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Jenny Rudolph, President



Happy summer everyone!

Where has the time gone? It seems like I just started as your president and my term is almost over. It has been a busy and interesting year.

Our conference committee is hard at work finalizing plans for our annual educational conference in beautiful San Diego, California. The agenda and other conference materials are also included in this edition of *In Brief*. As you can see, we have a great line-up of speakers this year. Lots of information on the conference is included in this newsletter but you may also visit fjaa.net for information on things to see, our Friday night optional event and hotel accommodations. The conference is a wonderful opportunity to network, meet new friends and see old ones. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership at this time so that you will be eligible to attend the conference. This is one you won't want to miss!

By now you should have received the ballot for this year's election. Did you exercise your right to vote? Voting is a privilege of membership; be sure to return your ballot if you have not already done so.

Raffle tickets for the annual fund-raising raffle will be sent to your Circuit Representative prior to the conference. Don't forget to purchase your tickets, especially if you are not able to attend! Our Ways and Means Committee always does a wonderful job of having fantastic prizes to win. Let's make this fund-raising opportunity the best one ever.

In closing, as our membership numbers have dwindled drastically over the years, I cannot help but wonder if it is a result of the economy, the vanishing JA position or perhaps just a lack of interest? Do you know someone who isn't a member? Why not approach them and share some of our resources with them? We have many, including the scholarship program, a wonderful website, the annual conference, and most importantly, our collective voice to be heard. FJAA has strength in numbers. And for only \$30 a year, you cannot get a better value. As our careers change (or disappear), we are still being heard by the Administrative Office through our position on JSAG and in other ways. Talk it up, show it off, and let everyone know why it's so important to join!!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and wonderful, fun-filled vacations.

Jenny

CIRCUIT NEWS



First Circuit

District of Massachusetts

On February 1, 2012, Magistrate Judge Leo T. Sorokin succeeded Magistrate Judge Judith Gail Dein as Chief Magistrate Judge of the Court. He will serve a term of three years and became the eighth Chief Magistrate Judge of the District of Massachusetts since the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System endorsed the practice of district courts designating a chief or presiding magistrate judge in 1988. Judge Sorokin was appointed United States Magistrate Judge on April 11, 2005. He graduated from Yale, *cum laude*, in 1983, and Columbia Law School, in 1991, where he was a Kent and Stone Scholar, as well as the Articles Editor of the *Journal of Law and Social Problems*. After his graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk to Judge Rya W. Zobel, of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (1991-1992). Chief Judge Mark L. Wolf extended his thanks to Magistrate Judge Dein for her distinguished service and is quite confident that Magistrate Judge Sorokin will continue that fine tradition.

District of New Hampshire

Chief Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced on May 22, 2012 the formation of a Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel to screen and review the qualifications of applicants for a bankruptcy judgeship in the District of New Hampshire. The successful candidate will fill the vacancy created by the anticipated 2013 retirement of the Honorable J. Michael Deasy, who has served as a bankruptcy judge in Manchester since 1999. Attorneys with demonstrated excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law and/or commercial litigation are encouraged to apply, and may obtain an application from either the Circuit Executive's Office, the Bankruptcy Court Clerk for the District of New Hampshire, or on the Court of Appeals' website at www.ca1.uscourts.gov. Those applications should be sent to Susan J. Goldberg, Deputy Circuit Executive, Office of the Circuit Executive, John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 3700, Boston, MA 02210. Applications are to be received by Monday, July 9, 2012.

District of Maine

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maine convened a special session of court for the investiture of U.S. District Judge Nancy Torresen on May 3, 2012, at the United States District Court located at 156 Federal Street in Portland. Chief Circuit Judge Sandra Lynch, Circuit Judge Kermit Lipez, Chief Judge John Woodcock, and Judge D. Brock Hornby were on the bench during the ceremony. Distinguished guests included Senator George J. Mitchell, Senator Olympia J. Snowe, Senator Susan M. Collins, Representative Michael H. Michaud, and Representative Chellie M. Pingree.

No additional news to report at this time. Enjoy the summer and see you soon in San Diego!

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Second Circuit

Janet Hansen



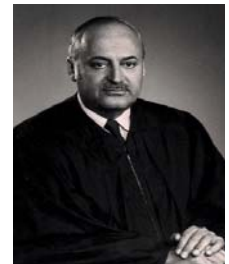
Court of Appeals:

The Honorable Reena Raggi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, celebrated 25 years of service on the bench in May 2012. Judge Raggi's milestone was celebrated at a function hosted by the Eastern District of New York, where she was a U.S. District Judge from 1987 until her appointment to the Court of Appeals in 2002. Judge Raggi's milestone was also celebrated with her law clerks at their annual reunion. Congratulations to Judge Raggi with best wishes for many more years of fulfillment on the bench!



The Judicial Assistants for the Court of Appeals are mourning the loss of one of their colleagues, Kathy Bucich. Kathy put up a valiant fight against cancer and lost her battle at the end of May. Kathy was Judge John M. Walker's Judicial Assistant for many, many years and was based in New Haven, CT. All of those who knew Kathy feel fortunate to have known her—she will definitely be missed! We send our condolences to Judge Walker and to Kathy's family.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 22, 2012 at the U.S. Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, for Judge Roger J. Miner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Miner passed away unexpectedly in February 2012 at the age of 77. Although a Senior Judge, he remained a very active member of the Court of Appeals — even hearing cases days before he passed. Judge Miner was appointed a U.S. District Judge in 1981; and was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1985. We send the Miner family our condolences.



District of Connecticut:

On May 1, 2012 ("Law Day"), the Public Outreach Committee of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut hosted programs for local students at the U.S. Courthouses in Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport. Law Day is a national day of celebration officially designated by a joint resolution of Congress in 1961 that focuses on our heritage of liberty under the law. This year Hartford District Court's theme was "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom," and 10th graders from The Law & Government Academy in Hartford (Adam Johnson, Principal) went to the federal courthouse for the event on May 1. Bridgeport District Court's theme was "Bullies to Buddies," and 10th graders from Central High School in Bridgeport (Anne Engelson, Principal) went to the federal courthouse on May 2. New Haven District Court's theme was "Free to Serve My Community and Country," and 11th and 12th graders from High School in the Community in New Haven (Erik Good, Principal) went to the federal courthouse on May 11. Each school participated in a true-to-life trial simulation to foster their understanding of the trial process and the role of our federal courts in resolving disputes. Grade school students also created original works of art to be displayed in the courthouses expressing what the theme means to them. The participating schools were Grace Academy in Hartford (Matthew Fitzsimons, Principal) and The John C. Clark School in Hartford (Williams Chambers, Principal); Thomas Hooker School in Bridgeport (Lourdes Delgado, Principal) and Microsociety Interdistrict Magnet School in New Haven (Suzanne Duran Crelin, Principal).

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SECOND CIRCUIT (continued)

This year's Law Day activities were part of a larger effort by the Public Outreach Committee to educate young people and the public about the important role that the federal courts, our judges and lawyers play in preserving the rule of law and promoting the freedoms we have often come to take for granted. Chief Judge Alvin W. Thompson said, "Our goal is to help students and other members of the public develop a better understanding of the importance of the rule of law in a country that was founded based on the ideals of justice and liberty for all. We also wish to promote a better understanding of the civil and criminal justice systems. We hope our theme for Law Day will prompt students to think about the important relationship between the freedoms they enjoy as the result of growing up in this country and the responsibilities of citizenship."

The trial simulations being used this year involved several issues familiar to high school students – for Hartford, it was "Downloading Music," for Bridgeport it was "Social Media and Student Speech" and for New Haven, it was "Teen House Party Search." All three are based on real civil cases that were decided by the United States Supreme Court. The trial simulations were scripted, and the students were given the opportunity to play meaningful parts as judge, counsel, witnesses and jurors. Local attorneys and court personnel volunteered to visit the students at their schools to prepare them for the trial simulation.

The trial simulation programs were held on May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Brien McMahon Federal Building in Bridgeport, on May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Richard C. Lee Courthouse in New Haven, and on May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Abraham Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford. The original works of art were on display in these courthouses from April 20 through May 31, 2012. Congratulations to all on a "Law Day" well done!!!!

On May 8, 2012, the Connecticut Bar Foundation honored U.S. District Court Judge Mark Kravitz with a Distinguished Service Award at a reception in New Haven, CT. Judge Kravitz was feted by a standing-room only crowd of over 270 people! This reception was an especially touching and fitting tribute to Judge Kravitz, as he was diagnosed with ALS 15 months ago. Judge Kravitz was appointed a U.S. District Judge in 2003. Before his appointment, he was a partner at Wiggin & Dana, where he worked for nearly 27 years. Judge Kravitz was treated to remarks from his long-time friend Chuck Cooper, Esq. (a former law clerk with Judge Kravitz for then-Justice Rehnquist), now a partner at Cooper & Kirk in Washington, D.C.; former colleagues at Wiggin & Dana, William J. Doyle, Esq., and the Honorable Jesse M. Furman; and also from his friend and colleague on the bench, the Honorable José A. Cabranes. Judge Cabranes read letters received from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable John Roberts, Jr., and U.S. Circuit Judge Anthony J. Scirica, among others. Congratulations Judge Kravitz!

On May 9, 2012, the District Court hosted a meeting of the Federal Practice Section and the Hartford County Bar Association. The District Court provided a demonstration for using technology in the courtroom.

On June 11, 2012, the Federal Practice Section conducted a session at the annual Connecticut Bar Association meeting. Judge Warren W. Eginton, Operations Manager Jane Bauer, and Melissa Ruocco, Hartford Division Manager, served on a panel entitled, "Getting Your Federal Case to Trial: A Roundtable Discussion on Tips and Pitfalls Encountered on the Way to Trial." The Moderator was Anne Louise Blanchard, Section Co-chair.

A portrait of the Honorable Judge Alan H.W. Shiff will be unveiled at the New Haven Lawn Club on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Judge Shiff was appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge in 1981, reappointed to a fourteen-year term of office in 1985; and reappointed again to another fourteen year term in 1999. He is based at the U.S. Courthouse in Bridgeport, CT. Congratulations to Judge Shiff!



Have a wonderful Summer! Janet F. Hansen

THIRD Circuit



Roseanna Lambiase

Greetings from New Jersey. Most of you have never been to our New Jersey Courts, so I shall describe some of our uniqueness. We have three vicinages, two of which are in South Jersey, Trenton (our state capital) and Camden. The third is in Newark, which is our largest vicinage. As a side note, New Jersey is the only "New" state that has an undelineated North and South. You never hear of a North or South Mexico, or a North or South Hampshire and New York has Upstate New York and Manhattan. Like I said, we are unique.

The Newark Vicinage is in an area called "Federal Square", which consists of three Federal buildings, the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse Building built in the late 1920's, early '30s; and the Peter W. Rodino Building named after the Congressman who presided over the impeachment investigation of President Richard Nixon. The Historic U.S.P.O. & CH is home to three Third Circuit Judges, four District Judges, two Magistrate Judges, and Pretrial Services, as well as the post office facilities. The eleven story Rodino Building houses the U.S. Attorney's Offices, the Immigration Dept., Homeland Security Offices, Social Security Offices, a Day Care Center, cafeteria and other federal offices.

When it became apparent that the Post Office & Courthouse Building was bursting at its seams, plans were put in motion to erect the third building, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building and Court House. The MLK Building accommodates eight District Judges, five Magistrate Judges, two Third Circuit Judges, the Bankruptcy Court, the Clerk's Office, Marshal's Offices, Probation Dept., Grand Jury and Petite Jury Depts. the Third Circuit Library and other offices that I can't think of right now. Construction began in late 1988 and the building was dedicated and occupied in 1993.

Due to the close proximity of the three buildings, the different government agencies can conveniently interact with each other not only professionally, but also socially, such as sharing programs that are held annually, such as the Black History Program and Hispanic History Program, as well as the NJ District Court Historical Society functions. And let us not forget the annual Bankruptcy vs. District Court baseball games.

In January of this year, the Honorable Jerome B. Simandle took the helm as Chief Judge in the District of New Jersey, succeeding retired Judge Garrett E. Brown. Judge Simandle began his government service right after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1976 as a law clerk to the late Chief Judge John F. Gerry, and spent the next five years as an Assistant U. S. Attorney in Newark and Trenton. He was then appointed Magistrate Judge in the Camden Vicinage where he served for nine years until he was elevated to District Judge in 1992. Over the years, he has served and is serving the Courts on many committees, such as Judicial Conference's Committee on Court Administration and Case Management and the Codes of Conduct Committee, as well as an officer of the Federal Judges Association. Closer to home, he is serving on the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Rules Committee and is Chair of the District's Local Patent Rules Committee. Additionally, Judge Simandle has represented the United States at various international judicial conferences.

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Federal Square



MLK Fed Bldg & Courthouse



Bankruptcy Court, Trenton, NJ

I would be remiss if I did not mention to you all that Judge Simandle spoke at length about the virtues of his secretary, Maria Martinez. She has been instrumental in the successful transition to Chief Judge. The work load has tripled and the stress level is over the top, but her organizational and prioritizing skills, along with a pleasant enthusiasm have made their chambers a great place to work.

Judge Simandle and his wife have four children and five grandchildren all of whom live in close proximity. He has the best of everything, don't you think?

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from retiree Lynda Powers, who is enjoying life in Oklahoma. She spends Tuesday and Thursday mornings volunteering at the Oklahoma University Medical Center where the nurses are fabulous and really appreciate her. In addition, she has reignited her passion for tennis which was put on hold many years ago. Between volunteering, tennis and her family, she is kept pretty busy, just the way she likes it. She has always enjoyed our conferences, but didn't think she could make it this year. Incidentally, she has a new mailing address (having moved into her own place) which is P.O. Box 1531, Edmond, OK 73083-1531. Lynda is a life member and I'm sure she would love to personally hear from anyone in our Association.

I know summer is on the horizon when I get the traveling bug. My first trip was to Arizona which is so beautiful in May; the flowers are in bloom, the hummingbirds return and the weather is not scorching hot. I was with my son Chris and his family. Chris is doing extremely well, walking with only a slight limp, and my granddaughter Annie just finished her first year of college. My most recent trip was to Michigan where I attended the high school graduation of my grandson Spencer. I was also able to spend time with 2 of his brothers who were home from universities, the third is in Colorado teaching kids to rock climb. I try to see my kids at least once a year, so that means I will be going to Texas sometime soon.

I've already made my reservations for San Diego, of course. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. I've never been to San Diego, but everyone who's been there says it's a fabulous place. I'm anxious to see for myself.

Roseanna Lambiase



Fourth Circuit
Dianne Hillman

Greetings! I hope everyone has already enjoyed a summer vacation or is at least planning one. Be safe and have an enjoyable time.

The Districts of West Virginia celebrated the appointment of **Stephanie D. Thacker**, who filled the Fourth U.S. Circuit Appeals seat left by Judge M. Blane Michael, who died in March 2011. She is the first West Virginian woman to sit as a judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Thacker donned her black robe at the federal courthouse in Charleston on May 29, 2012, in an investiture ceremony attended by fellow judges, lawyers, and judicial officials. Chief U. S. Circuit Judge William B. Traxler presided over the ceremony. With Judge Thacker seated, the Fourth Circuit will have 15 judges for the first time since 1990. "This is plainly a very historic event," said U.S. Circuit Judge Robert B. King, who worked with Judge Thacker in private practice. The judge is a graduate of Marshall University and West Virginia University College of Law. After being in private practice for years, she began work for the U.S. Department of Justice in 1999 in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity division, where she

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prosecuted the first case filed under the Violence Against Women Act. Her accomplishments include co-authoring the Federal Child Support Prosecution Handbook, developing the nationwide Innocence Lost Initiative to help combat child sex trafficking, and training of law enforcement officials on prosecuting child exploitation crimes.

Carolyn Young is back in her familiar chambers working for Judge Thacker. She previously worked for seventeen years for Judge M. Blane Michael. Upon his death, she was hired in district court as a docket clerk and worked there for a year. All of her experience paid off when Judge Thacker asked her to come back to appeals court as her judicial assistant. She is quite happy to return to the same chambers where she worked for Judge Michael. Carolyn is married and has 3 step-children and 3 grandchildren. A special invitation goes out to Carolyn to re-join our association and come to San Diego with us for our conference in October.

Gina M. Groh has been commissioned to serve as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. The Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia has been without a sitting judge since the death of Judge W. Craig Broadwater in 2006. Judge Groh graduated from Shepherd University, receiving the McMurrin Scholar Award which is the highest academic honor granted by the university. In 1989 she received her juris doctorate from WV University College of Law. After working for law firms, Judge Groh became an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in West Virginia. In 2006, she was appointed as Judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court of her state and had the distinction of being the first female judge to serve in that circuit.

Johnna Oehlsen, who worked with Judge Groh in state court, now works as her judicial assistant. Mrs. Oehlsen lives in Jefferson County with her husband and her 13-year old son, who keeps her busy with his baseball games. She is looking forward to attending the Chambers Staff Administrative Workshop in Washington, DC in August. We welcome you to our court family and hope you join FJAA!

George L. Russell, III, of Baltimore, Maryland was appointed to the bench on May 14, 2012, as a judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. He replaces Judge Peter Jo Messitte who took senior status in 2008. Judge Russell graduated from Morehouse College and received his J.D. from Maryland Law School. He clerked for Judge Robert Bell on the Maryland Court of Appeals. Earlier in his career he served as a federal prosecutor and as an attorney in private law firms. He represented the U.S. in criminal prosecution of violent crime and narcotic cases, including the initiation and monitoring of wiretaps to infiltrate and break up violent gangs in Baltimore City. Since 2007 he has served as an Associate Judge of the Baltimore City Circuit Court. Judge Russell's wife is a judge on the District Court of Maryland in Baltimore City and his father was a distinguished lawyer, solicitor and judge. His father was a groundbreaking African-American lawyer and the first to serve as a judge on Maryland's Circuit Court in the 1960's.

Stephanie A. Gallagher was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Maryland in April. The judge fills the vacancy created by now-U.S. District Judge James K. Bredar's elevation in December 2010. The Connecticut born judge graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University and cum laude from Harvard Law with a J.D. After graduating from Harvard, she served as a law clerk to then-Chief Judge Frederick Motz of the District Court in the District of Maryland. She worked as a litigation attorney at the Akin Gump law firm in Washington, DC, before being appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in Maryland. In 2008 she co-founded Levin & Gallagher, LLC, a litigation boutique firm that handles both civil and criminal matters.

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Longtime court employee **Valerie Litzinger** is the judicial assistant for Judge Gallagher. Her career began in 1984 working as a part-time assistant for Judge Alexander Harvey and then for Judge Catherine C. Blake. On Judge Blake's appointment to Administrative Judge, Valerie worked full time. She was working for Judge J. Frederick Motz before coming to Judge Litzinger's chambers. With all the experience Valerie brings with her, I am sure she is a valuable asset to the judge. Valerie is married and has three children. She is expecting her first grandchild in July.

An investiture ceremony for **Kaymani D. West** was conducted on April 5 in Columbia as she was sworn in as a federal magistrate judge for the District of South Carolina. The Honorable Margaret B. Seymour presided over the ceremony introducing family and friends of Judge West, as well as attorneys who remarked on her dedication to the profession. The administration of the Oath of Office for Judge West was executed by The Honorable Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., for whom she previously clerked.

She graduated from Columbia College and earned her J.D. from the University of South Carolina where she received the 2000 Compleat Lawyer Award. As a member of the American Bar Association, she was the recipient of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division 2001-02 Minorities in the Profession Committee scholarship. Judge West joined Nelson Mullins in 2001 as a second career after 16 years with an electric utility company. In 2006 she completed an externship at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office serving as Pro Bono Special Prosecutor and providing a valuable service to the state. Law clerks Kay Tennyson and Aisha Lusk assist Judge West in chambers.



Fifth Circuit



Glenda Signal

Greetings from Sportman's Paradise!

Welcome to our new District Judge Susie Morgan and her Judicial Assistant Tina Flores!

This will be my last article for the newsletter. Judge Moore officially retired on June 5, 2012. As of now, my last day of employment is August 31, 2012. When I started my career here, retirement seemed an endless distance away, but here it is. I won't stay retired long, as I will become deeply involved as a volunteer. Also, I will be a grandmother for the first time in October, so I will be busy helping with a newborn!

It has been my pleasure to have served as your Fifth Circuit Representative and to have been a member of such an enthusiastic and eager group. Good luck to all of you and hopefully I'll get to see you at future conferences.

SIXTH Circuit



Kelly Kopf

By the time this edition of *In Brief* is published, I hope everyone has had a chance to take advantage of the warm weather and even had the opportunity to take a vacation! I am sure that is the reason for the shortage of news from the Sixth Circuit :-). Please remember to forward any news from your court to me so that we can share the news with everyone in the FJAA.

We hope to see everyone this October in San Diego for this year's Annual Educational Conference. It will be an exciting time to meet new people and visit with "old" friends. Thanks for all the hard work the conference committee does to make our conference great every year!

Kelly

Seventh Circuit



Melissa Hardin

We have lots happening in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. As of June 4th, the Western Division of District and Bankruptcy Courts are holding court in the new Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse in Rockford. One of our FJAA members, Linda Winstead, started her judicial secretary career with Judge Roszkowski in September 1988, and has moved to the courthouse which bears his name with her current judge, Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney. As you can imagine, she is still busy unpacking and settling in.

ILND also had two new judges start June 4th - Judge John J. Tharp, Jr. and Judge John Lee. Judge Tharp comes to the bench from private practice, specializing in class action and other complex federal litigation. He was with the United States Attorney's office doing criminal prosecution from 1992 to 1997. Judge Lee also comes from private practice where he handled antitrust, trade regulation and intellectual property litigation. He also has experience with the government, working as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Environmental and Natural Resources division. Unfortunately, neither of them is hiring a



secretary; the scourge of the third law clerk continues in Chicago. Finally, ILCD had two judges pass away recently, District Judge William Hibbler passed away March 19th and Magistrate Judge Martin Ashman passed away June 4th. Judge Hibbler was appointed by President Clinton in 1999. Judge Ashman served as a Magistrate from 1995 to his retirement in 2009; thereafter he served as a recall judge until his death.

The training committee of the District Court for the Southern District of Illinois brought Mitsi Westendorff (Deputy Chief Probation Officer, TXND) to present her Real Colors training program to the court on May 2nd & May 3rd. Staff learned how to recognize different temperaments and, most importantly, how to communicate more effectively with coworkers. They also celebrated National Employee Health and Fitness week by organizing an employee wellness walk on May 16th; staff enjoyed beautiful weather and the sites of downtown St. Louis with lunch at a local restaurant as a great way to end the outing.

USDC-Western Wisconsin continues to work on courthouse beautification. With the chambers area finished, the focus has turned to the courtrooms. Plans are to reupholster the chairs and walls. The courthouse was built in the early 80s; still with original furnishings which are showing much wear and tear. The exterior of the courthouse has also been spruced up with a ring of concrete planters, providing security along with beauty.

Have a great summer everyone!

Melissa

EIGHTH CIRCUIT



Leslie Walker



Judge Beth Phillips

We have a new District Judge for Western District of Missouri, Beth Phillips, who was nominated by President Barack Obama on June 7, 2011, to a seat vacated by Judge Ortrie D. Smith. She was confirmed by the Senate on March 6, 2012, and received her commission on March 23, 2012.

Before her judicial confirmation, Judge Phillips served as the 32nd presidentially-appointed U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Missouri, and the first woman to be appointed to that office. She was sworn into office on Dec. 31, 2009.

Judge Phillips was appointed in August 2008 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the office's Computer Crimes and Child Exploitation Unit, where she prosecuted child exploitation crimes and served as the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator. She had been a trial attorney during her entire legal career, serving as Assistant Prosecutor in Jackson County, Mo., from June 1997 to August 2001, and in private practice from September 2001 to February 2008 with a Kansas City-area firm, where she represented plaintiffs in medical malpractice, nursing home negligence and product liability lawsuits. As a trial attorney, Judge Phillips tried approximately 40 cases to verdict, 90 percent of which were jury trials.

After earning a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree at the University of Chicago, Judge Phillips earned her juris doctor at the University of Missouri in 1996. Judge Phillips' Judicial Assistant is Annette Cordell. Annette actually worked for Judge Phillips as her Executive Secretary during her term as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and was delighted when the Judge asked her to join her Chambers in March, 2012. Annette joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as a Legal Assistant in 2008 and was promoted to Executive Secretary to the U.S. Attorney in 2009.

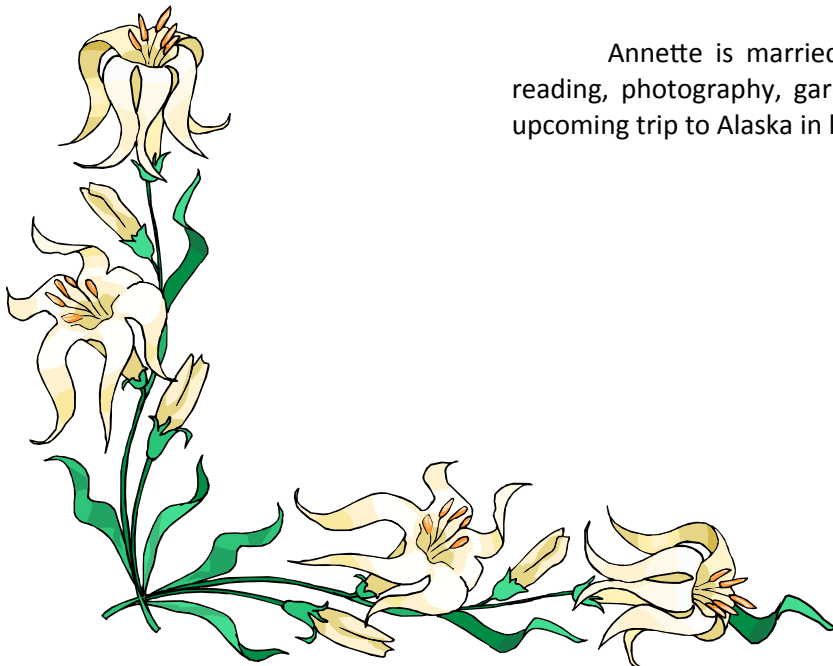
Annette possesses an Associate's Degree and Paralegal Certificate. She has also completed Course work in American Studies (and suddenly very grateful for that "Judicial Process" class!).

Annette is married to John Cordell. In her spare time she enjoys reading, photography, gardening and travel. She is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Alaska in late summer.

Leslie

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NINTH CIRCUIT

Gail Morgan



THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TODAY
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Hello Ninth Circuit FJAA Members

Ah, the lazy days of summer. I hope all of you are finding time to enjoy summer, while we in Alaska are hoping it will arrive soon.

Newly appointed Ninth Circuit Judge Morgan Christen was recently sworn in by Senior Circuit Judge Andrew J. Kleinfeld. Judge Christen will maintain chambers in Anchorage. She previously served on the Alaska Supreme Court.



Arizona Circuit Judge Mary H. Murguia worked with hundreds of young people in the Phoenix area to help them better understand the law and judicial system. Her efforts have been recognized by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education. She is the first federal judge to receive the foundation's Mark Santana Law-Related Education Award, which recognizes exceptional contributions by members of the Arizona bench and bar in furthering education and understanding of the role of the law in our democratic society. In 2004, while a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, Judge Murguia co-founded the Kids to Court/CourtWorks program. Nearly 2,000 young people have participated in the program, which includes a mock trial, and presentations by judges, attorneys, court staff, and law enforcement officers. Congratulations Judge Murguia!

Yakima, Washington, is celebrating the centennial of its historic federal courthouse which opened in June 1912. For the first 67 years, the building was officially known as the Yakima Main Post Office and Federal Building. The building housed a number of functions including the federal courts, U.S. Marshals, the Reclamation Service, the Land Office, and the Weather Bureau. The first court case was tried in the building in July 1912. In 1977, the post office moved across the street, and the building became more a courthouse than a federal building. In 1978, the building was renamed the William O. Douglas United States Courthouse and Federal Building. In 1979 it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It has been stated that the building is as good an example of the American Renaissance style as there is. Interior spaces retain many original materials and features. Although no longer a tenant, the post office originally occupied the first floor. Large round-arched postal windows with oak frames and sash remain in the postal lobby. Bronze postal lock boxes featuring Greek key patterns also allude to the space's prior use. Floors are covered in terrazzo with dark marble borders. The baseboard and wainscot are grey Vermont Light Cloud Rutland marble, while remaining wall surfaces are covered in plaster. A coffered ceiling tops the lobby and features pendant lights that date to 1940. A marble staircase is located at the lobby's south end. The two-story, second-floor courtroom also retains some historic features. Details include original oak panel doors with classical surrounds, wainscot, baseboards, plaster walls with classically inspired panel molding, and ornamental plaster ceilings. Second-floor corridors have plaster walls with marble baseboards and oak chair rails. Square 1940 light fixtures remain. An open house and public tour was held on June 21 - a rare opportunity for the public to see the grand old building.

Susie Boring-Headlee is the alternative dispute resolution coordinator and pro bono coordinator for Idaho's U.S. District Court, helping those in lawsuits reach settlements without going to trial and finding free or reduced-fee legal counsel for people who can't afford attorneys. A long-time employee of the federal courts in Idaho, she has been honored by the legal community for her dedication to strengthening the effectiveness of the justice system. U.S.

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District Judge B. Lynn Winmill said Headlee's efforts made the court's mediation program a model for courts nationwide, calling Headlee a tireless advocate for the judiciary. The Idaho Fourth District Bar Association presented Headlee with the 2012 Liberty Bell Award, citing her volunteer work with organizations like the Citizens Law Academy and the Idaho Legal History Society.

I again encourage any of you who have news, whether it be work-related or of a personal nature, that you would like to share with the members of our association, please forward it to me, and I will send it to our newsletter editor.

Remember to sign up for the FJAA Conference to be held in San Diego October 4-7. It provides an opportunity to learn, share ideas, and make new friends. Hope to see you there.
Gail

TENTH CIRCUIT

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the summer and have fun vacations planned.

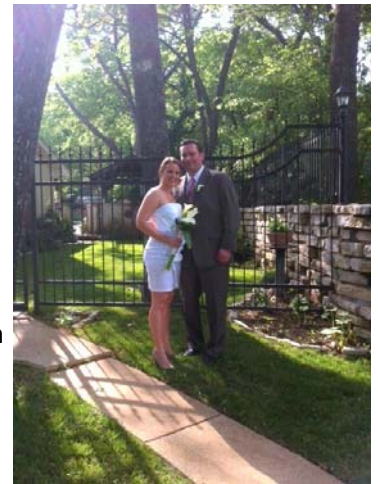
Here is the news from our circuit:

OKLAHOMA NEWS

Lyn Marshala, Administrative Assistant to Judge Robin J. Cauthron, celebrated the wedding of her daughter, Sarah, to Rob Lanz in March. Sarah and Rob dated for nearly seven years. Congratulations Lyn and family!!



Lynda Brown



Judge Sarah A. Hall

On March 14, 2012, United States District Judge Gregory K. Frizzell was elevated to Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, succeeding United States District Judge Claire V. Eagan. Judy Edge is Judge Frizzell's secretary.



Cheryl Shook

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sarah A. Hall was elevated to Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma on April 5, 2012, succeeding Judge Niles L. Jackson. Cheryl Shook is Chief Judge Hall's Judicial Assistant, and also the former Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Robert Henry.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Hope you have a wonderful summer!!

Lynda

Once again, I would like to thank the FJAA and the scholarship committee for granting me an additional scholarship towards my paralegal certificate. I was fortunate to have been selected to receive an award in the first half. I applied for the second half, as well, and to my surprise and delight, was granted a generous second award. Since I graduated from the course back in January 2012, I have been utilizing my skills in assisting my judge with research assignments, which, by the way, he is very pleased about. Every opportunity he gets, he announces that his judicial assistant, now paralegal, has been doing a great job researching. It was so worth the time and effort to accomplish this skill and to build up my credentials and marketability, especially, with the current trend of judges picking two law clerks instead of one and a judicial assistant. I'm hoping that a prospective judge, when mine retires, might think twice about having a combination of the two. I am grateful that the FJAA stands behind us in supporting our educational goals, and look forward to my continued membership with the FJAA.

Submitted by Marcy G. Gatell, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Robert A. Mark

FJAA 2012 EDUCATION CONFERENCE SAN DIEGO, CA

News about the Conference Hotel

As the time is getting nearer for our annual conference, there are a couple of things we would like to relate to you regarding the Westin Hotel in San Diego.

First and foremost, as in every year past, the rooms are booking up quickly. However, as inevitably happens, there are people that book, sometimes more than one room, and then do not use them or cancel them before the deadline. We are asking at this time if you have a room booked that you know you are not going to use, please release it as soon as you know you will not be able to attend so that other members can get a room at the conference rate.

At this time, the room block is **NOT** sold out. If you are getting that message online, please call the hotel directly. If the before or after nights are full, keep trying as people will release those rooms, hopefully before the deadline.

Most importantly, please do not forget to book under our conference room block. If we fulfill our room block agreement, we are able to get the meeting space without charge.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WANTED: DOOR PRIZES!

The 2012 Conference Committee needs your help. As in past years, the Committee is asking for items for door prizes. If you would like to participate, please bring with you donations from your state or region. There are no rules. Any size, shape, or value accepted. However, do remember that most people will be traveling by air and will have to pack it in a suitcase. Please bring your contribution with you to the registration table.

Thank you in advance! The Committee really appreciates your participation.



**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
2012 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
October 4-7, 2012**

Thursday, October 4, 2012

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception

Friday, October 5, 2012

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks from the Conference Committee
and FJAA President, Jenny Rudolph

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Welcome to San Diego, CA- Chief Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz
Southern District of California

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Community Outreach
Rebecca Fanning, National Outreach Manager of Federal Courts
Administrative Office

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Border Issues and Drug Cartels
Erin MacKinnon, San Diego FBI Division

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Understanding Hacking & History Tracking
Vicente Angotti-Director of Information Technology,
Southern District of California

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ethics
M. Margaret McKeown, 9th Circuit Judge

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Tour of (new) San Diego Courthouse

5:00 - 9:15 p.m. Optional Event

Saturday, October 6, 2012

8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Proofreading/Grammar Debbie Henson, Court Reporter, San Diego
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Preserving Judicial History Bruce Ragsdale, Chief, Judicial History Program Federal Judicial Center
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Attitudes for Excellence Bob Prentice, Professional Development Systems Human Resources Consultant, Motivational Speaker & Trainer
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Anticipating & Adapting--Changes in the Workplace Stephanie Lawley, Judicial Assistant, 9 th Circuit
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Transition from WordPerfect to Word Karen Scales, Training Specialist IT Systems Deployment and Support Division San Antonio, TX
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.	JSAG Update
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Banquet

Sunday, October 7, 2012

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	FJAA General Business Meeting (All Members are encouraged to attend)
11:00 a.m.	Conclusion of 2012 Annual Conference

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

2012 FJAA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY NIGHT OPTIONAL EVENT

October 5, 2012, 5pm—9pm

Please join your fellow JAs for a night of fun and comradery as we tour beautiful San Diego and Coronado via Old Town Trolley Tours. Our group will be picked up from the hotel via several privately chartered trolleys and driven through downtown San Diego and Coronado on a guided and fully narrated 1.5 hour tour. At the end of the tour, we will disembark in Old Town San Diego for a traditional Mexican fiesta at Barra Barra with live music (and a no-host margarita bar) after which there will be an opportunity to wander through the park to sight-see and shop. Finally, we will board the San Diego Trolley which will return us to our hotel. The cost for this event is \$65/person which includes the price of the Old Town Trolley Tour (and tip), chips and salsa, dinner and the San Diego Trolley fare back to our hotel.



Fabulous opportunity for those attending the FJAA Conference in San Diego and arriving by Thursday morning (October 4, 2012)

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Southern District of California shares a border with Mexico. At this year's conference, the local division of the FBI will give a presentation on the topic of Border Issues and Mexican Drug Cartels. If you will be arriving in San Diego before **Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** and would like the rare opportunity to get a guided, behind the scenes tour of the Port of Entry and the California/Mexico Border itself (including "no man's land") reserve your spot now by contacting Kathleen Walford at Kathleen_Walford@casd.uscourts.gov. You will have the opportunity to see first-hand the issues facing the Homeland Security at the border and the methods used to smuggle people and drugs into the United States illegally. There are a very limited number of spaces available for this tour. Customs and Border Protection agents will serve as our tour guides, picking us up from the hotel and taking us to the Port of Entry about 20 minutes away. The entire tour will last about 3 hours.



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We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States

while fostering our Nation's economic security

through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with

vigilance, integrity and professionalism.

Article submitted by Dianne Hillman, 4th Circuit Representative:

Women In The Federal Judiciary: Still A Long Way To Go

Over the past three decades, an increasing number of women have joined the legal profession. For twenty-five years, approximately 45% of law students have been women; in the last decade, women's representation has approached 50%.¹ But the number of women in the federal judiciary has largely stagnated.² It is of critical importance to increase the representation of women on the federal bench.

When women are fairly represented on our federal courts, those courts are more reflective of the diverse population of this nation. When women are fairly represented on the federal bench, women, and men, may have more confidence that the court understands the real-world implications of its rulings. For both, the increased presence of women on the bench improves the quality of justice: women judges can bring an understanding of the impact of the law on the lives of women and girls to the bench, and enrich courts' understanding of how best to realize the intended purpose and effect of the law that the courts are charged with applying. For example, one recent study demonstrated that male federal appellate court judges are less likely to rule against plaintiffs bringing claims of sex discrimination, if a female judge is on the panel.³

But to obtain true gender diversity, the number of women in the federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, must be increased.

Upon the confirmation of Associate Justice Elena Kagan, the Supreme Court counts three women among its nine Justices for the first time in history, still only one-third of the members of that Court. Only four of the 112 Justices ever to serve on the highest court in the land have been women.

Fifty-one of the 166 active judges currently sitting on the thirteen federal courts of appeal are female (about 31%).⁴ When broken down by circuit, women's representation on several of these individual courts is even lower than on the courts of appeals overall:

- The Eighth Circuit has only one female judge among its eleven members (9%), who is the only woman ever to have been appointed to that court. And, there is currently only one female judge among the Tenth Circuit's ten active members (10%).
- Women are also vastly underrepresented on the Third Circuit (where they make up about 15% of judges) and the Fourth Circuit (about 27%).

Approximately 30% of active United States district (or trial) court judges are women.⁵ For women of color, the numbers are even smaller.

- There are 66 women of color serving as active federal judges across the country, including 33 African-American women, 25 Hispanic women, seven Asian-American women, and one woman of Hispanic and Asian descent. There are no Native American women among the over 750 active federal judges across the country.⁶

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- There are only 11 women of color on the U.S. courts of appeals. Five of those women sit on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, two sit on the DC Circuit, and one woman of color sits on each of the First, Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Circuits. Therefore, there are seven federal courts of appeals without a single active minority woman judge.⁷

If currently pending judicial nominees are confirmed, the number of women in the federal judiciary would increase.

- Of President Obama's 193 judicial nominees to date (including his nominees to the Supreme Court), 80 are women.⁸ Thirty-one of these nominees have been women of color (fourteen African-American women, nine Hispanic women, seven Asian-American women, and one woman of Hispanic and Asian descent).
- Forty-five percent of President Obama's confirmed nominees have been women.⁹ This has increased the

number of women on the First, Second, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth, Eleventh and Federal Circuits as well as on a number of district courts.

- With the confirmation of the nine currently pending female nominees, women's representation on a number of other courts will improve – including the Third Circuit (an increase to 21%) and the Eleventh Circuit (a further increase to 33%).

By the nominations he has made to date, President Obama has taken an important step towards increasing the representation of women, including women of color, on the federal bench. Now it is up to the Senate to do its part, to improve access to, and the quality of, justice for all Americans.

For more information please visit

<http://www.nwlc.org/resource/women-federal-judiciary-still-long-way-go-1>

- 1 *First Year and Total J.D. Enrollment by Gender, 1947-2010*, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, American Bar Ass'n, available at http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal_education_and_admissions_to_the_bar/council_reports_and_resolutions/1947_2010_enrollment_by_gender_authcheckdam.pdf (last visited Mar. 29, 2012).
- 2 *Federal Bench Gender Snapshot: Gender of All Federal Judges 1998-2009*, Third Branch Newsletter (Admin. Office of the U.S. Courts), Oct. 2010, available at http://www.uscourts.gov/News/TheThirdBranch/10-10-01/Federal_Bench_Gender_Snapshot.aspx (showing that the total number of women in the federal judiciary hovered around 500 in 2007, 2008, and 2009).
- 3 Christina L. Boyd, Lee Epstein & Andrew D. Martin, *Untangling the Causal Effects of Sex on Judging*, 54 Am. J. Pol. Sci. 389, 390 (2010), available at <http://epstein.law.northwestern.edu/research/genderjudging.pdf>. See also Vicki Kramer, Alison Konrad & Sumru Erkut, *Critical Mass on Corporate Boards: Why Three or More Women Enhance Governance*, Executive Summary 2, Wellesley Ctrs. for Women (2006), available at <http://www.wcwonline.org/pdf/CriticalMassExecSummary.pdf> (finding that once three or more women serve on a corporate board, "women are no longer seen as outsiders and are able to influence the content and process of board discussions more substantially"); Sarah Childs & Mona Lee Krook, *Critical Mass Theory and Women's Political Representation*, 56 Pol. Stud. 725, 732 (2008), available at http://krook.wustl.edu/pdf/chlds_krook_2008.pdf (when the percentage of women in legislatures surpasses a minimum – generally 30% – women are able to introduce and pass more bills on women's issues).
- 4 NWLC calculations are based on data from the Biographical Directory of Judges, Federal Judicial Center, U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/JudgesAndJudgeships/BiographicalDirectoryOfJudges.aspx> (last visited May 22, 2012).
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- 9 NWLC calculations are based on data from the Biographical Directory of Judges. See Biographical Directory of Judges, *supra* note 4 (66 women have been confirmed out of 144 total confirmations to all federal courts).

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Please take time to view our FJAA website. There is a members-only section which contains the last four newsletters, a list of current members, and the Treasurer's Report. The members-only section can be accessed with your member PIN number — type in the word "member" as the username. Changes, corrections, and additions will be made quarterly as the newsletter is posted.

If you have anything you would like to have posted on our website, please send it to

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TREASURER'S REPORT*

July 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

by Carla Gibson Baker



BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Chase Business Classic Checking	13,908.38
Chase Business Savings	15,004.79
Wells Fargo Conference Account	<u>4,131.85</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$33,045.01

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Unrestricted Net Assets	31,250.54
Net Income	<u>1,794.47</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$33,045.01

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME

Interest-Savings	13.74
Membership Dues**	8,540.00
Miscellaneous Income	1110.26
Special Events Income	2,217.00
Conference Registration Fees	<u>44,648.47</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$56,529.47

EXPENSES

Accounting Fees	701.25
Outside Contract Services	200.00
Postage & Supplies	313.67
Other Costs & Operations	2,348.68
Conference Refunds	1,460.00
Conference, Convention, Meeting	47,214.35
Travel, Meetings, & Special Events	400.00
Ask our Accountant	2,097.05

TOTAL EXPENSES

54,735.00

NET INCOME

\$1,794.47

* Change in amounts due to Association Account and Conference Account merger.

**Consist of 294 Members (259 Regular Members, 17 Retired Lifetime Members, & 18 New Members)



A Day with the Marshals of the Eastern District of Michigan

The Eastern District of Michigan USMS scheduled a day of 'active shooter' training in which the court employees were invited to participate. In addition to the CSOs and marshals from the Ann Arbor court, about 20 employees from the Detroit court volunteered to be role players. My husband, a former military police officer, took the day off work at the factory in order to join the action. I think he got more action than he planned, because once the marshals found out about his background, he became the 'active shooter'!

The day started with a detailed extensive power point presentation that explained the need for this kind of training. They discussed a few past examples of what not to do, and played video footage of real active shooters. It was pretty sobering.

The purpose of this training was not only for the CSOs and marshals to have some live hands-on experience but also for the employees so that we would know what to do in this situation instead of panicking. (That's usually my reaction!)

After the lunch break, I noticed that the numbers of the employee volunteers reduced considerably. We were maybe at half strength but the marshals assured us we could still proceed with the exercises. We were told that at least those folks had the video experience and were now more aware than all the other employees who hadn't seen it. (Maybe the marshals ought to show just the video to a mandatory court audience.)

We assembled in a mock courtroom on an undeveloped portion of the 4th floor. The CSOs and marshals were broken up into two groups, so each exercise we did had to be done twice – once for each group. The first exercise involved the court employees running out of the courtroom screaming and yelling, in an effort to confuse the trainees. They were lined up down the hall in a row along the wall, guns raised pointing in our direction at the active shooter who was somewhere behind us, steadily moving forward.

My poor husband, almost totally protected against the 9 mm soap bullets the trainees were shooting, was allowed one shot at the floor in front of their feet before the barrage of bullets fired at him from six guns started pounding his vest. (Somehow his one shot ricocheted up and wounded one CSO on the hand, drawing blood. He was taken away for patching.) The shooter went down, as planned, and afterward, the leaders started questioning and training the men in the hall. We then repeated the event with the second group. Even though these were fake bullets, the sound was deafening and when mingled with the screaming and all the noise from running, it was very easy to understand why panic can be the first response.

The second exercise took place in the courtroom. The role players were screaming, yelling, and banging their chairs in an effort to make as much noise as possible when the trainees came in. This exercise was for them to learn how to 'clean' the room, by moving all the people up against one wall, each brought to the center of the room one by one to be searched, and then put up against the opposite wall once they were clean. When the entire room was clean, they then questioned us about what we had seen and heard. The leaders instructed the trainees on how loud and commanding they had to be when first entering the room in order to get everyone's attention, which is a pretty hard thing to do when there's so much screaming and panic going on.

The next exercise involved the active shooter inside the courtroom, with the trainees coming through the door (breaching) with guns drawn, all while we're again creating as much chaos as possible through loud noises and screaming. The female trainee that breached the door first was a little too forceful (or the door was a little too old and fragile), because the glass shattered and fell to the floor. This turned out to be a positive learning experience because they didn't blink an eye, they just kept going with their training, not letting this distract them. There will always be distractions so practicing at focusing is a good thing. They were later commended for that.

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With the active shooter in the courtroom, and now the trainees storming in, all the role players were trying to get out of the line of fire by ducking down under their desks, hitting the floor, or moving to the windows. Shots were ringing out loud and numerous, and down went the shooter again. That did not stop the trainees from shooting, however! Once the leader stopped the action, I kept a lookout to make sure my husband would get up. I knew he was loving every minute of this, but later he did say he wished he had worn a cup! He kept standing sideways when being shot, so his left arm took the brunt of the soap bullets.

The last exercise found the volunteers in both the hallway and courtroom. One volunteer was dead in the middle of the hall, with fake blood pooling around him, while I, wounded and also dripping with fake blood, sat on the floor, leaning up against the wall being tended to by another volunteer. I took my finger and wrote 'H E L P !' upside down in the blood for any passersby to see. I could hear the other folks in the courtroom yelling, as down the hall stalked the trainees with guns drawn. Once they passed me and entered the courtroom, all I could hear were shots and more shots, and I hoped my husband wouldn't get too bruised up. In the meantime, the fake blood was slowly soaking through my clothes (worn specifically to get destroyed) and I soon found out that this substance turned everything it touched red – skin, clothes, everything.

Everyone gathered together in the courtroom for a debriefing of the day's events. I joined them once I stopped dripping blood. All agreed it was an excellent educational experience, no matter if you were a CSO or a court employee. While I can't guarantee I won't panic if something does happen, I'll at least know what to expect and I am sure that will give me some comfort. Now I just have to patch up my husband, who wants to volunteer for all future training sessions!

CORRECTION RE NEW HIRES (January 2012)

Will the Real Judge Tauro Secretary Please Stand Up!

The last newsletter contained an error in the section on New Hires. We have since heard from Dale Berthiaume: "I was shocked when I read the Newsletter last night to discover toward the end the 'Welcome to New Hires' '1st Circuit - Barbara Degel Clarke, Judicial Assistant to Hon. Joseph L. Tauro.' I am Judge Tauro's Judicial Assistant and it will be 39 years I have worked for Judge Tauro, and three years in private practice. Barbara simply was allowed to fill in for me when I was out for back surgery."

While unsure how this error occurred, the Editor sends her apologies and is most happy to run this correction. Thank you, Dale, for setting the record straight and congrats on such a long career! Maybe you can write about it for one of the upcoming newsletters!



Susan Eckert Pinkowski
Newsletter Editor

FJAA Scholarship Applications — For other questions or inquiries, please contact Sheryl A. Gilchrist, PP, PLS Chair, Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee, United States District Court, 444 Southeast Quincy Street, Suite 475, Topeka, Kansas 66683. Phone: 785-338-5485 Email: sheryl_gilchrist@ksd.uscourts.gov.

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