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Dear FJAA Members and Judicial Assistants,

Termination Dust--the first snowfall of the year that we see in Alaska on the surrounding mountains. Termination dust signifies a change in the seasons and is Mother Nature's way of telling us it's time to get ready for winter. It signals both the beginning and the end—a time to say goodbye to summer and welcome winter. Yes, we have already seen termination dust this fall!

In some ways that's what the FY14 is like for us. Without a budget from Congress, there are so many unknowns for all of us. October 1st is a signal to get ready for changes—much like termination dust. The unknowns come with a lot of anxiety. Many of you have already experienced numerous changes in your courts. For those of us in chambers we have traditionally been insulated from the furloughs, layoffs and buyouts. In this newsletter, we will attempt to keep you informed and up-to-date on funding, educational opportunities and issues that relate to all who serve in judges' chambers.

The FJAA Conference Planning Committee has decided to delay releasing the registration form for the Annual Conference to be held April 24-26, 2014. Since there are currently so many unanswered questions, we thought it prudent to wait to release the agenda and launch the registration process. (See the update on FJAA Conference article with hotel information in this issue.)

I'm looking forward to the possibilities a new season brings. We will have to find innovative ways to turn the challenges of the new fiscal year into opportunities. The FJAA Board is eager to move forward in a world of unknowns. I would ask you to help me in welcoming to the judiciary the 44 new Judicial Assistants who have been hired in 2013. This is exciting for all of us to know that Judges continue to hire Judicial Assistants. Encourage them to join the FJAA and come to the table to be part of our ongoing discussion and have a place where they can find information that affects all our members.

With a chill in the air, let's move forward together in strength and embrace this new season. Fear is debilitating and serves none of us. I welcome your suggestions, ideas and comments. I will strive to continue on our mission to help promote the general welfare, continuing education and professional development of our members. I am humbled by your electing me to serve as your President and promise to do my best representing the FJAA.

And remember that termination dust brings a new beginning sprinkled with possibility! Let's look forward to a new year together.

All Best,

Stephanie Lawley



CIRCUIT NEWS



First Circuit
Joan Ausman

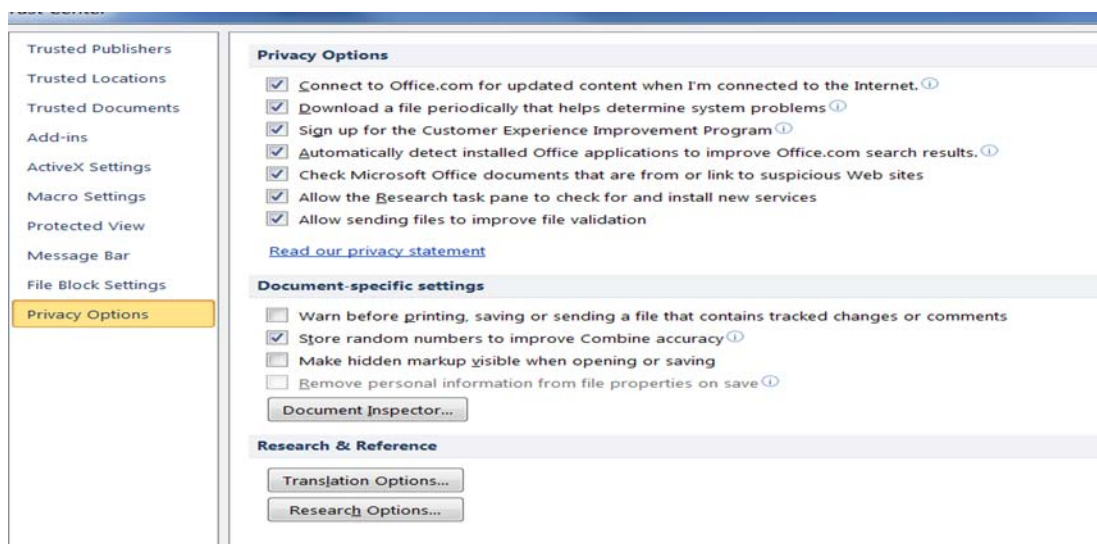
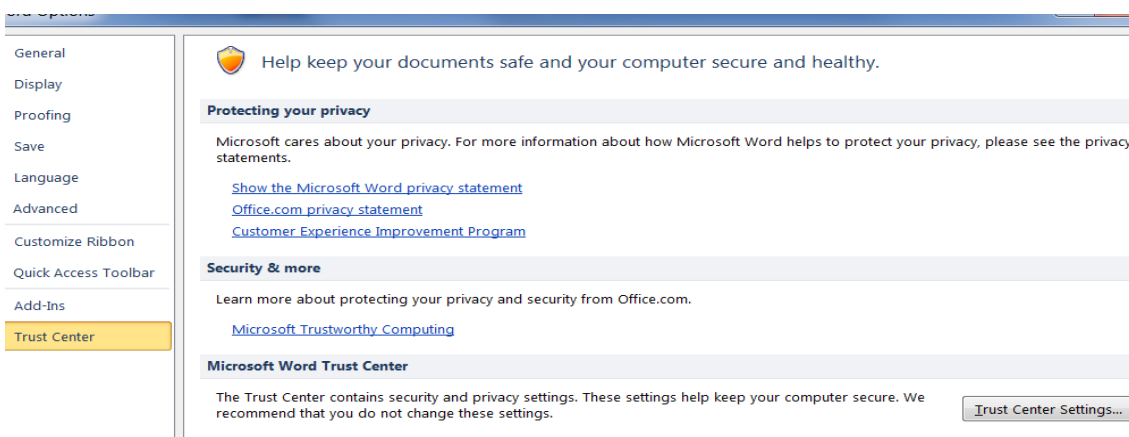
Unfortunately I have no news to report from the First Circuit this time. Instead, I will share a tidbit I recently learned for Word users.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall and happy holiday season ahead!
~ Joan Ausman, D.N.H.

How to Permanently Hide Word Revisions (Track Changes)

If you are constantly plagued by repeatedly having to accept all changes to a Word document that has been finalized by your clerks and you wish to see only the final (not marked up) version of your document each time you open it, you can adjust your word settings as follows:

Open your document in WORD. From the top menu click FILE. From the Left Menu click OPTIONS. From the Left Menu Click TRUST CENTER. From the Right Pane Click Trust Center Settings Button. From the Left Menu Click Privacy Options. From the Right Pane Under Topic Document-specific settings: Un-Check *Make hidden markup visible when opening or saving*. (To see all changes every time, simply check the box again.)





Second Circuit
Janet Hansen

Court of Appeals

On August 8, 2013, Judge Joseph M. McLaughlin, a Senior Judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, passed away at the age of 80. Judge McLaughlin was Dean at Fordham University Law School when he was appointed to the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York in 1981. In 1990, he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals. During his thirty-plus years on the bench, he wrote over 800 opinions! Judge McLaughlin, known for his wit, will certainly be missed by his colleagues. We send our condolences to the McLaughlin family, and to his Judicial Assistant, Linda Scarpati.

In addition to Linda Scarpati's loss above, a week later Linda's mother, Concetta Valentino, passed away. We send Linda our heartfelt condolences regarding both of her losses.

One of our colleagues and long-time FJAA member, Amelia Koffman, has been sidelined by an illness and is currently hospitalized. We send Amelia our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see her back at work soon!

On September 1, 2013, Judge Robert A. Katzmann was sworn in as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, replacing outgoing Chief Judge Dennis Jacobs. Judge Katzmann was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1999. Judge Katzmann received his A.B. from Columbia College, A.M. and Ph.D. in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from Yale Law School. Judge Katzmann's assistant, Dominique Welch, has been a member of the FJAA for many years and now assumes the role of Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge. We wish Chief Judge Katzmann and Dominique much success in their new roles.

District of Connecticut:

On September 9, 2013, Chief Judge Alvin W. Thompson, of the U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut stepped down as Chief Judge. On that same day, Judge Janet C. Hall assumed the duties of Chief Judge for the District of Connecticut. Judge Hall was appointed a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut on October 14, 1997. She received an A.B. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Mount Holyoke College in 1970, and a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law in 1973 where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar. In 2007, she received a Doctor of Laws (Hon. Caus.) from Quinnipiac University. We send our congratulations to Chief Judge Hall and wish her every success as Chief, as well as to her Judicial Assistant, Bernadette DeRubeis—another member of the FJAA!

The New Haven Court Family Team, District of Connecticut, held a happy hour fund raiser on September 12th to raise money for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." Many businesses in the New Haven area donated prizes for the raffles. A great time was had by all! The fund raiser is a precursor to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, which court members participate in every October. In its formative years, the Making Strides Walk was held at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport, CT, and court members from all branches of the District of Connecticut would meet there to walk in memory of their fallen colleague, the late Karen Onorato. Everyone would bring a potluck dish, and meet for lunch after the walk. I'm happy to report that the walk has become such a success that it is now held in various cities throughout CT on different dates, and the court family (including personnel from Judges' chambers, the Clerk's Office, the Probation Dept., U.S. Attorneys Office, and the Court of Appeals) now participate at many different locales. As CT borders the Long Island Sound, many of the parks hosting the walks offer walking trails along the water with incredible views—you tend to forget you are climbing hills, or are out of breath! Hats off to everyone in the District of Connecticut for their years of fund raising efforts for a very good cause! Enjoy the Making Strides Walk this October!

The Honorable Julie A. Manning was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut on September 9, 2013. Judge Manning was appointed to the seat created by the retirement of the Honorable Lorraine M. Weil. At the time of her appointment, Judge Manning was a practicing attorney at the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford, CT, where she practiced bankruptcy law. Judge Manning's chambers are located in New Haven, CT. We send a warm welcome to Judge Manning, and wish her much success in her new position!

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ITALY COMES TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT

By Corinne L. Pike
(JA for Judge Squatrito)



On July 22, 2013 Senior District Judge Dominic J. Squatrito and his wife, Carla Squatrito, welcomed into their home, Alberto Alexis Schiliro'. Alberto is from Torino, Italy which is in the northern part of Italy. He is 23 years old and is currently attending law school.

Alberto explained to me that the Italian system is quite different from our system. Instead of being appointed, Italy's prospective judges go to school to become judges. After five years of law school, those individuals wishing to go on to become judges attend school for two more years. After the schooling is over, they take a test and if they pass, they become a Judge. The new judge is not able to preside over any proceedings until they sit with an already sitting Judge for three years. After the three years has passed, they can be put anywhere in Italy where a judge is needed.

While Alberto was here, he was able to observe many different aspects of our legal system, both state and federal.

He had the opportunity to speak with many members of the federal court system such as the Federal Probation Office, the United States Attorney's Office, a Federal Public Defender, our Juror Administrator and a few United States District Court Judges. While at federal court, he observed jury selection, several criminal sentencings, a few guilty pleas, numerous supervised release hearings as well as hearings on dispositive motions. He also was able to observe a Naturalization Ceremony and attended Support Court, which is a voluntary program for first time offenders. It uses outside sources such as art programs, schooling and helping in the community as an alternative to incarceration.

Alberto was also able to speak to Judge Guido Calabresi, a Second Circuit Court of Appeals Judge. Judge Calabresi gave him insight into how the Federal Appeals Court works and what its function is. The Judge also invited Alberto to a speaking engagement that the Judge would be giving in Italy!

Alberto had the opportunity to go to the Superior Court and observe a state trial. He also observed some state court proceedings involving juvenile matters. In addition, he was able to speak with a few Superior Court Judges and discuss the various proceedings that he had observed and how the state court's cases differed from the federal court's cases. In Italy, there is just one system.

On another occasion, he observed a psychiatric hearing in a hospital with a Probate Court Judge. After the hearing, he went back to Probate Court with the Judge and observed several estate matters and then spoke with the Judge about the types of cases that he handles.

After seeing the many aspects of our state and federal systems, I asked him what he found most interesting. Alberto found our Probation Department's Supervised Release Program quite interesting. He indicated that Italy did not have any type of system to keep track of offenders after they got out of jail. They were just freed. Also he told me that since Italy's prisons are so overcrowded, offenders that have sentences of two years or less are sometimes just freed because there is not enough room. So Alberto has decided to write his thesis paper on our Supervised Release Program.

He went home to Torino on September 1, 2013 with lots of information from our Probation Department and lots of insight into our federal and state systems as well as the remarkable hospitality of the Squatrito family, our court family and our extended court family at the state level.

Now don't think that it was all work and no play for Alberto while he was here in the United States. He traveled to Boston, New York City, Washington, DC, and also squeezed in Newport, Rhode Island!

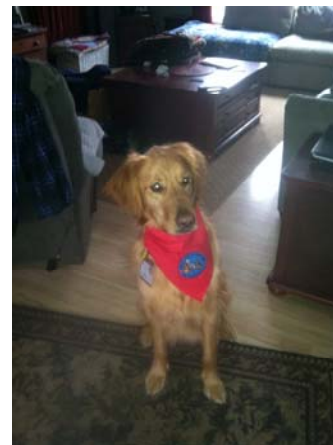
Alberto is anxious to return to the United States and continue with his thesis of our Supervised Release Program.

Ciao for now Alberto.....until we meet again.



Western District of New York:

We send our congratulations to Kelly Pruden, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa. Kelly's beautiful golden retriever, Shamus, was recently certified as a Therapy Dog by Therapy Dogs International. Therapy Dogs International sends dogs to assist wherever needed throughout the country; i.e., in places that suffered natural disasters, or at assisted living facilities, children's hospitals, nursing homes, schools, shelters, etc. TDI dogs were sent to Moore, OK, to assist tornado victims, and recently were in Newtown, CT, helping the community adjust to the terrible tragedy suffered there. Our hats are off to Kelly and Shamus for all of their hard work to become certified—what a wonderful organization to be a part of!



Judge Robert Jackson

On September 30, 2013, a ceremony was held at the new United States Court House in Buffalo to officially name the building the Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse. Justice Jackson was born in Pennsylvania, and raised in the Western District of New York. He graduated from Jamestown High School. Justice Jackson served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1941 - 1954. He was also the Chief United States prosecutor during the Nuremberg trials. Justice Jackson is revered by many as one of the best writers on the Court. The Second Circuit's new Chief Judge, Judge Robert A. Katzmann, was in attendance at the ceremony, along with many Western District of New York dignitaries.

Additionally, three Judicial Assistants were recently recognized for their years of service at the Western District's Annual Awards ceremony. Rita Onyan was recognized for 15 years of service to U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan Feldman; Judy Baker was recognized for 25 years of service to U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara; and Janet Curry was recognized for 35 years of service to Senior U.S. District Judge John T. Curtin. Congratulations to all three Judicial Assistants for their many years of service!

We send a hearty welcome to Susan Travis, who recently joined our ranks. Susan is the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Frank P. Geraci, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, who received his commission to the U.S. District Court in January 2013. Judge Geraci's chambers are in Rochester, NY. Susan has been working with Judge Geraci for almost 16 years—including some of the time Judge Geraci was on the bench in the Rochester City Court, and the entire time he served on the Monroe County Court. Susan is a lifelong resident of Rochester and has four grown children, three of which live out of state where she enjoys spending her vacation time. Please join me in welcoming Susan to the FJAA!

With best wishes to all for a wonderful fall season!

Janet F. Hansen

Before my transition to the Court of Appeals, I was excited about the new experience but also anxious about the unknown. In May, 2012, I attended a training class in Philadelphia for a day and a half. The training was informative but overwhelming. The employees in that Circuit were so nice and extremely generous. I had such a lovely experience. During my break, I toured two courtrooms where oral arguments are held. We even have a visiting chambers set aside for us when the Judge attends her sittings in Philadelphia. The office has a beautiful view overlooking the city of Philadelphia. You can see the Liberty Bell and other important buildings and monuments. Having now worked for a few months, my experience has been challenging and exciting. With the assistance of the Judge, the law clerks and some of the Judicial Assistants, I have learned and mastered certain tasks. I have even learned to work on an Excel spreadsheet where I keep track of our cases and the votes of the motions. While I appreciate the tranquility in the Circuit, I must admit I miss the fast paced environment in the District Court. How lucky am I to be blessed with such a great opportunity to work with a great group of people, all thanks to Judge Shwartz who was elevated to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

And now to other news.

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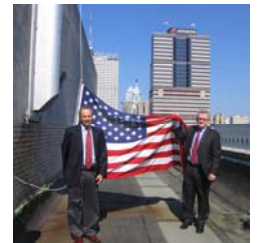


THIRD Circuit
Iris Liriano

After 38 years of judicial service, the Hon. Stanley Brotman, United States District Judge in Camden, NJ, has retired. Judge Brotman grew up in Vineland, New Jersey. He graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in 1947 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1950. Judge Brotman also served the U.S. Army in 1942 – 1945 and 1951 – 1952. He opened up his law firm in Vineland in 1952. A few years later, he partnered up with Samuel L. Shapiro, whom he clerked for as a student, and formed the law firm Shapiro and Brotman. Thereafter, the firm was renamed Shapiro, Brotman, Eisenstat & Capizola. He was nominated by President Gerald Ford on January 27, 1975 and was confirmed by the Senate on March 13, 1975. We wish Judge Brotman a happy and healthy retirement. Congratulations!

The Hon. James B. Clark, III, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey, was appointed in July, 2013 by President Barack Obama. Judge Clark was born in Jersey City, New Jersey and grew up in Summit, New Jersey. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BBA in 1983. Judge Clark graduated from Seton Hall Law School in 1986. He clerked for Hon. John J. Gibbons, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1986 – 1987. He worked as an associate at McCarter and English from 1987 – 1989. Judge Clark was an Assistant U.S. attorney in New Jersey from 1989 – 2013. He later became Chief of the Civil Division from 2011 – 2013. Congratulations to Judge Clark in his new position!

On July 12, 2013, a flag was hoisted to the top of the mast and flown over the Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in honor of the dedicated service to the United States Courts provided by Walter C. Stoertz, Jr., Chief Deputy Clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, E.D. Pa. The flag was subsequently removed and presented to Walter at his retirement luncheon in July. Walter retired July 26, 2013, after 35 years with the federal government! He will be remembered for his leadership style and his positive impact within our court family. We wish him all the very best in the next chapter of his life. Chief Bankruptcy Judge Eric L. Frank and Clerk of the Court Timothy McGrath prepare to raise the American Flag over the Nix Courthouse in Philadelphia, PA.



As we enter autumn, let us continue to enjoy the outdoors by taking up a hobby. May I recommend biking? A month ago, I discovered the wonders of bike riding. Not only is it good for you, but you get a chance to enjoy the beautiful, colorful leaves created by Mother Nature while breathing in some fresh air. Have a great time choosing an outdoor sport for you and your family to enjoy while staying fit.

Iris

The Inaugural Passing of the Gavel Ceremony was held in the District Court of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Division on August 20. **Chief Judge Wilma A. Lewis** symbolically received the gavel from the former chief, **Judge Curtis Gomez** in this special court session. Video conference technology was used so that Court staff on St. Thomas could view and also be program participants along with the St. Croix staff. If you would like to view it, copy and paste this link in your browser: <http://156.122.17.243/E-Newsletter/Articles/Articles%202013/gavelphoto.pdf>.



Chief Judge Wilma A. Lewis receives the gavel from the former chief, Judge Curtis Gomez. Clerk of Court Glenda Lake holds the gavel box which is embossed with the Court Seal.



Submitted by:

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St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands



Fourth Circuit
Dianne Hillman

In an era of on-demand entertainment, streaming video and high-definition screens on smartphones, the very idea of a drive-in theater may seem as quaint as black-and-white TV, but don't count them out just yet.

Three drive-in theaters are still in operation in South Carolina, and one of them is owned by Richard Boaz, our Fourth Circuit Librarian. "The Big Mo," operated by Richard and his wife Lisa, opened in March and shows movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until the end of November.

Built in 1950, the drive-in opened a year later and operated through the heyday of outdoor movie theaters and hung on through the 60s and 70s. Finally, in the mid-1980s, the theater surrendered to the reality of the times and closed as Americans opted to stay home and watch movies on cable TV or VHS tapes.

In 1998, the couple became the owners of the once shuttered theater and went to work restoring the place. The drive-in was re-opened on March 26, 1999, with the showing of *The Wizard of Oz*. The drive-in now has three screens.

On any given movie night, guests arrive early to get the best parking spots, play games and chat with neighbors. Cars are lined up alongside Highway 1 waiting for the Monetta Drive-In ("The Big Mo") to open.

Facts you might not know:

- In 1958, at the height of the drive-in popularity, over 5,000 existed.
- Today, only 369 drive-in theaters are operating in the US.
- Only three operate in South Carolina today. The other two are located in Beaufort and Greenwood.
- Adult admission price is \$7 to \$8.



Our circuit has ten drive-ins in West Virginia, eight in Virginia, two in Maryland with a new three-screen scheduled to open in Carroll County, and nine in North Carolina with a new one opening soon on Charlotte Road.

So one cool evening this fall, pack everyone in the car and head for the drive-in nearest you. Bring back a little nostalgia and remember --- GREASE is the word!

Our circuit has three new judicial assistants. Karen Stricker is working for Magistrate Judge Dwane L. Tinsley in Charleston, WV. The Baltimore chambers of Judge Catherine C. Blake has a new clerical assistant, Katherine York. Also, in Baltimore, Karen Fish is employed in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Timothy J. Sullivan. We welcome you to the court family.

Krystina Ludlow-Jones will assume her duties of Fourth Circuit Representative on November 1. I have enjoyed sending you the circuit news over the last two years and wish all of you the best. Let's keep in touch.

Happy fall,

Dianne



Fifth Circuit *Hope Taormina*

New Circuit Executive

Following a nationwide search, Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart announced the appointment of Paul Benjamin Anderson, Jr., as Circuit Executive of the Fifth Federal Judicial Circuit effective September 4, 2013. Mr. Anderson replaced Mr. Gregory A. Nussel, who retired after 31 years of court service, the past 17 years as Circuit Executive.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, from which he also received his J.D. He served as Deputy Circuit Executive for the Fifth Circuit since July 2002. For 28 years preceding his appointment in the Fifth Circuit, Mr. Anderson held successively responsible positions in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Colonel and ultimately serving as Chief of the Pentagon's Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Mr. Anderson was appointed Circuit Executive pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 332(e) by the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council, which is composed of 19 circuit and district judges. The Judicial Council has governance and oversight of all matters pertaining to the effective and expeditious administration of justice in the federal courts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The Circuit Executive is responsible for providing administrative support to the Chief Judge, Judicial Council, and the federal courts of the Fifth Circuit. Additional duties include coordination of the Court of Appeals budget, supervision of a circuit-wide information technology program, space and facilities management, and acting as liaison to other courts and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.



Farewell to Federal Public Defender

Virginia Schlueter, the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ended a 35 year career in that office, retiring on September 30, 2013. Although she had the option of remaining in her position, this would have meant forcing her employees to each take 50 days of leave without pay to cover the cost. "I wish my retirement had been more on my own terms," she said, "but when the option is to pay your salary on the back of your employees with leave-without-pay days, it seemed the better administrative decision for the office was to tender my resignation." "I fired myself, in essence," said Schlueter.

In a district where roughly 400 criminal cases are filed each year, about 90 percent of defendants qualify for indigent representation, Schlueter said. The specter of sequestration forced Schlueter to reduce her staff from eight lawyers to five, and to fire both investigators and the office's sole case manager. She had hired and trained most of them.



In 1978 Schlueter became a defense attorney representing the indigent in the Eastern District of Louisiana. She continued to do so, undeterred by the large caseload and the stress of managing the overworked and underfunded office.

To ensure continuity in office operations, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has named Rebecca L. Hudsmith as Acting Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Louisiana effective October 1, 2013 and until a new Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Louisiana is appointed. The permanent replacement will be appointed by the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. Two lawyers in Schlueter's office have thrown their names in the hat for her replacement. The court selects a panel of three New Orleans-area criminal defense attorneys to review resumes and ultimately make a recommendation to the Court.

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Kenneth Polite nominated as U.S. Attorney in New Orleans



On June 27, 2013, President Barack Obama nominated Kenneth Polite, Jr. to become the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. On September 17, 2013, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Mr. Polite's nomination, and he was sworn in on September 20, 2013.

As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Polite oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Eastern District of Louisiana, which consists of the following thirteen (13) parishes located in South Louisiana: Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington. He supervises an office of approximately 55 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, who handle a high volume of cases that include narcotics and arms trafficking, white collar crime, public corruption, gang violence, organized crime, and civil rights violations.

Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Mr. Polite was a shareholder at Liskow & Lewis, where he headed the white collar criminal defense group and served as the firm's hiring partner.

From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Polite served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. There, he prosecuted a wide range of federal criminal offenses, including organized crime, public corruption, narcotics and firearms trafficking, money laundering, and identity theft.

Mr. Polite was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, first in the Delaware office's corporate litigation practice from 2000 to 2001, and later, in the New York office's white collar criminal defense group from 2002 to 2006.

Mr. Polite is a graduate of De La Salle High School in New Orleans (valedictorian), Harvard University (A.B., Government), and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude). While in law school, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the American Criminal Law Review's Fifteenth Survey of White Collar Crime. Following law school, Mr. Polite served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

GLENDA SIGNAL

By Carla Gibson Baker

Glenda Signal, our 2011-2012 Fifth Circuit Representative and a longtime dedicated member of the Ways and Means Committee, retired on September 1, 2012. She was very active in our fund raising activities and membership drives. We celebrated Glenda's retirement with a formal tea. As you can see from the photos, Glenda was ecstatic receiving her teacup floral bouquet, gift card, and her favorite cup of tea! We had a wonderful time!

Glenda served more than twenty-two years with the federal government with over eighteen of those years as the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Louis Moore, Jr. In October 2012, she returned to work temporarily with the Honorable Alma Chazez until her health made it difficult for her to continue working. She left the Court in January 2013.



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Since that time, Glenda has been courageously fighting the return of her cancer. Her former law clerk, Cynthia Warren, has delivered to us sad news regarding her health. We deeply wish that we had good news to report. Glenda has developed a brain tumor which is blocking her optic nerve and causing her to lose her vision. The tumor is inoperable and cannot be radiated. She is unable to re-start chemotherapy.

With this latest setback, Glenda has made the difficult decision to stop all further treatment. Her daughter says she is at peace with this decision, is comfortable and is in good spirits. She currently lives at the Live Oak Village in Slidell, an assisted living facility. There had been some discussions about hospice but that decision has not been made by the family. Marion Barbir, on behalf of the ladies in the Eastern District of Louisiana, went to visit with Glenda Signal and to deliver the card we signed for her. A beautiful card was selected and a great idea that a music box be presented to Glenda to remind her of the "ladies" at District Court whenever she opened it and heard the music. Marion found a beautiful music box with the "Serenity Prayer" written on top and some scriptures on the sides and read our card to Glenda and the messages inside. She seemed touched that we had thought about her. She has a lovely apartment at Live Oak Village and it is all decorated for fall.

If you would like to send her a card or note, her address is Glenda Signal, c/o Live Oak Village, 2200 Gause Blvd. E., Apt. 207, Slidell, LA 70461-4225.

Please keep Glenda and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



SIXTH Circuit

Kelly Kopf



Honorable J. Daniel Breen Appointed New Chief United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee

Effective, August 26, 2013 the Honorable J. Daniel Breen assumed the position of chief judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. United States District Judge Jon P. McCalla elected to retire from active status and take senior status after serving as the chief judge from January 1, 2008 to August 23, 2013.

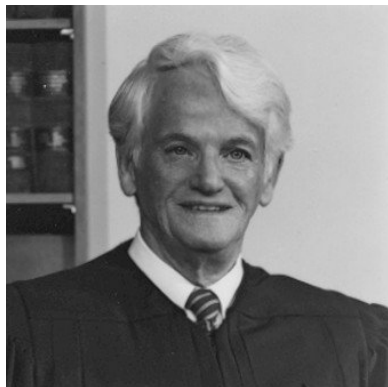
Chief Judge Breen began his judiciary career in 1991 as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Western District of Tennessee serving in both the Eastern (Jackson) and Western (Memphis) divisional offices. Chief Judge Breen was nominated on January 7, 2003 by President George W. Bush to a seat on the district court bench. He was confirmed by the Senate on March 13, 2003 and he received his commission on March 14, 2003. Chief Judge Breen received his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1975, and his Bachelor of Arts from Spring Hill College in 1972.

FJAA Member Taffy Elchlepp is Chief Judge Breen's Judicial Assistant.

The Presentation of the Portrait and Recognition of Change of Status of Jon Phipps McCalla was held on Friday, August 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Memphis, Tennessee. Judge McCalla was appointed by President George H.W. Bush on February 10, 1992. He was Chief Judge for the Western District of Tennessee from 2008 to 2013. Judge McCalla took senior status on August 23, 2013. FJAA Vice-President Cathy Gray is his Judicial Assistant.

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Death of Judge Wendell Miles

The funeral service for Judge Miles was held on **Monday, August 12th @ 7:00 p.m.**, with the family receiving friends an hour before and after the service. It was at the Porter Hills Meeting House, 3600 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids. The family thanks the court staff who attended.

The family indicated that those wishing to make a memorial contribution can send the gift in memory of Wendell Miles to either Hope College, Advancement Services, P.O. Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9904 or to First United Methodist Church of Holland, 57 W. Tenth St., Holland, MI 49423. Judge Miles' obituary can be viewed at the link below:

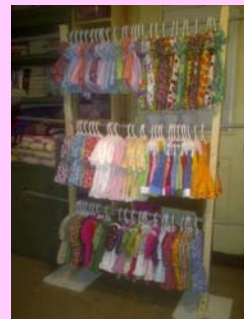
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A Fulfilling Hobby—Making Doll Clothing

A love for making doll clothes has recently been rekindled in Carol Kronquist, Judicial Secretary to Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo, Western District of Tennessee at Memphis. Carol started making doll clothes for her Barbie dolls in the mid-60s while in the third grade. She designed and then handstitched dresses from scraps of fabric leftover from her mother's sewing. By the time she was old enough to use the sewing machine, Carol had graduated to making clothes for herself and even made her wedding dress in 1978. But her love for dolls and making doll clothes was always there. In 1995, a friend who worked in the court clerk's office bought an American Girl doll for her daughter, and Carol immediately volunteered to make some clothes for the doll, Samantha. Bigger than a Barbie, Carol found making clothes for Samantha to be a lot of fun, even though she was using a pattern for doll clothes and adjusting it for the 18-inch Samantha. For the next few years, Carol made the doll clothes night after night and scheduled 3-4 crafts fairs each year to sell her clothes, which were always a hit with little girls and their mothers. She "retired" from making doll clothes to follow her son's college football career and then turned her sewing to quilts. Still, she often thought of her American Girls dolls and how much she had enjoyed making their clothes.

Just before Christmas 2012, a friend at church asked Carol if she had any doll clothes available. Her granddaughter was getting an AG doll for Christmas. Then, Carol's Judge said that she and her sister thought Carol should start making doll clothes again. (They both have granddaughters.) Finally, a couple of weeks after Christmas, Carol saw several little girls at her church all carrying 18-inch dolls. She could no longer resist the urge to get back into making doll clothes. The sewing machine hums once again! Carol is now working on clothes for an October crafts fair at her church, and she has already sold six of her dresses. She uses the proceeds of her sales to replenish her fabric stash, of course, and also to help finance her favorite missions project - filling shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse - www.samaritanspurse.org.

Carol has been with the court for 38 years and a member of the Association since 1984. She has attended a total of 18 Conferences, her first in 1987 in St. Louis.



Greetings from the Seventh Circuit. The kids are back in school and things are settling down into a "normal" routine again. Hopefully everyone had a great summer and managed to get away from work for a while, whether on a vacation or stay-cation. Personally, I spent two weeks in England and Paris with my husband, who rode his bicycle in the London-Edinburgh-London 1400 km randonn  e event (finished in 108.5 hours). We took my dad and my 16-year-old nephew with us. We three had fun touring London, the Yorkshire Dales, Bath and Stonehenge while Bob biked. Then we all went to Paris for a few days. One highlight of the trip was spending the day in Normandy touring the WWII American beaches with a private guide.

Court of Appeals – Judge Diane P. Wood assumes the position of Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit on October 1, 2013. She will become the first woman to hold the chief judge position in the Seventh Circuit.

Eastern Wisconsin - The Judicial Conference has authorized a full-time Magistrate Judge located in Milwaukee; applications were due September 13th. Additionally, Magistrate Judge Gorence has taken recall status. For the second year, the Federal Building was part of the "Doors Open Milwaukee" tour of

notable Milwaukee buildings sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, Inc., and includes tours of two District Court courtrooms. Last year the building was a pretty popular stop -- they ended up letting some folks who didn't have tickets for the tour but were really interested in the building come in just to see the atrium space and the displays there.

Western Wisconsin –The clerk's office, chambers, bankruptcy and probation departments continue to implement shared services. The clerk's office, chambers and probation had previously combined their Human Resources department, and after a retirement there, has now combined with bankruptcy and moved to new office space. The finance departments of the clerk's office, chambers and bankruptcy are also slated to be moving into one space in the next few months. The IT Departments for both courts have been in shared office space for a few years already.

Northern Illinois - Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier has been selected to serve as the President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA). Judge Schenkier took on the responsibilities as FMJA president on July 30, 2013 and will serve in that role for one year. He became the FMJA Circuit Representative for the Seventh Circuit in 2003 and has previously served as the FMJA Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President Elect.

Central Illinois – The Central District welcomes Pat Miller, who begins as Judicial Assistant to Senior Judge Joe Billy McDade on October 1st. Pat is replacing Dee Cole who retired after 28 years of service. Additionally, committees are underway to select/propose replacements for retiring Magistrate Judge John A. Gorman of the Peoria division and Magistrate Judge Byron Cudmore of the Springfield division. Both magistrate judges will be leaving in February of 2014.

Southern Illinois – The court is hosting seminars on cancer prevention and awareness as well as one on fall gardening.

Northern Indiana – A circuit judge sitting in South Bend is seeking a judicial assistant. The posting went up September 4th and will be open until filled. The district court recently held an employee recognition day at Swan Lake.

Southern Indiana – The court is warning of a jury scam where members of the public have received an email that appears to be a grand jury subpoena issued by USDC – Southern California. It has a 'uscourts.com' address and may contain harmful links.



Seventh Circuit

Melissa Hardin



EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Leslie Walker

Senior Judge Donald E. O'Brien will celebrate his 90th birthday and 35th year anniversary of appointment to the U.S. District Court Bench on September 27, 2013.

Congratulations Judge O'Brien!



NINTH CIRCUIT
Guest Contributor
Stephanie Lawley

Chief Judge Roslyn Silver, District of Arizona, the first woman to hold the top federal judicial post in the District of Arizona, has stepped down. Judge Raner Collins will take over as Chief Judge of the District of Arizona. Chief Judge Collins was appointed to the court in 1998 and will oversee the district that now has six judicial vacancies.

Champions of Change—Winning the Future Across America. All across the country, ordinary Americans are doing extraordinary things in their communities. Each week, Champions of Change are invited to the White House to share their ideas to win the future. Recently, Dan Rearick, former law clerk to Judge Timothy Burgess, District of Alaska, was honored as a Champion of Change. Take time to check out this link and see if you might know someone to nominate as a Champion of Change! <http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/welcoming-america>

Dan Rearick is the Executive Director and a founding board member of Uniting NC, a North Carolina based nonprofit. "We launched Uniting NC because we need to do more to welcome our immigrant neighbors. New immigrants have made our country what it is today, but we often forget that. And when we as a community fail to support new immigrants, we all lose out on their potential to share new ideas, build new businesses and enrich our culture." To address these challenges, Uniting NC launched programs designed to bring together longtime residents and recent immigrants to learn from one another, give back to their communities and engage in their children's education. Dan has also worked as an attorney on behalf of immigrant and low-income communities at the North Carolina Justice Center. Prior to practicing law, Dan attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School, and in between he worked at an orphanage in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Justice on the Reservation—Tuba City, Arizona

U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow presided over the trial held in September, 2013 in Tuba City Judicial District on the Navajo Nation Reservation. Judge Snow hoped to give the public and residents of the Reservation an opportunity to witness a federal trial and to learn about the U.S. justice system. The first day of jury selection was held in Flagstaff, Arizona. The defendant, Edsel Badoni, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence. Judge Snow explained that he hoped to enhance the ability of tribal members to serve as jurors since the jurors often explain that they are not able to be represented on juries because of the expense of getting to the District Court in Prescott. Tribal members are also reluctant to serve as jurors in trials of fellow tribal members. The Tribal Law and Order Act made the increased jurisdiction available in an effort to allow Native Americans the constitutional minimums to which all American citizens are entitled.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor Speaks in Portland, Oregon

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will speak on March 11, 2014 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland, Oregon as part of the Everybody Reads community-reading program sponsored by the Multnomah County Library. *My Beloved World*, Justice Sotomayor's memoir, is her story of growing up in public housing in the Bronx. Her father died when she was nine and she was raised by her mother and grandmother. She did not speak English fluently until after her father's death. She became the first Latina on the U.S. Supreme Court in 2009. Copies of her book will be available at Multnomah County Libraries in 2014 and tickets are on sale at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts website.

U.S. District Judge Mosman—Portland, Oregon

Judge Michael W. Mosman became the newest appointee to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, the secretive panel that approves or denies wiretaps and other forms of eavesdropping in terrorism and espionage investigations. Judge Mosman served as the U.S. Attorney for Oregon at the time of the 2002 Portland Seven terrorism case and was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2003 to the federal bench in Portland. The Foreign Intelligence Service Court was enacted during the Carter administration in 1978. In 2001, an amendment to the U.S.A. Patriot Act extended the number of judges on the court from seven to eleven.

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Senior Judge Charles Breyer—San Francisco, California

Senior Judge Charles Breyer was recently confirmed as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Judge Breyer will serve a six-year term and is the first judge from the nine-state Western region to be appointed. Judge Breyer was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. District Court in 1997 in San Francisco. Breyer, 71, is the brother of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Lynda Brown

GREETINGS FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT!



Fall is here!! Rosene Coleman, Judicial Assistant, sent in an article with a picture taken at Judge Robert Bacharach's investiture ceremony. Lyn Marshala, Administrative Assistant to Judge Robin Cauthron in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma had a wonderful trip to Ireland. You are sure to enjoy reading about her trip and seeing her pictures. Thanks so much to everyone who sends in articles and pictures. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch with each other!! Please let us hear from you!!

Lynda



The Honorable Robert Edwin Bacharach had his formal investiture ceremony to be a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit on July 1, 2013. Judge Bacharach, formerly a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, was confirmed 93-0 by the Senate in February.

The investiture ceremony was held in the ceremonial courtroom for the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, and was attended by Judge Bacharach's family, friends, and colleagues. Senator Tom Coburn and Kevin D. Gordon, the president of Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C., gave stirring speeches praising Judge Bacharach. The Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr., Senior Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit for whom Judge Bacharach previously clerked, administered the official oath of office.

Judge Bacharach took care to thank Rosene Coleman, his judicial assistant for the past 14 years, for her tireless service.



OKLAHOMA NEWS:

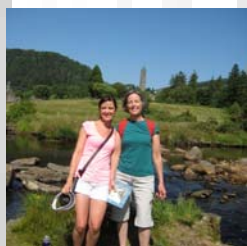
This past Christmas our tree was pretty bare. Normally, my husband buys out the mall with random stuff; guess he thinks more is better. This past Christmas, however, there was one lonely gift for me under the tree, a large gift bag of Bath & Body Works products. After I had appropriately oohed and aahed over it, he told me my other gift was verbal – Jennifer (our daughter who lives in New Hampshire whom some of you may remember from our conference in Portland, Maine) and I would be going to Ireland! I didn't just cry, I sobbed. I'd dreamed of going for 50+ years and was convinced the only way I was ever going to get there was if someone sent my ashes there.

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I didn't have to make any arrangements – Jennifer made them all. Last year she had shattered her right knee while dirt bike riding with her husband, and she had to have surgery in March to remove the hardware in her leg - two plates and 15 screws. Because of that, she has to be mindful of the possibility of blood clots while flying. So we had to fly Business Class. Bummer. NOT! The company for whom Jennifer works is owned by a Swiss company, and she travels to Zurich a couple times a year. She booked us on Swiss Air and I would certainly recommend them to anyone flying overseas. The Swiss are incredible – everything on time, everything working, amazing accommodations, fantastic food. Oh, yes, and chocolate.

We left Boston on the 4th of July (we could see the fireworks as we left) and arrived in Zurich on the 5th. Because we had slept comfortably on the overnight flight, we were ready to go. She was anxious to show me “old” Zurich. We spent a lovely day walking around, and the next day took the train to Luzern to spend the day until we had to head back to the airport for our flight to Dublin.

Our arrival in Dublin was a wee bit daunting. Besides driving on the wrong side of the car, on the wrong side of the road, the Irish don't believe in street lights – or street signs, for that matter – so we were hopelessly lost. We stopped at a Best Western and I went in to see if someone could help us, while Jennifer stayed in the car and tried to figure out how to use her cell phone. I walked up to the desk, rather calmly, I thought, and when the clerk asked if he could help me, I said “We're lost” and burst into tears. His response, “Well, darlin', I know where I am, and I know where you are. So you're not lost – we just need to get you to where you need to be.” Whereupon, he got the address and followed me out to the car to give Jennifer the directions to our B&B. While we were waiting for her to get off the phone with Verizon, a man drove up. The clerk went over to speak with him, and when Jennifer got off the phone he told us, “Now, you're going to get your bags and this young fella here (he was a taxi driver) is going to take you to your B&B. Just leave your car right where it is and tomorrow morning you can walk back and pick it up” (it was about half a mile from our B&B). Irish hospitality – you can't beat it.



The next morning, after a wonderful Irish breakfast (bacon, sausage, white pudding, black pudding, eggs, toast, tea, orange juice - we ate it all!), we walked to the “Hop On Hop Off” bus stop and, per our innkeeper's suggestion, took the tour all the way around to decide where we wanted to go first. Our first stop was Trinity College and the Book of Kells. Then to pay our respects to Molly Malone (the “Tart with a Cart”), St. Stephens Green, and a late lunch in one of the many pubs. When the barman brought our orders, he asked where we were from. Jennifer said “Boston area” – because everyone in Ireland knows where Boston is. I said “Oklahoma.” Frank (for that was his name) looked at me and said, “Shawnee? Moore? Norman? El Reno?” It surprised me, and then I realized the devastating tornadoes we had were news around the world. He said, no, that's where his wife's family was from, and in fact he and his family were leaving that coming weekend to spend six weeks in Oklahoma City with her parents. Talk about a small world! And it got even smaller, as the next day we saw him again on the streets of Dublin. He asked where we were headed next and we told him County Wicklow. “Well,” he says, “if you happen to go to the Roundwood Inn Pub, stop in and see John, the barman there, and tell him Frank Kelly says hello.” As we were staying at a lodge which is just down the (extremely narrow) road, we had dinner at the pub that evening. Unfortunately, it was John's day off and we didn't have a chance to pass on Frank's message to him personally, but our waiter told us he would. Frank and John grew up next door to each other.



Jennifer and I had an absolutely wonderful time in Ireland. We saw many ruins, old cemeteries (Jennifer has a fondness for them), cliffs, sheep (they're everywhere!), and Fungie, a dolphin in Dingle. We were constantly on the go, and the evenings were spent with Jennifer trying to find accommodations for our next stop. My Type A daughter took someone's advice who said it's very easy to find B&Bs, and not to bother to book more than a few days out. WRONG! But it all turned out okay. She had hoped to book two nights in a castle for me as a Mother's Day gift. Unfortunately, though, Adare Manor was totally booked, and she ended up giving me an iPad instead (and one for herself). They came in very handy for reservations and staying in touch with family and friends back home. When we did get to Adare we found the reason for the difficulty there - one of Ireland's top rugby players, Johnny Sexton, had booked the entire Manor and many of the B&Bs in the area for his wedding.

We had glorious weather while we were in Ireland. We were in one of the rainiest places and both came back with tans! As happy as I was to finally visit Ireland, the best part of the trip was getting to spend two weeks with my self-confident, poised, extremely intelligent, beautiful daughter without the distractions of her job.

If you ever get the chance to travel to The Emerald Isle – GO! You couldn't ask for a more beautiful, historic country; one that prides itself on its hospitality. *Céad mile fáilte!*

Lyn Marshala

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*Barbara Lay***THE HONORABLE JOHN H. MOORE, II (1927 – 2013)**

A memorial service was held recently in Jacksonville, Florida, to honor the Honorable John H. Moore, II, Middle District of Florida, who passed away on July 18. Remarks and stories about Judge Moore during the memorial were all in the same vein, he was a no-nonsense jurist who expected the lawyers in his courtroom to follow the three P's – be prepared, be punctual and be professional. Although he might have been a stern taskmaster on the bench, he was a kind and gentle person off the bench. We all will miss Judge Moore very much, and his three P's could apply to all of us.

**RETIRING**

In September the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals said goodbye to a number of the Clerk's office employees. Although they were not JAs, they lent their support to those of us who are and to the Judges as well. They were: Vicki King, 40 years; Joyce Pope, 40 years; Angela Mitchell, 33 years; and Sharon Evans, 29 years. Wow! Quite a bit of knowledge and expertise is leaving the court. More than once over the past 20 years when I found myself in a pickle, I could count on any of these great ladies to "bail me out!" We are grateful to them for their hard work and dedication to the court. We had a chance to say goodbye and honor their service with a magnificent luncheon held at the U.S. Court of Appeals building in Atlanta on September 24th. Happy trails to them!

FEDERAL & DC CIRCUITS:**JAN HORBALY**

Mr. Horbaly retired in May after 17 years of service with the Federal Circuit Court. He became the Circuit Executive established in 1997. Before joining the Court, Mr. Horbaly was in private practice in Washington, D.C. He specialized in Supreme Court practice, federal court litigation, and military law. He became the Executive Director of the Coal Commission at the Department of Labor, and served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Justice of the United States.

DANIEL E. O'TOOLE

On June 17, 2013, Mr. Daniel O'Toole became the new Circuit Executive and Clerk of Court. Mr. O'Toole served as a Navy JAG for 28 years, and as the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He retired from the position of Chief Judge for the Department of the Navy in 2012.

THE HONORABLE RAYMOND T. CHEN

On Monday, August 5, 2013, Chief Judge Randall Rader held the swearing-in ceremony for Judge Raymond T. Chen. Judge Rader administered the oath of office while Judge Chen placed his hand on the historic Lincoln Bible held by his wife Lisa Hsiao. Judge Chen was also accompanied by Maya Chen (daughter), Justin Chen (son), Henry Hsiao (father-in-law), Linda Hsiao (mother-in-law), Bernard Knight, General Counsel of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, John Whealan, Associate Dean for Intellectual Property Law Studies at The George Washington University School of Law, Christopher Chan, one of his law clerks and Matthew Moore. Members of the Court who witnessed the ceremony included: Judge Pauline Newman, Judge Alan Lourie, Judge Raymond Clevenger, Judge William Bryson, Judge Timothy Dyk, Judge Sharon Prost, Judge Kimberly Moore, Judge Kathleen O'Malley, Judge Jimmie Reyna, Judge Evan Wallach and Judge Richard Taranto. The Senior Staff of the Court was represented by Circuit Executive Daniel E. O'Toole. James Benjamin of the Clerk's Office served as Notary Public and Shannon Savage, also of the Clerk's Office, took photographs. Kate Toth, Executive Assistant to Chief Judge Rader was also present. Raymond T. Chen was nominated by President Obama on February 7, 2013, and unanimously confirmed by the Senate on August 1, 2013. Previously, Mr. Chen was the Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). He represented the PTO in numerous appeals, and personally argued more than 20 cases before the Federal Circuit.

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TODD M. HUGHES

On July 18, 2013, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted the nomination of Mr. Todd M. Hughes out of Committee. He is now awaiting the confirmation vote of the full Senate to join the Federal Circuit. Mr. Hughes is currently the Deputy Director of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division, at the Department of Justice.

US COURT OF APPEALS - DC CIRCUIT:

THE HONORABLE SRIKANTH SRINIVASAN

On May 23, 2013, Srikanth Srinivasan was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a circuit judge to the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit. Judge Srinivasan's investiture was held on Sept 26, 2013. Prior to being confirmed, Judge Srinivasan was the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States, and argued 20 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Srinivasan is known for having represented the former Enron executive, Jeffrey Skilling, in his appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court (*Skilling v. United States* (2010)). Judge Srinivasan graduated from Stanford University in 1989, Stanford Law School, and Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1995. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General, and as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In 1998, he joined the law firm O'Melveny & Myers. From 2002 to 2007, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General. In 2007, he returned to O'Melveny & Myers as a partner, and later became the chair of the firm's appellate and Supreme Court practice. From 2011, until his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Judge Srinivasan served as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. He has taught appellate advocacy at Harvard Law School.

US COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS:

The U. S. Court of Federal Claims bid farewell to five senior judges over the summer. Senior (Chief) Judge Loren A. Smith, Bohdan A. Futey, Robert H. Hodges, Lawrence S. Margolis and Robert J. Yock. All held very distinguish and productive terms. No new judges have been confirmed at this time. Mr. David Lockwood, who has worked diligently for many years for the Federal Claims Library, is also retiring. We wish them all the very best on their new journey.



Update on the 2014 FJAA Annual Educational Conference

The FJAA 2014 Conference Planning Committee recently completed a survey of the attendees of the 2012 FJAA Conference in San Diego. The response rate was excellent and the comments quite positive. Forty percent of those who responded told us that their attendance at the next conference depended completely on the availability of Chambers Training Funds. The Committee would like to thank all of you who took time to respond and give us your feedback.

Due to the current budget situation, the recent furloughs in many of your courts, and uncertainty of the Chambers Training Funds for FY14, the Conference Planning Committee has decided to delay releasing the Conference Agenda and Registration Form.

The January 2014 FJAA newsletter will have more details about the 2014 Conference including a Conference Agenda and Registration Form. Meanwhile the Minneapolis Marriott City Center will continue to take your reservations for the conference. Just call 1-877-303-0104 to reserve your room or visit the link at: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10696876.

Please keep your calendars marked for the *2014 FJAA Annual Educational Conference* to be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, April 24-26, 2014. The Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul promises to be a terrific host. The Conference is shaping up to be one of our best! One of the exciting sessions will coincide with the release of the Next Generation of CM/ECF. Our conference will be a perfect opportunity to learn firsthand about the new features CM/ECF offers Judges and Chambers staff. Other sessions will feature a District Court Judge sharing his knowledge on use of iPads for judges and the Minnesota Chief Judge talking about his service on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Courts. A Retirement and Benefits presentation from an HR Specialist from the AO, an active shooter training by the USM from Minneapolis, and an opening reception hosted by the District of Minnesota Bench and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association at the beautiful courthouse in Minneapolis are just some of the sessions we hope to feature.

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So remember to mark your calendars and make plans to join us for the 2014 FJAA Educational Conference in Minneapolis-St. Paul in April 2014. Stay tuned for more information and conference materials in January.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

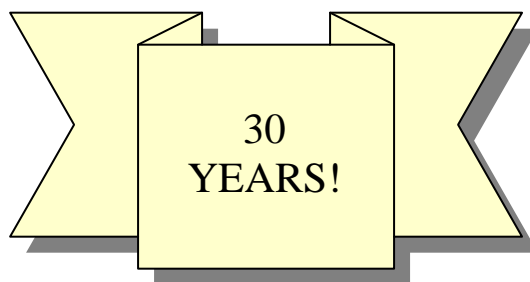
THANKS TO THE FJAA FOR HELPING ME TO FOLLOW MY DREAM

It is almost that time of the year when we pause to think of all of the bountiful blessings that we have been given. Therefore, it is only fitting to take this opportunity to thank the FJAA for all of the blessings it has bestowed on me. First and foremost, by getting involved and attending the conferences for many years, I have made friends throughout the country whom I never would have met. This alone would make it sufficient for me to say that this organization is worthy of great praise. However, the FJAA goes beyond uniting its members and instilling friendships. This organization relays a wealth of knowledge to the JA, both through its conferences and also through its newsletters, so that everyone can reap the benefits of all of the organization's members. It also assists its members to further their education through the FJAA Scholarship Program--for which I am now so very grateful.

This past April, I celebrated 35 years of service with the United States District Court. Back in the late 1970s, as a recent graduate in a legal secretarial program, I was fortunate to find a job in the clerk's office through a temporary agency. When then-Chief Judge Curtin's secretary retired two years later, he asked me to replace her. I was 22 years old at the time, and the Judge was 59. I figured that he would retire when he was 65--and I would be out of a job at 28 years of age! Therefore, I decided to return to college, and graduated with my B.S. in Criminal Justice in 1985. At that time, I was married and pregnant with my first child. Four children later--and still employed by Judge Curtin--I remained interested in returning to school. A law degree was my dream and aspiration. In 2010, when my youngest child turned 16, I took the LSAT and subsequently submitted my application to UB Law School. I was extremely excited--and horrified--when I was accepted! It has been a roller-coaster ride since then, and I sit here today very apprehensive about the next semester. But, life teaches us to face our fears and rise above them--one day, and one problem, at a time. Prayer works.

The moral of my story is that one must follow her dreams and aspirations to be true to herself. (At my age, it is better known as the "bucket list!") Even though my education costs are very expensive and I do not expect to earn my tuition costs back, I know that I must continue on. I am closing in on the halfway point, and I am thankful for every milestone. I am also very thankful that, 35 years later, I am still employed by Judge Curtin (who turned 92 in August). Although the future is unknown, I pray that you pursue your dreams and aspirations to the extent that you can--and I thank the FJAA for assisting me in following mine.

Janet Curry



1983: IBM Mag Card and IBM Memory typewriter. Carbon paper. Room-size photocopiers. Dictation on full-size cassettes. Shorthand. Files. Filing!!! Hand-delivered letters. Trial exhibits on foam core board. Smoking at your desk!!! I used to smoke!!! Secretary's Day. I was 20-something with two young boys.

2013: Personal computer with multiple programs. Dual monitors. Email. Electronic filing. What the heck was shorthand anyway? Electronic dictation. Text and email on my cell phone that fits in my pocket and makes me (and the Judge) available for work 24/7 (arrgh). Can't even smoke within 20 feet of the building. Haven't smoked in more than 25 years. Administrative Professional's Day (what is that?) I'm older than 20-something, had a third (girl) somewhere along the way and now have six grand kids.

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Those are just the front and end caps of the 30 years I've worked for Judge Daniel Hovland. I can barely remember what all happened in those years in the middle. I began working for attorney Dan Hovland in early August 1983 at a private law firm. He had just come from being an Assistant Attorney General and was eager to start private practice. I had come from a small, father/son law firm that was ending due to competition with the large law firms that were beginning to form in Bismarck and the fact that the elder was gearing down to retire. My former law firm mainly dealt in land deals, estates, probates, and trusts. In the new law firm I was going to work for an insurance defense lawyer and even more exciting (to me anyway) medical malpractice. It was a very exciting and scary time for me. I was very fortunate to have the secretary for the senior litigation partner in the firm take me under her wing and teach me what I needed to know. There was a learning curve without a doubt. More than once I went home at night and felt like a total failure. But Dan never complained about me (that I know of anyway) and he was always very patient and understanding. It was his first job of that type as well, but I assumed he knew more about what he was doing than I did!

In 1994 Dan asked me to join him in a newer, smaller law firm that he was asked to join. It was a bit of a hard decision since I had been at the large firm for 11 years, I was earning four weeks of vacation a year, and although I wasn't getting rich, I was getting by on my salary. It was familiar. But, obviously I made the right decision and moved with him. More than once I questioned my decision, but I'm certainly glad I stuck it out. In 2002 Dan Hovland became Judge Hovland and again, he took me with him despite heavy recommendations to hire a third law clerk rather than bring me along. Judge Hovland's loyalty to me brought me to the federal court and I will be forever grateful for that. I am also grateful that we are close to the same age so I don't have to worry about him retiring before me. Do judges retire?

Linda Reis JA to Judge Hovland



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FJAA TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013
By
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Chase Business Classic Checking	12,736.64
Chase Business Savings	15,024.75
Wells Fargo Conference Account	<u>3,165.72</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$30,927.11**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Unrestricted Net Assets	31,894.95
Net Income	<u>(967.84)</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$30,927.11**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME

Interest-Savings	3.85
Membership Dues	90.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$93.85**

EXPENSES

Business Expenses

Scholarships	750.00
Business Expenses-Other	202.50

Operations:

Supplies	61.25
Internet, Phone & Telecommunications	47.94

TOTAL EXPENSES **1,061.69**

NET INCOME **(\$967.84)**

THE ALMOST BACK PAGE - Feeling essential? I sure hope so!!! These are crazy times to be sure, so if you aren't normally an optimist, you might want to become one just to get you through this. The rumor mill will make you even more nuts - my dad told me last night he heard the shutdown is going to last three months! Heard it on CNN! It has to be true!!! Well, don't believe everything you hear, see and read. There's always a lot of goings on behind the scenes that we are never made aware of, so all kinds of things are already in the works. If you think positively, your attitude will be good, you'll be pleasant to be around and hopefully you'll rub off on your co-workers. We should take this time to reconsider our goals as Judicial Assistants and how we can be of more value to our judges, chambers and courts. I think if this newsletter gets more professional that would go a long way to making us more valuable. Don't get me wrong - there's nothing bad with sharing recipes or travel stories or hobbies among your circuit buddies, but, as a suggestion, I really think we ought to use our national newsletter more for educational purposes and what we can do better, what we have found that really works and how we can share that information with our fellow J.A.s. Maybe each circuit rep could submit their best practices on a different topic, how they handle something in their part of the country, and let the national newsletter be a quarterly substitute to compliment our Judicial Conference. Every circuit could submit articles on any training they received, etc., in addition to the usual info. What do you think???? Feel free to email me! Susan_Pinkowski@mied.uscourts.gov. Think positively - it'll go a long way, friends.



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October 15



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