

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Northern District of Ohio

The Northern District of Ohio Chapter teamed up with Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Hemann of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Cleveland Bar Association for the second annual “A Book of Your Own” project. Last year, the inaugural year for the project, the Northern District’s Younger Lawyer Committee collected more than 5,000 new and gently used books from lawyers in the Cleveland area and gave the books to students at five Cleveland elementary schools for the students to take home and keep as a book of their own. The project garnered the Ilene and Michael Shaw FBA Younger Lawyer Award and Public Service Grant last year.

This year, Judge Hemann challenged the chapter to collect 10,000 books. The chapter took on the challenge, this time with some assistance from the Shaw Grant as well as through an expansion of the project. In addition to collecting books from the Cleveland area legal community, the chapter reached out to suburban schools for help. In the end, the chapter met and surpassed the challenge: members collected 15,000 to give to students at seven Cleveland elementary schools.

In the process of collecting these elementary-level new and gently used books, the Northern District of Ohio Chapter learned that, without trying, it had also collected books to be used at the high school level (800 this year) as well as at the preschool level (25 boxes of books). Those books are being delivered to a Cleveland high school and to Cleveland’s Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. Finally, through an unexpected act of generosity, the chapter received a windfall of 4,000 kindergarten-level books and 4,000 workbooks that were delivered citywide to Cleveland’s kindergartners. All told, the chapter distributed approximately 24,000 books to Cleveland’s schoolchildren.

The project ramped up again in fall 2006, when members of the Northern District of Ohio Chapter and the chap-

ter’s Younger Lawyer Committee—headed up by Hope Redmond, Ian Redmond, and Kip Bollin—reached out to the Cleveland legal community, including the Cleveland Bar Association, to help collect the books. A point person was identified at dozens of law offices to coordinate the collection of books at his or her office. Next, dozens of suburban schools were contacted and asked to participate, with one hardworking student to receive a \$500 scholarship. More than a dozen schools responded—and even one college joined in. Then, on Jan. 27, dozens more volunteers—including Judge Hemann, members of her staff, students from Laurel School and Cleveland’s Daniel Morgan School, and lawyers from the chapter and the Cleveland Bar Association—spent a morning sorting and boxing books in Judge Hemann’s chambers. Finally, on March 1, more volunteers from the chapter and the U.S. attorney’s office picked up hundreds of boxes of books from the judge’s chambers and distributed them to students at seven schools in Cleveland.

The project was a success this year thanks to the dedication of Judge Hemann, her staff, supporters at the donor schools, and the dozens of law firms and individual lawyers who worked to-

gether to collect, sort, box, and deliver the books. Because of their efforts, thousands of Cleveland students now have books to call their own. Now, Judge Hemann challenges other FBA chapters to do the same, saying “Let’s make this a national project for the FBA chapters located in every city where there are children who need the friends they can find in books.” For information on starting your own book collection effort, please send an inquiry to kip.bollin@thompsonhine.com.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Idaho

The District of Idaho Chapter initiated its “Juice with the Judge” program on March 21 at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow, Idaho. The program is designed to give new lawyers and law students the opportunity to meet the federal judges in their region and to visit with them for an hour or so in a relaxed setting and discuss topics affecting federal practitioners. This more intimate gathering also gives the judges an opportunity to meet some of the bar’s newest members. All the judges involved in the program

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Northern District of Ohio Chapter: “A Book of Your Own” project—Judge Patricia A. Hemann, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (seated) with her staff members and students from Laurel School and Cleveland’s Daniel Morgan School.

¹⁹See, for example, *United States v. Toobey*, 63 M.J. 353, 364 (C.A.A.F. 2006) (Crawford, J., dissenting), citing *United States v. Cary*, 62 M.J. 277, 279 (C.A.A.F. 2006) (Crawford, J., concurring in the result).

²⁰*United States v. Miller*, 63 M.J. 452, 459–462 (C.A.A.F. 2006) (concurring in the result).

²¹John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, § 552, 120 Stat. 2083, 2217 (2006) (amending art. 2(a)(10), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 802(a)(10)).

²²*United States v. Averette*, 19 C.M.A. 363, 41 C.M.R. 363 (1970).

²³18 U.S.C. §§ 3261 *et seq.*

²⁴C. 52.

²⁵Defence Legislation Amendment Act 2006, No. 159 (Australia), available at [www.austlii.edu.au/ au/legis/cth/num_act/dlaa20061592006275.txt/cgi-bin/download.cgi/download/au/legis/cth/num_act/dlaa20061592006275.rtf](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/num_act/dlaa20061592006275.txt/cgi-bin/download.cgi/download/au/legis/cth/num_act/dlaa20061592006275.rtf).

²⁶*Martin v. United Kingdom*, Application No. 40426/98 (Eur. Ct. Hum. Rgts. Oct. 24, 2006).

²⁷United Nations Economic and Social Council, Commission on Human Rights, 62nd Sess., *Civil and Political Rights, Including the Question of Independence of the Judiciary, Administration of Justice Impunity: Issue of the Administration of Justice Through Military Tribunals*, UN Doc. E/CN.42006/58 (Jan. 13, 2006) (draft principles governing the administration of justice through military tribunals).

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parents every time she presides at naturalization hearings and administers the oath of citizenship to new citizens.

Judge Brown has settled into her role as a federal judge. Her office at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse includes a small piano and a collection of red glass dishes, all well-ordered with white doilies reminiscent of old German homes. She spends her limited spare time with her husband and their very large but close family, including sisters, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins, stepchildren, and grandchildren—nearly all of whom live within a short drive of Portland. An avid traveler, gardener, and knitter, Brown and her husband recently took the extraordinary step of moving out of the city to live in a more rural setting in

Clackamas County.

Judge Brown looks forward to work every day, considers it an extraordinary privilege to serve as a federal judge, and notes that her favorite part of the job is the “daily ability to accomplish something.” **TFL**

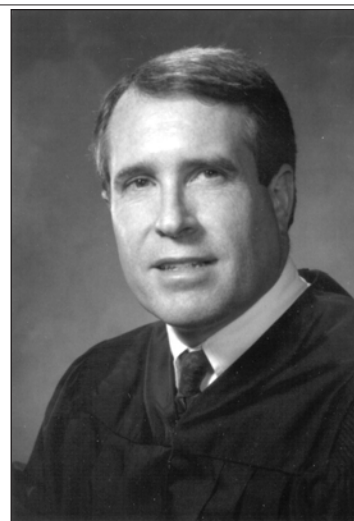
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have been incredibly enthusiastic. At the kickoff event, Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill met with law students and fielded questions about federal court practice. The chapter's past president, Ted Creason, also took the opportunity to introduce the Federal Bar Association to the students and to invite them to become law student members. Two other “Juice with the Judge” gatherings are planned in the central and southern part of the state with Judge Larry M. Boyle and Judge Mikel H. Williams. In addition to the “Juice with the Judge” program, the Idaho Chapter has offered to pair any interested law student member with a mentor-member of the chapter. The “Juice with the Judge” and chapter law student membership programs received an enthusiastic wel-

come from the law students; from the law school's placement officer, Anne-Marie Fulfer; and from Donald Burnett, the dean of the law school. **TFL**

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Idaho Chapter: At the kickoff event of the “Juice with the Judge” program—Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill, U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho.