

Honors and Awards

John E. Schiller, a partner with Walter & Haverfield LLP in Cleveland, was honored for his professional rectitude by entrepreneur David H. Jacobs Jr., who donated \$1.5 million to the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University at Bloomington to endow the John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics. Jacobs stated that he was inspired to make the gift after witnessing Schiller's "integrity, judgment, passionate belief in the legal system, and exceptional work ethic." Professor Hannah Buxbaum has been selected as the first professor to hold the John E. Schiller Chair.

Practitioners' News

Scott C. Clarkson was appointed by Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to fill a temporary judgeship approved by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit in 2009. Clarkson was sworn into office on Jan. 20, 2011, and will have chambers in Santa Ana. Clarkson was the managing attorney at Clarkson, Gore & Marsella APLC in Torrance, Calif., and has been a practicing attorney for more than 20 years. He was a direct observer of and participant in the creation of the 1978 Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. House of Representatives. Since 1989, he has practiced at all levels of bankruptcy law and has worked with individuals as well as public and private corporations. Clarkson, who has worked as a litigator, was significantly involved in both the prosecution and defense of preference and fraudulent avoidance actions and recovery actions. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and served as chair of its Bankruptcy Committee from 2004 to 2006 and chair of its Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section from 2008 to 2009. Clarkson was also a member of the Bar Advisory Board Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California and is a member of the Federal Bar Association. A native of Houston, Texas, he received his B.A. from Indiana University in 1979 and his J.D. from George Mason University

School of Law in 1982. ... **Jeffrey T. Kuntz**, of the Fort Lauderdale office of GrayRobinson P.A., was recently promoted to senior associate at the law firm, where he has been an attorney since 2006. His practice in both the state and federal courts focuses on commercial litigation and appellate law as well as banking, finance, and ERISA and employee benefits. He holds memberships to the Florida Bar, Federal Bar Association, and American Bar Association. Kuntz was selected by *Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" for 2009 and 2010. He is also the author of the Florida Legal Blog (www.floridalegalblog.org), in which he analyzes decisions made by Florida's appellate courts and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Aside from his professional affiliations, Kuntz is a member of the board of directors for Junior Achievement of South Florida and is a member of Emerge Broward. Kuntz earned his J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School and undergraduate degree from Boston College.

Obituaries

Stanley Morton Fisher died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at his home in Beachwood, Ohio, at age 82. During his lifetime, he served on several federal panels, won several inaugural awards, and led two national groups of lawyers. He was a member of both the Florida and Ohio bars. Fisher's professional achievements were a series of firsts: the first national president of the Federal Bar Association from Ohio; the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; and the first Life Member of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. As national president of the FBA, he helped double the membership of the association by convincing its leadership to organize more events outside Washington, D.C., and to widen its ranks from federal employees to any lawyers handling federal matters. He also served as the national president of the American Counsel Association and

a Life Member of the National Uniform Law Commission (having been appointed by three Ohio governors). Fisher served on national committees that updated the federal Uniform Trust Code, the Securities Act, the Limited Partnership Act, and the commercial code and testified about these codes to several state legislatures. He published many articles and taught at Cleveland State University Cleveland Marshall College of Law. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Fisher to the Federal Service Impasses Panel, which assists in negotiations with federal workers. After graduating from Oberlin College and University of Michigan Law School, he clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, first for Chief Judge Charles Simons and later for Judge Potter Stewart before Stewart was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Fisher worked in several prominent Cleveland law firms, including Ulmer, Berne; Guren, Merritt; and Arter and Hadden. He handled antitrust cases, corporate litigation, estates, and more. From 1971 to 1974, he was also special counsel to Ohio's attorney general. He finished his career as of counsel with Budish, Solomon, Steiner and Peck, a firm led by former speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Armond Budish. Stan Fisher was perhaps most proud of being the starting offensive right tackle on the undefeated, untied 1944 New Philadelphia High School Quaker football team, where his coach during his freshman year was Woody Hayes (before Hayes went to coach the Ohio State University's football team). In 2006, Fisher was honored by the New Philadelphia City Schools Quaker Foundation with the Special Alumnus Achievement Award. ... **Hon. Cynthia Holcomb Hall**, a distinguished senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. She was 82. Judge Hall served on the federal bench for 29 years. Nominated by President Reagan, she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Central

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District of California on Nov. 18, 1981, and then to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 4, 1984—the fifth woman to be appointed to the court. She assumed senior status in 1997 but continued to hear cases until her death. The only concession she made to her illness during the last year of her life was to participate in oral arguments by video from her chambers rather than travel to court. At the time of her death, she ranked 17th in seniority among the court's 47 active and senior judges. Colleagues remember Judge Hall not only as a judge with considerable legal talents but also as a woman of many interests, a world traveler, an avid gardener, and an accomplished photographer. Although Judge Hall authored many opinions, colleagues say she saw them as the product of a joint effort by the panel and would not want to be recognized individually for any of the opinions. Judge Hall was active in court governance, serving on various committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit (the governing body for federal courts in the western states). Of particular interest to her was the Judicial Conference's Committee on International Judicial Relations, which provided her the opportunity to work with members of the judiciary worldwide. In addition to her service in the judicial branch, Judge Hall served in the executive branch as a judge of the U.S. Tax Court from 1972 to 1981. She had worked in private practice in Beverly Hills from 1966 to 1972. Earlier in her career, Judge Hall was an attorney adviser in the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of the Tax Legislative Counsel (1964–1966); a trial attorney in the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice (1960–1964); and a research assistant for the *Tax Law Review* (1959–1960). A Los Angeles native, Judge Hall received her A.B. from Stanford University in 1951 and her LL.B. from Stanford Law School in 1954. She also received an LL.M. from New York University School of Law in 1960. She clerked for the late Judge Richard H. Chambers of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in from 1954 to 1955, and served in the U.S.

Navy JAG Corps as a reserve lieutenant from 1951 to 1953. ... **Judge Albert E. Radcliffe** died unexpectedly on Jan. 19, 2011, at the age of 63. He served on the bankruptcy court for 27 years. Judge Radcliffe was appointed as a part-time bankruptcy judge in December 1983 and was made a full-time bankruptcy judge in February 1988. He was reappointed to a second 14-year term in 2002. Judge Radcliffe served as chief bankruptcy judge for the District of Oregon from 1999 to 2005 and chaired the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges from 2004 to 2005. He also served as a judge pro tem on the Ninth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel and as a visiting bankruptcy judge in the Western District of Washington and the Central District of California. He was a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Before his appointment to the court, Judge Radcliffe worked in private practice and had extensive experience representing debtors, creditors, and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings. Judge Radcliffe was a great supporter of the Oregon Chapter of the FBA. He had served on the executive committee of the Oregon State Bar's Debtor/Creditor Section, which presented him with an Award of Merit in October 2010. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon School of Law, was active in the Lane County Bar Association, and was a member of the Roland K. Rodman American Inn of Court. An Oregon native who grew up in Eugene, Judge Radcliffe received his B.A. from the University of Oregon in 1969 and his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1972. ... **Hon. David R. Thompson** of San Diego, an esteemed senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, died after a sudden illness on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the age of 80. Nominated by President Reagan, Judge Thompson was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 17, 1985. He took senior status on Dec. 31, 1998, but continued to carry a substantial caseload while also serving as the court's coordinator of death penalty cases. At the time of his death, he

ranked 19th in seniority among the court's 48 active and senior judges. Notable opinions written by Judge Thompson include *Wood v. Ostrander*, a 1989 decision that established the standard for deliberate indifference in police misconduct cases; *Coleman v. McCormick*, a 1989 en banc ruling involving a Montana man sentenced to death under two different state sentencing schemes; *Oregonian Publishing Company v. U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon*, a 1990 decision involving a high-profile criminal case in which the defendant sought a sealed plea agreement with the government; and *Bunnell v. Sullivan*, a 1991 en banc ruling that established the standard for evaluating complaints of disabling pain in Social Security cases. In addition to his work on the bench, Judge Thompson also was active in court governance. From 2006 to 2009, he was the senior circuit judge representative to the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit. At the national level, he served on the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System from 1991 to 1999; during the last three years he served as committee chair. The committee advises the Judicial Conference of the United States, the judiciary's national governing body. Born in San Diego, Judge Thompson received his B.S. from the University of Southern California in 1952 and his LL.B. from the USC Law School in 1955. Following law school, he served in the Navy from 1955 until 1957. After his honorable discharge from military service, he began practicing law in San Diego. A substantial portion of his 28-year private practice was devoted to business litigation and general trial practice. Judge Thompson is a past president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a former vice president of the San Diego County Bar Association. **TFL**

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