

## SEVENTH CIRCUIT— Neva Kanelos



Whitney Gingrich, CDIL

As many of you know, on September 13-14, 2019, the FJAA held its Annual Educational Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The 7th circuit had a strong presence at the conference this year with eleven members in attendance. We had so many, we had a hard time keeping track for a group photo, and had to retake it twice to include everyone. Our own Whitney Gingrich, Paralegal to Magistrate Judge Jonathan Hawley, from the Central District of Illinois, gave a presentation on Orientation for new Chambers Staff. An outline of her presentation is below. Great Job Whitney!



### Orientation for new chambers staff:

#### What needs to be covered in the first week to get new staff started

##### Sources of information

Jnet	<a href="http://jnet.ao.dcn/">http://jnet.ao.dcn/</a>
Local Court website	
Local Court intranet site	
Your Circuit Library site	
Training page for SDSO	<a href="http://training.sds.ao.dcn/">http://training.sds.ao.dcn/</a>
FJAA web page	<a href="http://www.fjaa.net/">http://www.fjaa.net/</a>
United States Courts	<a href="https://www.uscourts.gov">https://www.uscourts.gov</a>
Interactive Orientation for Federal Law Clerks (PW for non-judiciary employees is "federal")	<a href="https://www.fjc.gov/iolc/login.php">https://www.fjc.gov/iolc/login.php</a>

##### Chambers Calendar

Discussion of edit/view rights, specific rules for entries

##### CMECF Docketing

What docketing will be required v suggested v prohibited

##### General Information

Procedures for drafting, unwritten policies, time requirements for drafting, resources to use, prioritizing

##### Case management via Reports Menu of CM/ECF

Docket Activity Report, Pending Motions Report, Ripe Motions Report, CJRA Report

##### Full Text Search

Discussion of Full Text Search found in "Big" Utilities within Miscellaneous category

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Central District of Illinois – Peoria Division

Submitted by Cathy Geier, Judicial Assistant to U.S. District Judge James E. Shadid

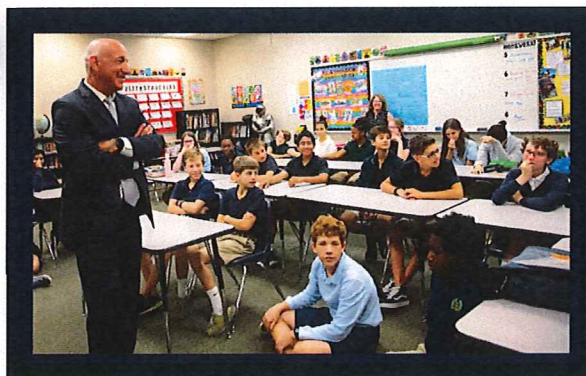
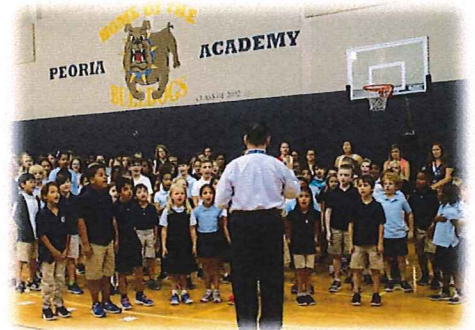
On September 20, 2019, U.S. District Court Judge James E. Shadid administered the Oath of Allegiance to 98 new citizens in a ceremony at Peoria Academy, where more than 40 percent of the students and/or their families are immigrants and some 13 languages are spoken at home.

In the weeks prior to the ceremony, students, from second grade through eighth grade prepared artwork for display in the auditorium. In the week before the ceremony, naturalized citizens from the parent population were guest speakers at classes and Judge Shadid engaged students in a civics discussion to prepare them for the ceremony.

On the day of the event, older students escorted the applicants to their seats and gave each a packet that included student-written welcome letters. During the ceremony, younger students sang the national anthem and led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Hello New us Citizen.  
Congra tulation on becoming a  
us. citizen you should be  
Proud and happy. I know you might  
be sad leavng your own county  
but you<sup>spall be</sup> so gratefull to be a  
U.S citizen.



## SEVENTH CIRCUIT— Neva Kanelos, cont.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Pictured left to right: Jamie O'Neill, Law Clerk, Judge Mills, Carolyn Patterson, JA and Marchal Stewart, Courtroom Deputy

**Submitted by Carolyn Patterson,  
Judicial Assistant to Hon. Richard Mills**

United States District Judge Richard Mills of the Central District of Illinois at Springfield, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. He plans to continue to sit “as long as I still have my marbles”, as he says.

Judge Mills was first sworn in as an Illinois Circuit Judge in 1966, in the Beardstown Courtroom where Abraham Lincoln successfully defended “Duff” Armstrong in the famous “Almanac Murder Trial” in 1858. After serving 10 years riding the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Judge Mills was elected a Justice of the 4<sup>th</sup> District Illinois Appellate Court in 1976 and sat in Springfield until he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1985 to be a U.S. District Judge, sitting primarily in Springfield, the capital of Illinois.

Over his many years on the federal bench, Judge Mills has been assigned by the Chief Justices of the United States to sit upon U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal around the country. As of now, Judge Mills has sat on eight of the thirteen Circuit Courts of Appeal, taking his fair share of appeals for writing opinions and dispositions.

“I am indeed grateful”, says Judge Mills, “that the Good Lord has seen fit to allow me to continue to serve so long. I only hope I can continue to contribute to the search for justice as long as I am able. It has all been a simply marvelous adventure”.

### FITNESS ALERT!!!

Submitted by: Melissa Hardin, Judicial Assistant to Judge William M. Conley

USDC Western District of Wisconsin

WIWD has joined many courts around the country by starting yoga classes for employees. We hold it twice a week, after work on Tuesdays and over the lunch hour on Fridays. We also use a video program (as opposed to a live instructor), so there is no cost to participants. In other news, our Chambers’ kitchen area is being updated later this month. We still have the original 40+ year old fixtures, including a working stove and metallic cupboards. Our first contractor declared bankruptcy, so hopefully we can get it done with the second contractor. Finally, I wanted to thank our Nashville conference committee for a great conference! Even after all my years with the court, I still learned a few new things, so it is worth going to the conference every year!!

## SEVENTH CIRCUIT— Neva Kanelos, cont.

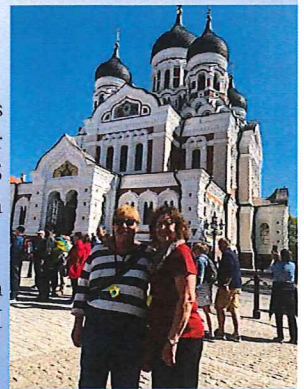
### TRAVEL FUN!!

Submitted by : Mary Quinlivan, Northern District of Illinois

I went on a trip to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and St. Petersburg, Russia in May 2019. It was a fabulous trip and very educational. The Baltic countries are interesting, the people are wonderful and their history is interesting. We saw castles, ate dinner at a 16th century merchant house, and walked MILES around Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn. St. Petersburg was also great – I have never seen so much gold leaf in my entire life!!!

The trip was with an agency called Sights and Soul Travel – [www.sightsandsoul.com](http://www.sightsandsoul.com). They are a women only tour company, the groups are always no more than 15 plus the guide who is with you all the time. I had previously taken a trip with them to Iceland in 2017 which was also wonderful.

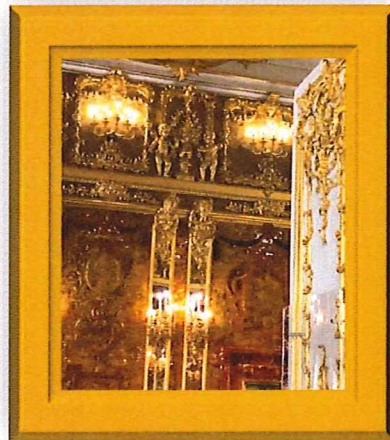
The trips are very informative as you have local guides in every country. You get a vast and sometimes personal knowledge of the country from the local guides.



My sister and I in Tallin



Hill of Crosses—Lithuania



Catherine Palace



Catherine Palace

That's all for now from the 7th circuit! But before I go, here's another shot of some of our group from the conference in Nashville! Now it's off to Brazil for me. I'll be thinking of all of you while there attending a wedding party for a homestay student who lived with me in 2012.

Neva



## EIGHT CIRCUIT— Judith Kirby

Hello to all!

Fall is upon us, and things are back into full swing after summer and the Labor Day holiday weekend. I attended this year's conference in Nashville. The Eighth Circuit was well represented by a large group from the District of Minnesota, as well as Marylynn Shawver from the Western District of Missouri.

There are lots of changes happening as we move into the fall and coming winter. Probably the biggest change here in Minnesota occurred last week (October 16, 2019) when our Minneapolis courthouse was named in honor and memory of Judge Diana E. Murphy. In November, 1979, Judge Murphy was the first woman named to the District of Minnesota bench, and then in 1994, she was the first woman named to the Eighth Circuit bench, where she served as the only woman on that bench until Judge Jane Kelly was appointed in April, 2013. Judge Murphy took senior status in November 2016, and passed away in May, 2018, shortly after announcing her full retirement.



As for other changes, there are lots of retirements coming, and with them, new Judicial Assistants/Courtroom Deputies coming on board. In the District of Minnesota, as I noted in last quarter's newsletter, Becky Baertsch, who was very active in FJAA, retired at the end of June. At the end of this year, our district will see the retirement of Jackie Phipps (after 12 years of service), Connie Baker (after 30+ years of service), and Katie Haagenon (after 25+ years of service). We wish them the best in retirement and will certainly miss them and all of the institutional knowledge they take with them.

Now, for the new faces, Lori Loken joined us in July, 2019 as Judicial Assistant for District Judge Donovan W. Frank. Lori is filling Becky Baertsch's very capable shoes admirably and is learning something new with each passing day. Lori came from outside the court and has gone through that period of sensory overload that we have all faced at one time or another. And, after the retirement of the Courtroom Deputy in our Duluth courthouse, Jenny Beck was promoted to that position as Courtroom Deputy for Magistrate Judge Leo Brisbois. We wish them both well and it's my hope to get both of them to join us with the new year.

## EIGHT CIRCUIT—Judith Kirby, Cont.

### *Around the rest of the Circuit.*

- Nebraska had a new District Judge, Brian C. Buescher, confirmed by the Senate on July 24, 2019.
- On October 9, 2019 it was announced that Chief Magistrate Judge Matt J. Whitworth, of the Western District of Missouri, had passed away.
- A new Magistrate Judge position has been authorized for the Eastern District of Missouri. The position was announced on October 15, 2019, and will begin in June, 2020.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board and in particular, Cathy Gray, for an outstanding year. Many of those who attended the conference renewed their memberships for 2020. For those of you who were unable to attend, please plan on renewing your memberships. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. If you have new employees in your court units, please encourage them to join for 2020. They will get a lot out of their involvement, which I hope all of you have gotten.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and a happy new year.

2020 is going to be great and we have a lot to look forward to as Judy Stoyko becomes our President and we head into our conference in Tucson!!



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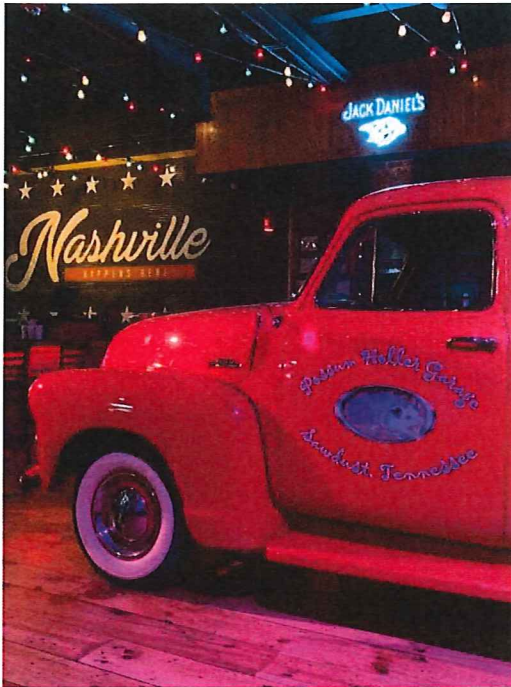
9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT  
SUZANNE LOFTON

Aloha from Hawai'i FJAA Members!

What an amazing time it was in Nashville. We had a total of twenty-three 9<sup>th</sup> circuit members in attendance at this year's conference. Loews Vanderbilt was the perfect setting for our conference and it was great to see and reconnect with old friends and appreciated the opportunity to make new ones. Big thanks to Cathy Gray and her planning committee. It takes months of planning and hours of preparation to put on a conference like this. I appreciate the blue banner ribbons given to the circuit reps. That was really cool. The conference speakers were informative and the information provided at the conference will truly help us in our line of duty. I hope many of you got to tour Nashville on your leisure time. Some of the attendees visited Nashville's music scene on Broadway, some took the trolley and toured the town or went to Nashville's Farmers' Market.

My favorite was Athena at the Parthenon. Nashville's food was divine and Monell's in Germantown was a huge hit. There at Monell's I tasted the best (yes best) fried chicken I have ever had. The southern food in Nashville was delightful and unforgettable. I'm sure many of you are now enjoying the Fall season and as the end of the year is quickly approaching, soon many of us will be carving our pumpkins, roasting our turkeys and decorating our Christmas trees.

Tours in Nashville, TN



GEORGE JONES BAR IN NASHVILLE



Monell's Delicious Chicken



PARTHENON



ATHENA AT THE PARTHENON





WELCOME RECEPTION



Circuit Representatives

# NINTH CIRCUIT NEWS

~ SUZANNE LOFTON



FJAA 2019 Educational Conference

Nashville, TN

Wonderful Conference !



## Greetings from the Tenth Circuit

Susan Goodwin, J.A. for Judge Nancy L. Mortiz

New Circuit Representative: Karen Baca



### Tenth Circuit Attendees

Baca, Karen  
Bader, Deanne  
Finney, Kathleen  
Garcia, Martha  
Hall, Theresa  
Haltom, Theresa  
Hess, Lisa  
Wilhelm, Deb

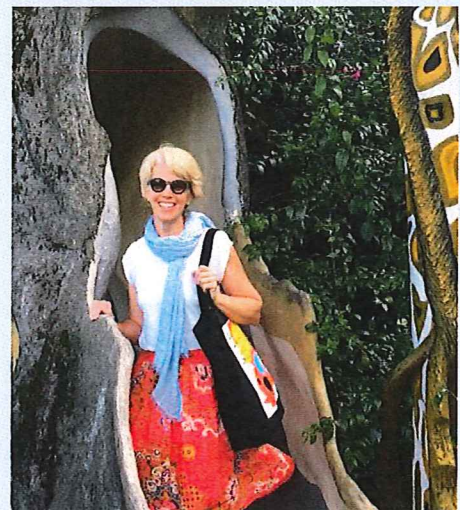
## TENTH CIRCUIT - KAREN BACA, CONT.



Susan will have been retired for two months when you read this and is happy to report she is having so much fun! She moved lock, stock and barrel from Kansas to Florida three days after her last day of work. She spent her first month away from keeping the office organized to getting things organized and rearranged in her new home in Florida. Then she and her husband Bob drove to Texas to see their grandson for a week. Susan left straight from there for two weeks in California with her son and sister. A quick trip back home to Florida and then she was off again. This time a

driving trip with Bob to North Carolina to see the fall colors of the Great Smokey Mountains. It is no surprise to anyone that worked with her that Susan isn't sitting still. Though she misses Judge Moritz and all her co-workers she is so glad to be able to enjoy family and travel, lots of travel! From the sound of it, this is just the beginning of new adventures.

Before heading off, Susan spent her days trying to prepare her replacement for the variety of daily life in chambers. Meredith Lang joined Judge Moritz's team in August. After several years at home with four children and endless volunteer opportunities, she is thrilled to be back at work. Like Susan, Meredith loves to travel. After law school, Meredith worked at a hedge fund as a compliance officer and made trips to China to evaluate companies. Then as a Fulbright Fellow in the Sultanate of Oman, she and her family explored the Middle East and North Africa, taking as many weekend excursions as possible. After a recent family trip to Vietnam, Hong Kong and Japan, Meredith traded in her flying wings for a car and began the daily commute to Topeka. In her short two months and single trip to court week in Denver, she is struck by the warm welcome and congenial spirit of the 10th Circuit!



## TENTH CIRCUIT - KAREN BACA, CONT.



### **Introduction of New 10th Circuit Representative Karen Baca**

Hello from New Mexico. I would like to introduce myself as the new 10th Circuit representative. Susan Goodwin has retired and has moved to Florida. We are going to miss her dearly and so appreciate all of the time she put into being our 10th Circuit representative. Presently the International Balloon Fiesta is going on. I invite everyone to come and view these beautiful balloons.

I attended the FJAA conference in Nashville, TN. It was so nice to see everyone, and I appreciate all of the hard work put into the conference. It was obvious the time and effort that was put into this flawless event. Thanks again! To tell you a little bit about myself, I am a Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Harris L Hartz of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Albuquerque, New Mexico since 2015. Prior to my position with Judge Hartz I was the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable M. Christina

Armijo, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of New Mexico. Before coming to the Judiciary, I was a paralegal at Sandia National Laboratories working in the legal department with in-house counsel, both in the litigation department as well as assisting the patent area. My legal career started in 1984, and I have worked at several firms throughout my career. I am native to New Mexico. I celebrated my 30th wedding anniversary with her husband Alfred, a retired engineer from Intel Corporation. We have three wonderful children, a boy and two girls, a daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and a grandson who was born on July 4th along with his grandpa, so we have two firecrackers in the family. I enjoy hunting, fishing, swimming and most importantly, being with her family.



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