

# FIFTH CIRCUIT— Christie Abadie

## HaPpY BiRThDaY To YoU!!...

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marilyn Myers
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Hope Taormina
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Brandy Route
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Adria Wallace
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Donna Wisecarver

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Tullier
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Eva Gonzales

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wendy McCrossen
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Ewing
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Toni Leard
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Hope McDonald

## Employment Anniversaries:

### OCTOBER:

- 21 Yrs – Hope McDonald
- 2 Yrs – Christine Abadie
- 1 Yr – Barbara Ewing
- 1 Yr – Adria Wallace

### NOVEMBER:

- 18 Yrs – Lisa Martin
- 10 Yrs – Paige Lessor
- 10 Yrs – Brandy Route
- 8 Yrs – Sharon Johnson
- 1 Yr – Gretchen Heldner

### DECEMBER:

- 6 Yrs – Toni Leard
- 1 Yr – Desiree Sillas

**WELCOME TO THE  
FIFTH CIRCUIT;  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE  
HERE!**



### U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES:

- Judge Charles R. Eskridge III, SDTX

### U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGES:

- Judge Dana Douglas, EDLA - Kelly Brossett-Desmond
- Judge John R. Parker, NDTX – Jeanine Fish

### U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGES:

- Judge Meredith A. Grabill, EDLA – Anna Mangham, Law Clerk
- Christopher M. Lopez, SDTX

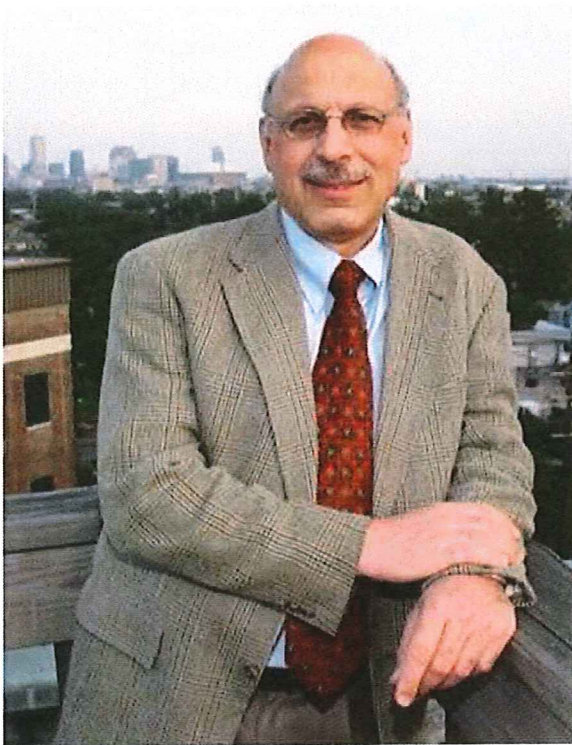
# Fifth Circuit's "Judicial Spotlight"

*Sure – you can Google their names, but how much do you really know about them? Here is our Multi-Question Interview Series to help you get to know a little bit more about our wonderful Judges within the Fifth Circuit.*

## JUDGE JAY ZAINNEY

DISTRICT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF LA

Assumed Office February 14, 2002



**Early riser or night owl?**

Both.

**If you weren't a judge, what would you like to be?**

Practicing lawyer.

**On a relaxing Sunday, what would be your ideal thing to do?**

Hanging with family.

**Dessert or no dessert?**

Definitely dessert.

**Sweet tooth or salt-a-holic?**

Sweet tooth and salt-a-holic.

**Kale or "No way!"?**

So-so.

**Favorite flavor of ice cream?**

Chocolate Peanut Butter!

**Favorite pet?**

I don't have a pet, but if I did, a dog.

**Favorite kind of food?**

Lebanese Food.

**Favorite book?**

Biography.

**Favorite movie?**

*And Justice for All.*

**Favorite hobby?**

Hanging with the family.

**Favorite kind of music?**

60's.

**Favorite vacation spot?**

Europe, NYC, Chicago and San Francisco

**Favorite sports team?**

Saints, of course!!

... More About Judge Jay Zainey

This issue's focus for the Judicial Spotlight includes

The Honorable Jay Zainey, District Judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana. However, there are many more things that you should know about the man behind the robe. We have therefore expanded the spotlight questionnaire to include a more in-depth article about Judge Zainey and his selfless communities activities while he is not on the bench. Two of these community programs for which Judge Zainey passionate about include:

SOLACE

HELP

If you would like more information about these programs, please do not hesitate to contact Judge Zainey's office.

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### JAY C. ZAINNEY, THE MAN BEHIND THE ROBE

This issue's focus for the Judicial Spotlight includes The Honorable Jay Zainey, District Judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana. In this newsletter, I am expanding the spotlight questionnaire to include a more in-depth article about Judge Zainey and his selfless community activities, in particular, his work with SOLACE and HELP, two community programs near and dear to him.

So that you have a little background about Judge Zainey, you should know that he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on February 19, 2002. He is the past President of the Louisiana State Bar Association. As State Bar Association President, he created the Community Action Committee and the Committee to Provide Legal Services for the Disabled. These two committees are purportedly the first of their kind in the nation.

#### A. SOLACE

Judge Zainey is co-founder of SOLACE, a Louisiana State Bar Association program, which provides services to members of the legal community and their families who experience tragedies, and who otherwise have special needs. There are currently over 20,000 volunteer attorneys and other members of the legal community throughout the state who participate in the SOLACE Program. SOLACE Programs have now been developed in 27 states, Puerto Rico, and programs are being developed in other states. The national Federal Bar Association has also adopted the SOLACE Program and offers it as a member benefit.

I can personally say that I have been a member of the SOLACE community for many years, and I have particularly been inspired by all the great things the SOLACE program does. This program has been an example of people helping each other in need. I wish I could re-post the many thank you letters I have read over the years from people who have benefited from the entire SOLACE community's compassion, understanding and willingness to lend a hand to someone in need without even knowing them.

#### B. H.E.L.P.

In May 2004, Judge Zainey organized the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (H.E.L.P.) Program. In this program, over 450 attorneys provide legal consultation services and notary services at five homeless centers in New Orleans. HELP Programs are now in 37 cities throughout the country. Plans are underway to start H.E.L.P. Programs in other major cities. The Program has been instrumental in assisting many members of the homeless community escape the bonds of homelessness, rebuild their lives, and restore their dignity. The program operates recurring legal clinics at homeless shelters, using volunteer attorneys to bring legal consultation and services directly to the homeless individuals.

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### C. OTHER CHARITABLE WORK

#### (1) The Homeless Crisis

Judge Zainey assisted in developing a Homeless Court in New Orleans, and is assisting in developing Veterans Courts in Jefferson Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish and in Federal Court.

Judge Zainey has also worked with the Louisiana State Bar Association Committee to Provide Legal Services for the Disabled in providing pro bono legal services to people with disabilities and their families, and has assisted Tulane Law School develop its Disability Law Society, one of the first of its kind in the country.

Besides serving as past president on various legal associations, he also served on the American Bar Association's Hurricane Katrina Task Force, and has written a chapter in "Lawyer's Working to End Homelessness," a book published by the American Bar Association's Commission on Homelessness and Poverty.

#### (2) Children's Charities

In October, 2004 Judge Zainey and his wife Joy founded the God's Special Children Program. The program includes a monthly mass for people with special needs, their families and friends. Judge and Joy Zainey also co-founded St. Andrew's Village, a faith-based long-term living community for adults with disabilities. St. Andrew's Village will provide a loving environment for many of God's special angels. Judge Zainey proudly serves as President of the Board of St. Andrew's Village.

Should you wish to volunteer your time, talents or connections or lend a hand in these community causes, or should you wish to start similar programs in your community, please do not hesitate to contact Judge Zainey. I encourage you to search out some of these programs and learn more about the wonderful things they do for others. I am certain you will be inspired and will receive a heartwarming, rewarding benefit for being able to help others in need in your community.

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> Circuit at the Conference



### NASHVILLE!

- The music was great.
- The weather was beautiful.
- The education was useful.
- The food was fabulous.
- The dancing was entertaining.
- The bling was plentiful.
- The comradery was superb.



- And the time was not long enough.
- If you didn't get to make the Nashville conference, you were missed!



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## Recipe Corner

### Baked Macaroni Submitted by Christine Abadie

- 1 Package Macaroni
- 1 8-ounce package Philadelphia cream cheese
- 1 large can of evaporated milk
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 can Campbell's cheddar cheese soup
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 8-ounce package shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Boil macaroni according to package directions. While macaroni is boiling, take a 9 x 13 inch pan and place it over the boiling water. Add to the pan (to soften) the cream cheese, butter and cheese soup. When softened, add the cream and the eggs and mix well.

When the macaroni is done, drain and add it to the ingredients in the pan and mix well. Add cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven for 25-30 minutes.

### Taco Soup Submitted by Christine Abadie

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 pkg. (dry) ranch dip mix
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 pkg. (dry) taco seasoning mix

Brown ground beef with onions and celery. Add dry seasoning mixes.

- Add:
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
  - 1 large can crushed tomatoes
  - 1 can water
  - 1 can pinto beans
  - 1 can red beans (Blue Runner cream style)
  - 1 can black beans (drained)
  - 1 can white hominy (drained)
  - 2 cans yellow niblets corn (drained)

Simmer for 30 minutes. Serve with shredded cheese, sour cream and chips..

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## Nashville, TN Conference

by: Jackie Logue – WD/TN  
 J/A to Senior Judge James D. Todd

For those of you who could not attend the 2019 FJAA Conference in Nashville, I just want to tell you it was awesome! The hotel was very nice, the food was delicious, the meetings were informative, and the fellowship was exceptional! It's always nice to meet in person those people you may have emailed or had some contact with in their chambers. And, it's always nice to renew old friendships from people you have not seen in a long time.



This was the first conference I have attended in several years due to family and health situations. I had forgotten how much fun it was. I was fortunate enough to share a room with my former "suite mate" from many years ago, Carol Vinson Kronquist. In fact, Carol and I attended our first conference together, and it became an annual trip for us. Somehow along the way, we allowed our husbands to attend the conferences with us. But not this year! Carol retired three years ago, but she is a Lifetime Member of FJAA!!! Now that's dedication! Next year our conference will be in Tucson, Arizona. It sounds like a fun and re-laxing trip. Hope you can be there.

### Thank you note from No Time Flatt:

Thanks so much for having us at the Federal Judicial Assistants Conference in Nashville! I hope you were happy with our performance. It was a pleasure working with all of you. Please call on us again if we can help anytime!



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Annual Report from the History and Archives Committee  
 Submitted by: Suzanne Gammon

I enjoyed another year of paging through past newsletters, available to all members via the FJAA website. It reminded me of how valuable the collection is to our historical record, not to mention renewing my appreciation for the invaluable contribution of donated labor by the editors and our circuit representatives. The issues contain pages of information recounting the Association’s efforts over the years to reclassify our position from JSP11 to JSP12 and its successful contribution to our job title change from secretary to judicial assistant. The issues chronicle the evolution of our responsibilities within chambers, as well as the arrivals and departures of innumerable FJAA members and judicial officers.

Here’s a fun fact I stumbled across, **did you know in 1993, the conference was held aboard the Royal Majesty cruise ship sailing out of Miami, FLA to Nassau, Bahamas?**

Melissa and I have been busy with a couple of projects this year. We created a list of past executive board members for the FJAA, dating back to 1973 and forward to 2019. An incomplete version is available on website under the Committees subtab, History/Archives. Despite contacting past presidents and sifting through the newsletters, several years of information remains missing. If you can help fill in the missing information, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send to [suzanne\\_gammon@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:suzanne_gammon@mied.uscourts.gov).

1996-1997	President President-Elect Vice President Secretary Treasurer			
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Subsequent years’ information is complete up and until:				
2002-2003	President President-Elect Vice President Secretary Treasurer Parliamentarian	Ann Nielsen Elizabeth Daigle  Carol Vinson Ann Wisniewski Paula Coley	Hon Charles Butler, Jr Hon Stephen Riedlinger  Hon. Diane Vescovo Hon. Robert Sack Hon. Tommy Miller	



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2003-2004	President President-Elect Vice President Secretary Treasurer			
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We are in the process of creating two additional lists, 1) the FMJSA executive board members and 2) past conference locations.

Lastly, we digitized the history project from the 2018 Grand Rapids conference, using PowerPoint, and it is available to view on our Website <http://www.fjaa.net/> at the History/Archives tab.

One of our members found this condolence post of Justice Ginsburg following the passing of Justice John Paul Stevens on July 16, 2019.

**Statement of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:**

From my first year at the Court, Justice Stevens was my model for all a collegial judge should be. Circulations from other chambers invariably took precedence over all else on his work table. His manner at oral argument typified both his civility and the quality of his mind. He preceded his questions with the politest “May I . . .,” then invited advocates to train their attention on the issue likely to be dispositive.

In a Capital City with no shortage of self-promoters, Justice Stevens set a different tone. Quick as his bright mind was, Justice Stevens remained a genuinely gentle and modest man. No jurist with whom I have served was more dedicated to the judicial craft, more open to what he called “learning on the job,” more sensitive to the wellbeing of the community law exists (or should exist) to serve.

In a letter applauding Justice Stevens on the 30th anniversary of his appointment to the Court, President Gerald Ford commented that Supreme Court nominations are seldom considered when historians assess Presidencies. “Let that not be the case with my Presidency,” Ford continued, “[f]or I am prepared to allow history’s judgment to rest (if necessary, exclusively) on my nomination . . . of Justice John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court.” I am among the legions of lawyers and judges who would concur heartily in President Ford’s praise for the “dignity, intellect[,] and [absence of] partisan political concerns” that characterized Justice Stevens’ service on the Court, and to the country.

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE STEPHEN BREYER DELIVERS CONSTITUTION DAY LECTURE  
AT RHODES COLLEGE IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



On October 3, 2019, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer addressed an audience of over 500 at Rhodes College, a Memphis private liberal arts college, on their belated annual Constitution Day (the official date was Sept. 17) lecture. Justice Breyer emphasized the changing nature of the justices' work with references to his 2016 book, "The Court and the World: American Law and the New Global Realities." Throughout his 30-minute lecture, Justice Breyer gave examples of cases that go beyond our borders. He stated he's seen the number of cases that "require knowing what is going on beyond our shores in order to solve the problem," grow from almost nothing to 20-30% of the caseload. The point of his talk was that globalism is not separate from the lives of any community or tribe, but is part of most lives, or should be.

In the second portion of the evening, Justice Breyer was interviewed by Tim Huebner, the college's Irma O. Sternberg Professor of History. Professor Huebner asked questions from students and staff. One specific question asked of Justice Breyer was his reaction to talk of term limits for justices or expanding the court. Justice Breyer's response was, "I don't react. I am not going to get into some kind of a political discussion, at least, not now." "Fair enough," Huebner said. The audience applauded. Justice Breyer also said that while much is made of dissent among the nine justices, the Supreme Court more often is united. "Most people think we are always divided. We are not," he said.