.

It was a busy week at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse! On Thursday, September 26, 2019, an induction ceremony was held for The Honorable Michael H. Park. Judge Park was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in May 2019. At the time of his appointment, Judge Park was a partner in the law firm of Consovoy McCarthy Park. After graduation from Yale Law School in 2001, Judge Park served as a law clerk to then-Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr., on the Third Circuit, and clerked again for Justice Alito on the Supreme Court. It was only fitting that Justice Alito administered the oath to Judge Park! Remarks were given by William S. Consovoy, Esq., Consovoy McCarthy PLLC, Washington, DC, Anjan Sahni, Esq., WilmerHale, LLP, New York, NY, prior to Judge Park presenting his remarks. The Clerk of the Court, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, read the commission. A lovely reception was held in the Historic Library of the Courthouse, hosted by Consovoy McCarthy, immediately following the induction.

We send our congratulations and a hearty welcome to Judge Bianco and Judge Park!

Court of Appeals Senior Judge Christopher F. Dronney announced that he would be retiring and returning to private practice at the end of 2019. Although I was sad to learn this news, I was incredibly happy to learn that one of our former law clerks, William J. Nardini, had been nominated to fill his slot! I'm sure you can all relate---I felt like a proud Mom! Bill and I worked together the first year (1994) Judge José A. Cabranes was appointed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals bench. I was then a new-hire coming from life as a paralegal at a law firm here in New Haven, CT. Bill, his co-clerks, the Judge and I were all floundering around (well, maybe not the Judge!) trying to figure out our new roles and how to make it all work! Needless to say, it was a very *special* year for all of us—we depended heavily upon each other. We did eventually figure everything out and the rest they say, is history. Bill went on to do great things—he also clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and then for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court. He is currently the Criminal Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. Bill has served in U.S. Attorney's office from 2000 to 2010, and then after a four-year stint as the U.S. Department of Justice Attaché in Rome, he returned in 2014 to the United States and to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. Naturally, I wish Bill all the best and can't wait to report back on his induction!!!

Well, that's about all the news we have for now. We wish everyone a very safe, healthy, happy Fall!

Janet F. Hansen

Judicial Assistant to Judge José A. Cabranes



THIRD CIRCUIT—Iris Liriano

During the month of September, the U.S. District Court and the Court of Appeals welcomed three Judges on the bench.

The first one held was for Edward S. Kiel, Magistrate Judge. His investiture was held on 9/10/19 at the Frank Lautenberg and U.S. Courthouse Building in the Ceremonial Courtroom. There was such a big turnout that the Courtroom was standing room as well as an overflow courtroom to accommodate those guests who didn't fit in the main courtroom. The reception was held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. NJPAC is an elegant venue convenient with parking and the train station is walking distance. While I didn't attend this event, I'm sure it was a lovely event given the location.

The second investiture was held on 9/12/19 in the same location for the Hon. Paul Matey, U.S. Circuit Judge. Judge Matey was confirmed on March 12, 2019 and has already been hearing cases with the Circuit. I actually attended this event and was looking forward to the guest speakers which included former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito, Christopher Porrino, Chair of Litigation, Lowenstein Sandler and Donald McGahn II, Former Counsel to the President of the United States, currently Partner, Jones Day. This event was full of great stories with humor and laughter. The reception was held at the Great Hall which has grand courtrooms and a statue of Lady Justice in the middle of the hallway. It really is a vast, beautiful, and historical floor to celebrate such a special court event.

The last Investiture took place on September 19, 2019 in the Trenton District Courthouse for the Hon. Zahid N. Quraishi. The Judge's parents and children attended along with guest speakers the Hon. Walter F. Timpone, Associate Justice Supreme Court of New Jersey, Samuel P. Moulthrop, Esq., from Riker Danzig and Lee Vartan, Esq. at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi. This was another event I was not able to attend. We congratulate and welcome our three Judges to the Court!



From top left –
Hon. Edward S. Kiel,
Hon. Paul B. Matey,
Hon. Zahid N. Quraishi

Wishing you all a beautiful Fall season!

Iris

FOURTH CIRCUIT —- Lena Tapscott



Submitted by Lena Tapscott (Charleston, SC)

As Judicial Assistants, we work with and develop great relationships with staff who for some are with us for long periods of time (career clerks, courtroom deputies, case managers) and for others of us are with us for shorter periods of time (term clerks, temporary clerks, etc). In our Chambers we only employ term clerks as Judge loves pouring into our clerks and then giving them the opportunity to go out in the world and affect change. Our clerks are normally with us from one to two years, so since Judge came on the bench in August of 2010, including our current clerks, we have been blessed to grow with and love on fourteen (14) wonderful clerks thus far!

During this time we have had many FIRST: first grandclerkchildren, first clerk weddings, first grandclerkdogs, first clerks to date each other, first clerk to open a private practice, first clerk to run for Congress (Yes!!!! Google Adair Boroughs-South Carolina – she’s a force to be reckoned with!!!),..... and unfortunately we our mourning the loss of our first clerk, Sally Corbette Newman.

Our Sally, passed away on August 16, 2019 at the untimely age of 36 years old. Sally worked with us two wonderful years, 2014 and 2015. Following her clerkship and because of her love for all mankind, Sally was our first clerk to open a sliding scale practice, Charleston Legal Access, to provide low-cost legal representation and assistance to the working poor and others of modest means who do not qualify for free legal services but who cannot afford a private attorney. Anyone who worked at Charleston Legal Access (CLA), including many of our former clerks and even some former interns, did so out of commitment to the mission and loyalty to Sally, not to make money. Many of you may have read about CLA in our January 2019 newsletter.

In January 2018, Sally was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. She survived a little over a year and a half after her diagnosis. Though the survival rates were very low, Sally never quit. She fought as long and as best she could enduring numerous doctors appointments, consultations and various treatments to try to prolong her life. We memorialized our dear Sally on October 5, 2019 . Sally always lived life to the fullest and she will forever be missed by her loving family, friends, and her court family.

FOURTH CIRCUIT —- Lena Tapscott, Cont.

Submitted by Lena Tapscott (Charleston, SC)

Wonderful Conference in Nashville, TN

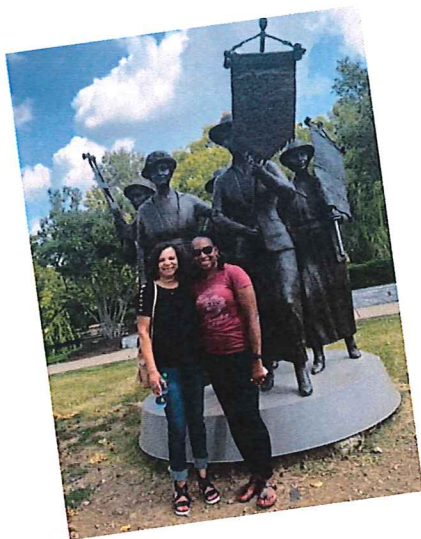
Thank you to all of our 4th Circuit Members who were able to attend:

Karen Burton (Chambers of the Honorable David C. Keesler, Charlotte, NC)

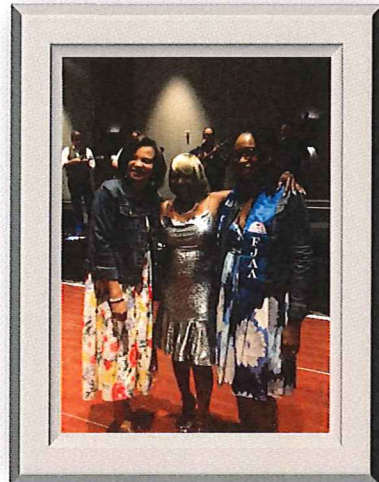
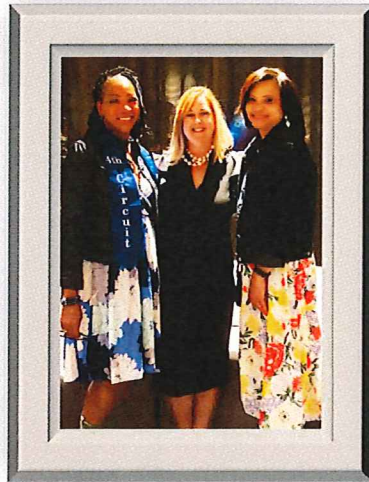
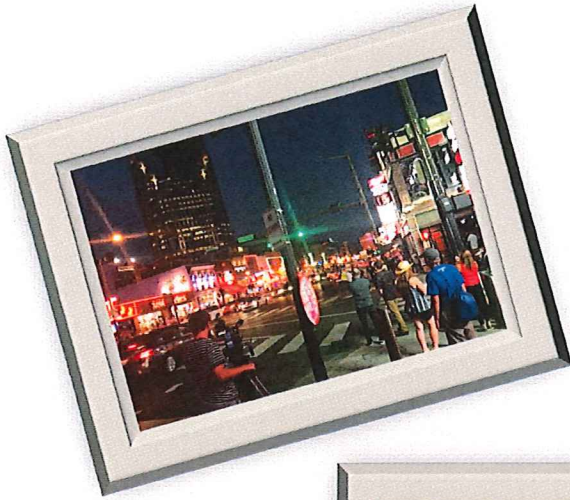
Vickie Hearn (Chambers of the Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks, Charleston, SC)

Lisa Richberg (Chambers of the Honorable David C. Norton, Charleston, SC)

Lena Tapscott (Chambers of the Honorable Richard M. Gergel, Charleston, SC)



FOURTH CIRCUIT —- Lena Tapscott, Cont.



If you haven't tried this one yet, here's another Thanksgiving Day Favorite to add to your arsenal:

Submitted by Lisa Richberg (Charleston, SC) -----by way of our Retired Courtroom Deputy, Eunice Ravenel, ----by way of her realtor.

EUNICE'S PUMPKIN CRUNCH

- 1 16oz can solid pack pumpkin
- 1 12oz can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter, melted
- Whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350. Grease bottom of 9x13 pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, and salt in large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with pecans. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake for 50-55 minutes or until golden. Cool completely. Serve with whipped topping.

FOURTH CIRCUIT —- Lena Tapscott, Cont.

Submission by Deb Reynolds (Greenville, SC)

Governor’s Proclamation - Court Observance Week 2019

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued a proclamation of October 7 – 11, 2019, as Court Observance Week, recognizing legal support staff and our contributions to the legal profession. This year’s theme was “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.”

A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, was the featured speaker honoring this occasion at the October 16, 2019, meeting of Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville.

