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FIRST CHAIR: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Dayton Chapter Members and Friends,

As I discussed in the last newsletter, the Dayton Chapter has been making a strong effort to return the Chapter to its pre-pandemic status. I think it is safe to say that we have been relatively successful in this endeavor, as this year has been packed with programming!

In January, the Chapter was honored to help sponsor Magistrate Judge Gentry's investiture ceremony at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. What a spectacular venue for such an important event! In the same theme, the Dayton Chapter celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a Women and the Bench panel discussion featuring federal and state judges that was very well attended.

In an effort to keep our members informed on the status of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the Chapter hosted a "State of the Court" event, featuring Chief Judge Marbley, Judge Newman, Judge Silvain, and Judge Humphrey. Recognizing the importance and value of this event, the Chapter has decided to make it part of our annual programming.

Last and certainly not least, Ms. Liz Rogers has been continuing to run a stellar Mentorship Program with University of Dayton School of Law, featuring events such as hosting the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Mr. Ken Parker, a visit to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and an outstanding Etiquette Dinner.

These are only just a few highlights from an event-filled first half of the year! I personally started off this year with one of the greatest blessings of my life. My husband and I welcomed our first child into the world, Judson Joseph Schwartz. With that, I want to extend a sincere thank you to Michael Mayer for standing in as President for the past 3 months so that I could soak up and cherish this special time with my husband and son. Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to the entire Executive Board and Chapter membership for their hard work and dedication to this Chapter. As you can see, these events wouldn't have been possible without them.

Cheers to the second half of the year being just as successful as the first!

-Tiffany

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2023 “STATE OF THE COURT” A SUCCESS

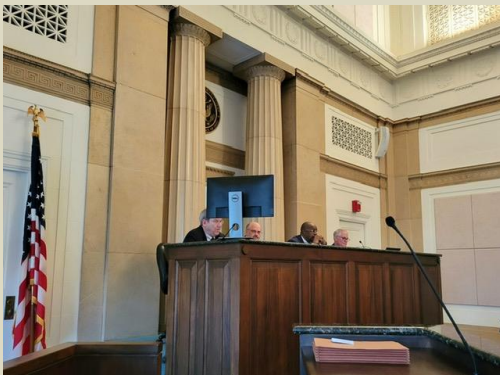
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On April 5, 2023, the Dayton Chapter held a “State of the Court” program in the Historic Courtroom at the United States Bankruptcy Courthouse downtown. Attendees heard from a distinguished panel of federal judges from the Southern District of Ohio: Chief Judge Algenon Marbley; District Judge Michael Newman; Magistrate Judge Peter Silvain; and Bankruptcy Judge Guy Humphrey. (District Judges Walter Rice and Thomas Rose were also in the audience; Magistrate Judge Caroline Gentry was unable to attend because she was presiding over a mediation.)

To open the program, Chief Judge Marbley discussed the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the Court in 2022, as well as how on-site events have resumed and how 2023 would bring an end to most, if not all, COVID-related policies. He also mentioned the numerous investitures that took place in 2022 and early 2023; the retirement and recall of Magistrate Judge Sharon Ovington to assist with mediations; and the Celebration of Life event that took place in June of 2022 for the late Honorable George C. Smith. Finally, Chief Judge Marbley explained magistrate judge utilization throughout the district and the resumption of in-person community outreach programs, such as CLE opportunities, roundtable discussions, courthouse tours, and naturalizations.

The program continued with Judge Newman discussing the new judicial lineup in Dayton due to the recent additions of Magistrate Judge Silvain and Magistrate Judge Gentry. Judge Silvain spoke about magistrate judge practices, including his preferred procedure for handling discovery disputes. And, Judge Humphrey provided a history of the Historic Courtroom, including how attorney F. Lee Bailey argued on behalf of Dr. Sam Sheppard (the inspiration for “The Fugitive”) at a habeas corpus hearing in the courtroom. The program concluded with a networking luncheon with the judges and attendees. The Chapter is happy to announce that it plans to hold a “State of the Court” program each year as an annual event in the Chapter’s calendar.

**FBA PROVIDES SUPPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY IN NEED THROUGH SOLACE PROGRAM**

BY: SABRA L. TOMB, FBA DAYTON CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic and its associated effect on our individual communities, the Dayton Chapter would like to remind our members of the FBA’s SOLACE program. SOLACE stands for “Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel—All Concern Encouraged.” SOLACE provides a way for the FBA legal community to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways, to FBA members and those related to them in the legal community who experience a death, or some catastrophic event, illness, sickness, injury, or other personal crisis. If you or your family need assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Mr. Steve Justice, Dayton Chapter SOLACE Committee Chairperson, justice@dunganattorney.com, or submit a request at <https://www.fedbar.org/about-us/outreach/solace/solace-submission-form/>.

No request is too big or too small.

RULES UPDATE: KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS IN NEWLY-AMENDED FED. R. CIV. P. 7.1

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This past December, significant changes were made to a rule that applies in many federal cases: Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 (Disclosure Statement). Unfortunately, many attorneys are failing to recognize and follow the new requirements in that rule, which not only may reflect poorly on the attorney (both to his or her client and to the judge presiding over the case) but could lead to sanctions.

Although the rule was amended in several respects, this article focuses on the new requirement that every party file a “Diversity of Citizenship Disclosure Statement” in any action in which jurisdiction is based on diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). Specifically, Rule 7.1(a)(2)—which is completely new—states:

Parties or Intervenor in a Diversity Case. In an action in which jurisdiction is based on diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), a party or intervenor must, unless the court orders otherwise, file a disclosure statement. The statement must name--and identify the citizenship of--every individual or entity whose citizenship is attributed to that party or intervenor:

- (A) when the action is filed in or removed to federal court, and
- (B) when any later event occurs that could affect the court's jurisdiction under § 1332(a).

Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1(a)(2). This new requirement is separate from, and in addition to, what is typically referred to as the “Financial Disclosure Statement” requirement, which now applies to “[a] nongovernmental corporate party or a nongovernmental corporation that seeks to intervene.” The “Financial Disclosure Statement” requirement, although amended in December 2022, has been in Rule 7.1 for many years and now is set forth in subsection (a)(1) of Rule 7.1.

Subsection (b) of Rule 7.1 provides additional clarity and requirements—beyond those in Rule 7.1(a)—regarding when to file a disclosure statement (whether a “Financial Disclosure Statement” or a “Diversity of Citizenship Disclosure Statement”) and when to supplement a previously filed disclosure statement. It states:

Time to File; Supplemental Filing. A party, intervenor, or proposed intervenor must:

- (1) file the disclosure statement with its first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court; and
- (2) promptly file a supplemental statement if any required information changes.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1(b). The Advisory Committee Notes to the 2022 Amendments contain helpful guidance, not all of which is mentioned in this brief article. For example, the notes explain that the Diversity of Citizenship Disclosure Statement “does not relieve a party that asserts diversity jurisdiction from the Rule 8(a)(1) obligation to plead the grounds for jurisdiction, but is designed to facilitate an early and accurate determination of jurisdiction.” Additionally, the notes provide a couple of examples, including one to show how diversity cases that involve LLCs may cause particular difficulties in pleading. This is because an LLC “takes on the citizenship of each of its owners” and the “party suing an LLC may not have all the information it needs to plead the LLC’s citizenship.” Thus, “[p]leading on information and belief is acceptable at the pleading stage, but disclosure is necessary both to ensure that diversity jurisdiction exists and to protect against the waste that may occur upon belated discovery of a diversity-destroying citizenship.” This is why “[d]isclosure is required by a plaintiff as well as all other parties and intervenors.”

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DAYTON FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENTS VISIT THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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On May 4, 2023, law student members of the Dayton Chapter of the Federal Bar Association visited the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to observe oral arguments before Circuit judges, including the Honorable Chad A. Readler and the Honorable Danny J. Boggs. The Honorable Peter B. Silvain, Jr. (U.S. Magistrate Judge), Brendan Sullivan and Megan Schachter (law clerks to the Honorable Michael J. Newman), and Elizabeth Rogers (law clerk to the Honorable Guy R. Humphrey) accompanied the students during the visit.

Law student attendees watched as counsel presented oral argument to the panel in three cases, which involved: an alleged disclosure of financial industry trade secrets; a Memphis Starbucks café's firing of several union supporters on the eve of an election; and the limits of qualified immunity for police officers following an interaction with protestors at the Michigan State Capitol. The students listened intently as advocates argued their positions, answered questions, and responded to opponents' counterarguments.

After the docket concluded, Judge Readler and Judge Boggs addressed the group of law students. In response to a thoughtful question from one student, Judge Readler shared his process for determining which questions to ask during arguments and explained that oral argument is often a conversation between advocates and the bench. He explained that, although he confers with his law clerks and reviews the record to determine potential questions in advance, other questions often arise in response to the advocate's answers. He also gives close attention to the questions asked by his colleagues. Judge Boggs emphasized the importance of preparedness when appearing for oral arguments and commended those who had argued that morning as strong examples. Judge Readler also advised the students to use the Court's questions as an indicator of weaknesses in one's argument. Advocates should acknowledge issues but explain why their position should nonetheless prevail.

Students praised the event as a highlight of their law school experience this year, and several students expressed a new ambition to argue before the Court themselves one day. The Chapter is grateful to the Honorable Michael J. Newman (U.S. District Judge) for his support and assistance in making this event possible and to Deborah Hunt (Clerk of Court for the Sixth Circuit) for coordinating the visit and welcoming the group.

The Dayton Chapter of the Federal Bar Association launched the Federal Lawyer Career Development Program in the Fall of 2022. The program offers one-to-one mentoring and career development events for regional law students in an effort to promote diversity and equal access to opportunities among those entering the legal profession.





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SIXTH CIRCUIT UPDATE: OHIO PUB. EMPs. RET. SYS. – DISALLOWING A “MANUFACTURED” FINAL ORDER

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The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently addressed a case concerning the limits of its discretion, under Rule 23(f), to hear an appeal from an order that grants or denies class-action certification. More broadly, the ruling provided insight on how the appellate court views tactics by a plaintiff to prematurely terminate its case (without prejudice to refile), in an attempt to gain immediate appellate review of a district court’s adverse ruling on a significant issue. In other words, tactics employed to obtain instant appellate review of what truly was an interlocutory decision.

In *Ohio Pub. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. FHLMC, et al.*, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (“OPERS”) brought a class action lawsuit against the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), alleging securities fraud. 64 F.4th 731 (6th Cir. 2023). OPERS filed a motion for class certification, which the district court denied. OPERS then petitioned the Sixth Circuit for leave to appeal the district court’s order, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(f). Rule 23(f) states, in part, that “[a] court of appeals may permit an appeal from an order granting or denying class-action certification under this rule.” However, the appellate court denied the petition.

Upon the case returning to the district court, OPERS asked the court “to enter ‘sua sponte’ summary judgment for Freddie Mac, arguing that the class certification decision prevented OPERS’ case from proceeding, as it doomed OPERS’ ability to prove loss causation.” *Id.* at 733.

Freddie Mac objected to the request, “arguing that OPERS was merely attempting to manufacture a final judgment and that the class certification decision was not case dispositive.” *Id.* The district court sided with OPERS and granted summary judgment for Freddie Mac.

In the appeal of the summary judgment order, the Sixth Circuit reversed and remanded the case for further proceedings. First, the Court discussed the extent of its jurisdiction in the context of the final-judgment rule and Rule 26(f):

We have jurisdiction to review final decisions of the district courts. Final decisions are those which end the litigation on the merits and leave nothing for the court to do but execute the judgment. This finality rule guards against piecemeal appeals that permit litigants to second-guess the district court at each turn, harming the district court’s ability to control the litigation in front of it and consuming finite appellate court resources along the way. The application of the final-judgment rule is impacted by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(f), under which we have unfettered discretion to permit an appeal from an order granting or denying class-action certification, even though a class certification decision is not a final order.

Id. at 734-35 (internal citations and quotation marks omitted; alterations adopted).

The Sixth Circuit then looked to the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Microsoft Corp. v. Baker*, 582 U.S. 23 (2017) for guidance. In *Microsoft*, the plaintiffs had dismissed their case with prejudice after the district court had struck the class allegations, then appealed. The Supreme Court concluded that the plaintiffs’ tactic did not give rise to a final decision under 28 U.S.C. § 1291 because the dismissal device subverted the final-judgment rule and the process that Congress had established for refining that rule and for determining when nonfinal orders may be immediately appealed. The Supreme Court announced three concerns with the tactic: (1) it invited protracted litigation and piecemeal appeals; (2) it created a one-sided appeal right for plaintiffs; and (3) it undermined the discretionary regime created by Rule 23(f). The Sixth Circuit held that, according to *Microsoft*, “where a plaintiff manufactures a dismissal in a manner that implicates these concerns, there is no final judgment, and thus there is no appellate jurisdiction.” *Ohio Pub. Emps. Ret. Sys.*, 64 F.4th at 735.

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Failure to file a Diversity of Citizenship Disclosure Statement at the required time could lead to sanctions. For example, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a district court's dismissal of a lawsuit for failure to file timely a disclosure statement, after being ordered to file one within fourteen days and being warned that failure to comply with any local rule or court order may result in sanctions including dismissal of the action or entry of default without further notice. *Rembert v. Dunmar Estates*, No. 22-11526, 2022 U.S. App. LEXIS 35887, 2022 WL 17986207 (11th Cir. Dec. 29, 2022). As another example, a district court ordered that counsel for defendants "pay sanctions of \$500.00 to the clerk of court, representing \$250.00 for each corporate disclosure statement that he failed to file." *Curtis v. Illumination Arts, Inc.*, No. C 12-0991 JLR, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38035, 2013 WL 1148802, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 19, 2013). The district court in *Curtis* further warned that, if counsel "fails to comply with this order, then the court will consider imposing further sanctions, including the entry of default judgments against these two defendants." *Id.*

The Southern District of Ohio's website provides a form for both the "Financial Disclosure Statement" and the "Diversity of Citizenship Disclosure Statement," at <https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/ohio-southern-district-forms>. Practitioners in the Southern District of Ohio should also be aware of Local Rule 7.1.1, which, although it was not recently amended, impacts amended Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and contains some additional requirements.

**DAYTON FBA
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WOMEN AND THE BAR

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The Dayton Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted a panel discussion and evening reception at the United States Bankruptcy Court in Dayton in celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2023. During the reception Christine Haaker, managing partner at Thompson Hine LLP, and Erin Rhinehart, co-managing partner at Faruki LLC, received the inaugural Florence E. Allen Awards for Outstanding Achievement.

The discussion panel featured the Hon. Sarah Morrison, United States District Judge, the Hon. Karen Litkovitz, United States Magistrate Judge, the Hon. Caroline Gentry, United States Magistrate Judge, the Hon. Kathryn Preston, United States Bankruptcy Judge, the Hon. Mina Nami Khorrami, United States Bankruptcy Judge, and the Hon. Melody Stewart, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Jennifer Rulon, partner at Frost Brown Todd LLP, and Elizabeth Rogers, law clerk to the Hon. Guy R. Humphrey, moderated the panel, which addressed challenges and opportunities for women in the law.

During the discussion, Justice Stewart encouraged women lawyers to know that they belong and approach opportunities with confidence. Judge Nami Khorrami responded to a question about how women should approach bias from opposing counsel. “As a judge, the only thing that impresses me is whether you are prepared. Anything else doesn’t matter,” she said. Judge Morrison also encouraged attendees to move past negative reactions and seek out strong mentors who will promote their advancement, while Judge Gentry urged younger lawyers to set high goals for themselves. Judge Preston advised women lawyers that a perfect work-life balance may not exist.

The Hon. Guy Humphrey, United States Bankruptcy Judge, presented the inaugural Florence E. Allen Awards for Outstanding Achievement on behalf of the selection committee to Haaker and Rhinehart. The Dayton Chapter established the awards in February 2023 to honor women lawyers who demonstrate excellence in the legal profession and an outstanding commitment to public service. Judge Humphrey congratulated Haaker and noted her outstanding accomplishments both as a top practitioner in the region and as a contributor to the legal community. “She plays a critical role in mentoring junior attorneys and takes time to invest in the success of women in the legal profession,” Humphrey said. “Through her community service, she works to uplift those who are marginalized.”

Judge Humphrey also congratulated Rhinehart and noted her significant achievements. “Erin is relentless when it comes to understanding complex facts and law relevant to each matter, and then takes the understanding to find the best path forward to advocate for the client. Her ability to explain complex issues to a variety of different audiences is unmatched and done with the utmost civility.”

The event was sponsored by Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Thompson Hine LLP, Frost Brown Todd LLP, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, and Faruki PLL. Attendees from the University of Dayton School of Law, the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, and the American Bankruptcy Law Forum were also present. A number of students in the Dayton Federal Bar Association’s Federal Lawyer Development Program, a mentoring and career development program for law students, were also in attendance. Students in the program enjoyed dinner and discussion with federal and state judges during the reception.

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The Sixth Circuit then applied the law from *Microsoft* to the facts of the present case. It explained that, “[b]ecause the tactic used by OPERS in this case—requesting summary judgment in Freddie Mac’s favor—implicates the *Microsoft* concerns, we do not have jurisdiction here and accordingly are unable to reach the significant issues of law OPERS raises on appeal.” *Id.* at 735. Regarding the first *Microsoft* concern, finding jurisdiction would have invited protracted litigation and piecemeal appeals, both in the present case and in future cases. Second, the Sixth Circuit could “think of no situation where a class action *defendant* would ask a district court to enter summary judgment against itself,” thus creating a one-sided appeal right for plaintiffs. *Id.* (emphasis in original). Third, “[a]lthough a summary judgment decision may technically comply with § 1291, finality is to be given a practical rather than a technical construction,” and the final-judgment rule is not satisfied when a litigant persuades a district court to issue an order purporting to end the litigation. *Id.* at 736 (internal quotation marks omitted). The Sixth Circuit concluded that OPERS had improperly “manufactured” a decision “in an apparent attempt to circumvent the requirements of Rule 23(f),” so the district court’s decision was not final and the appellate court lacked jurisdiction. *Id.* at 733.

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership – Jennifer Rulon, Frost Brown Todd -- Jennifer concentrates her practice in employment law counseling, including advising clients on issues related to hiring and firing, accommodations, workplace investigations, employment policies, and wage and hour compliance. Jennifer also frequently advises federal contractors on affirmative action plans, including preparing plans, planning for and defending OFCCP audits, and conducting compensation analyses. In addition to counseling employers, Jennifer litigates employment law claims in federal and state courts, as well as before governmental agencies such as the EEOC and OFCCP.

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Civics Liaison – Judge Peter B. Silvain, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio -- Judge Silvain was appointed as a Federal Administrative Law Judge in 2009 for the Social Security Administration’s Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Dayton. In 2011, he was appointed as a Judge for the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Administrative Law Judges in Cincinnati. In 2021, he was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Dayton. Judge Silvain received his B.A. with honors from Mount Saint Mary’s College, completed one year of graduate studies in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, and received his J.D. from the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

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Young Lawyers – Elizabeth Rogers, Judicial Law Clerk at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio -- Elizabeth is a term law clerk to the Honorable Guy R. Humphrey on the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio. After graduating from Georgetown University Law Center in 2019, she served as a public interest legal fellow at Start Small Think Big, Inc. in New York City, providing free legal services to small business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic. During her tenure, Elizabeth piloted the organization’s first legal seminar series with live Spanish interpretation, making critical information available to a broad audience.

WOMEN AND THE BENCH: PICTURES



The Dayton Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has its own website and communities page where Chapter events, news and opportunities are posted. You can access the Chapter website here: <http://www.fedbar.org/Chapters/Dayton-Chapter.aspx>.

Please save this website to your favorites, as it has information on the Chapter's upcoming events, as well as, current and past copies of the On The Merits newsletter!

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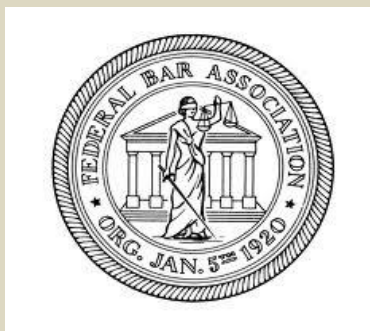
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