



Bar Talk

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President's Welcome

I am an employment defense lawyer at Ogletree Deakins (a national employment law firm with 40 offices around the country), and I feel fortunate to be the President of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for 2011-2012.

The Minnesota Chapter will have a great year, as we've assembled a very strong Board and Executive Committee, which have the singular mission of meeting the evolving needs of our members. As we start the 2011-2012 FBA year, it's worth reflecting on who we are and where we want to go.

The Minnesota Chapter of the FBA is unique and strong. Our Chapter's uniqueness stems from the remarkable relationship between our federal bench and bar, as we share the common goal of enhancing the practice of law in federal courts. And our Chapter's strength is derived from the award-winning programs we've created—programs that make FBA membership meaningful, that increase access to justice for litigants, and that benefit our federal bench and bar.

As a result of this strength and uniqueness, the Minnesota Chapter—chartered in 1940 and active since 1962—has grown from a fledgling chapter with a handful of members into one of the largest and most innovative FBA chapters in the country. We are now pushing toward

900 members, who come to us as private practice lawyers, in-house counsel, government lawyers, law students, judges, and law clerks.

For all of these constituencies that make up the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA, we take seriously our pledge to make FBA membership meaningful. It may sound trite, but it's true and reflected in our ambitious programs. Our programs include:

- The Federal Practice Seminar (full-day CLE seminar each June at a great venue);
- The Mason Memorial Lunch (annual luncheon series with renowned keynote speakers);
- The *Pro Se* Project (program designed to provide all civil *pro se* litigants in federal court with a volunteer lawyer);
- The FBA Monthly Lunches (monthly federal practice speakers—usually judges—at the Minneapolis Club);
- The Federal Transportation Program (busing Minnesota children to see their incarcerated mothers in Pekin, Illinois);
- The Newer Lawyer Lunches (brown bag lunches with federal judges);
- The Federal Judges' Dinner Dance (spring dinner event at Minikahda with tulips in bloom); and
- The FBA Golf Tournament (FBA golfers ranging from great to not-so-great playing at Midland Hills).



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Judge Rosenbaum Portrait Unveiled

On June 3, the formal judicial portrait of Judge James M. Rosenbaum (Ret.) was unveiled at the Minneapolis federal courthouse. Chief Judge Michael J. Davis presided over the ceremony, which included remarks by former Rosenbaum law clerk Joan Humes.

The portrait was formally presented by painter Jan Attridge of Grand Marais, Minnesota. Ms. Attridge described meeting Judge Rosenbaum in the late 1960s when he was a student at the University of Minnesota volunteering behind the scenes at the Guthrie Theater, where she was working as the theater's original painter-dyer. They worked together on productions of *The House of Atreus*, *The Dance of Death*, and *Twelfth Night*, among many others, and have remained close friends ever since.

Ms. Attridge praised the Rosenbaums' longtime support of the visual and performing arts in Minnesota, including Judge Rosenbaum's service on the Hennepin Theatre Trust Board of Directors.

The portrait now hangs in Courtroom 15E, over which Judge Rosenbaum presided during his term as Chief Judge of the District. Ms. Attridge's work may be found at <http://janattridge.com>.

Karin Ciano, solo practitioner, is currently the Law School Liaison and a member of the Communications Committee. She clerked for the Honorable James M. Rosenbaum from 2003-2010.



Artist Jan Attridge, Ilene Rosenbaum, Judge Marilyn Rosenbaum, and Judge James M. Rosenbaum.

(photo courtesy of Courtney White)

President's Welcome

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Each year, these programs win awards, and this year is no exception. Our *Pro Se* Project won the ABA's prestigious Harrison Tweed Award. And our *Bar Talk* (perhaps you've heard of *Bar Talk*) just won the Outstanding Newsletter award given by the FBA national organization. *Bar Talk* now enters its fifth year, and our members continue to fill the pages of this publication with insightful articles concerning the people, places, and things impacting federal practice in Minnesota.

We're also involved in other initiatives and committees that benefit our members, as we have an active Diversity Committee (leading the charge on diversity issues), a Practice Groups Committee (enhancing IP practice in federal court), a Law School Liaison (supporting FBA student groups at local law schools), a Grant Committee, a Long-Range Planning Committee, a National Council Delegate, an Eighth Circuit Delegate, and an MSBA Liaison.

In addition to these ongoing initiatives and committees, the FBA answers the call from the bench and bar in so many other ways—everything from hosting delegations

of international judges, to promoting diversity, to leading disability initiatives, to welcoming Eighth Circuit and district court judges to town, to encouraging mentoring through the Page Education Foundation, and much, much more.

So that's who we are. And that's how we make FBA membership meaningful. The Minnesota Chapter of the FBA is diverse, dynamic, and strong. We remain committed to enhancing the practice of law in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Throughout 2011-2012, we will continue to find new ways to make FBA membership meaningful.



Chief Judge Michael J. Davis speaks to law students about the state of the District of Minnesota.



Courtroom Deputy Kristine Wegner demonstrates courtroom technology (right); Law Clerks Katie Dunn and Lucas Clayton provide tips about federal court practice (below).



A Luncheon with Chief Judge Davis

On June 27 and June 29, Chief Judge Michael J. Davis hosted approximately 150 law students from local and national law schools who were working in the Twin Cities for the summer. Chief Judge Davis spoke to the students about the importance of jury trials, the work of a trial judge, and the state of the District of Minnesota, including the intense and diverse workload of the District's bench, commending Senior Judges Donald D. Alsop, Paul A. Magnuson, David S. Doty, and Richard H. Kyle for their ongoing service. To those attendees from out of state, the Chief Judge emphasized that the State of Minnesota is a fabulous location in which to practice law and is fortunate to have such a "strong and capable judiciary in Minnesota's state courts."

Chief Judge Davis, addressing the students as the "best and the brightest" of society, encouraged all in attendance to make the most of the degrees that they are working so hard to obtain. He emphasized to the students that they should allow no one to tell them that they cannot achieve their dreams and that they should not fear failure, but rather upon its occurrence, pick themselves up and carry on.

During the luncheon, Kristine Wegner, the Chief Judge's Courtroom Deputy, demonstrated the technological capabilities of the District's courtrooms. Katie Dunn and Lucas Clayton, two of the Chief Judge's law clerks, also shared comments and advice with the law students. Following Chief Judge Davis's remarks, he graciously and candidly answered numerous questions from the students. In responding, he advised students of the hallmarks of a good lawyer, which include never leaving their ethics in the closet. Chief Judge Davis left the "best and the brightest" with a reminder of the importance of always maintaining their integrity, that their "word is worth its weight in gold," and that they were each on a journey to become a member of one of the greatest professions.

Kirstin Kanski serves as Co-Chair of the Communications Committee. Kirstin clerked for the Honorable David S. Doty prior to joining Lindquist & Vennum, P.L.L.P., where she is a partner and litigator in the Corporate Reorganizations group. Photos of the Chief Judge Luncheon taken by Kirstin Kanski.

Pro Se Project Receives Harrison Tweed Award and Foundation Grant

It was an exciting summer for the *Pro Se* Project. The Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) received the American Bar Association's (ABA) prestigious Harrison Tweed Award for the *Pro Se* Project at the ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto. The ABA presented the Harrison Tweed Award on August 5th at a joint luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives, and National Conference of Bar Foundations. Chief Judge Michael J. Davis, Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau, Patrick Martin, President, Lora Friedemann, 2009 President, and Tiffany Sanders, *Pro Se* Project Coordinator, attended the ABA awards luncheon. Chief Judge Davis accepted the Harrison Tweed Award on behalf of the Minnesota Chapter.



(Above) FBA *Pro Se* Project Coordinator Tiffany Sanders, Minnesota Chapter Past President Lora Friedemann, 2011-12 Minnesota Chapter President Patrick Martin, Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau, Chief Judge Michael J. Davis, and ABA Representative Bob Weeks at the Harrison Tweed Award presentation in Toronto. (Below) Adine Momoh receives the Foundation Fellowship Grant to the *Pro Se* Project on behalf of the Minnesota Chapter.

Created in 1956, the Harrison Tweed Award recognizes the extraordinary achievements of state and local bar associations that develop or significantly expand projects or programs to increase access to civil legal services for poor persons or criminal defense services for indigents. The ABA recognized the *Pro Se* Project for its achievements in preserving and increasing access to legal services for the poor and its partnership with the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) to engage law students to assist *pro bono* attorneys. The ABA was impressed with the Minnesota Chapter's enthusiasm with the success of the *Pro Se* Project and the possibility of replication.

Also in August, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association awarded the Minnesota Chapter a Foundation Chapter Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the *Pro Se* Project. The FBA Foundation established Chapter Grants to support community service

or outreach projects that involve FBA Chapter participation. The Foundation of the FBA recognized the Minnesota Chapter and the *Pro Se* Project at the Foundation of the FBA Fellows luncheon on September 8th during the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention in Chicago.

Pro se litigants pose a special challenge to the court system because they require more time and attention than litigants represented by counsel. They also pose a challenge to our sense of fundamental fairness, as a *pro se* litigant is most often at a severe disadvantage when the opposing party has counsel. The ABA praised the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA for making justice more accessible to these litigants through its *Pro Se* Project in presenting the Harrison Tweed Award.



More information about the

***Pro Se* Project is available at:**
www.fedbar.org/proseproject2010

FBA members who are interested in volunteering with the *Pro Se* Project may contact

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Tiffany Sanders is Coordinator of the *Pro Se* Project.

Magistrate Judge Leung Commits to Serve the “Promise of America”

On August 12, 2011, the judges of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota sat in special session for the investiture of new Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung. Magistrate Judge Leung's family, friends, and former colleagues all were on hand for the special occasion.

Chief Judge Michael J. Davis opened the ceremony by remarking on Magistrate Judge Leung's path to being appointed as the district's first Asian-American judge. Magistrate Judge Leung was born in Hong Kong in 1959, the son of a tailor. As a result, Davis quipped, Leung will be the “best dressed judge” in the District. Davis explained that, after receiving his law degree from Yale, Leung became a partner at Faegre & Benson LLP, and was later appointed to the Hennepin County District Court bench by Governor Arne Carlson in 1994—coincidentally to the position vacated by Davis when he was elevated to the federal bench. Davis concluded that Leung is a “firm believer in equal justice under the law” and expected that Leung would continue the district's tradition of hard-working and fair-minded jurists.

Magistrate Judge Leung's current and former colleagues then spoke about their positive experiences with him both in private practice and on the bench. According to Brian Melendez, Leung's former partner at Faegre, Leung was a “most rare friend,” and “nobody was more instrumental” than Leung in persuading Melendez to settle in Minnesota. Melendez explained that though it was a “calculated risk” to appoint Leung to the bench, it more than paid off given that he



Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung, surrounded by his family, takes the oath of office administered by Chief Judge Michael J. Davis.



(Above) Friends and family celebrate with Magistrate Judge Leung at the reception following his investiture. (Left) The federal bench, led by Chief Judge Davis, welcome their new colleague.

has one of the lowest reversal rates of any district court judge and had been re-elected three times. Paul J. Gam, Vice President of St. Jude Medical, emphasized Leung's commitment to public service, “immense intellectual curiosity,” and appreciation of music. Judge Francis J. Connolly of the Minnesota Court of Appeals summed up Leung's judicial temperament by noting that Leung would “treat all people with dignity, listen patiently and carefully, while not being afraid to make a tough call.”

After Chief Judge Davis administered the oath, Magistrate Judge Leung spoke with gratitude about the opportunity to serve his country and about the “promise of Amer-

ica.” Thankful for how he and his family benefited from laws protecting the right to travel, to get a loan, to buy a home where they wanted, and to get an excellent, free education, Leung promised to do his “absolute best to keep the promise of America available to others under the law.” The Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association joins this chorus in welcoming Magistrate Judge Leung to the federal bench.

Jeff Justman is a member of the Communications Committee and an associate at Faegre & Benson LLP. Prior to joining Faegre & Benson, he clerked for Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judges James B. Loken and Diana E. Murphy. Investiture photos courtesy of Courtney White.

Federal Practice Seminar Is a Resounding Success

When an array of black suits descend on the Guthrie Theater on a crisp June day, it means one of two things: a revival of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," or the Annual Federal Court Practice Seminar. On June 28, 2011, it was the latter, taking place for the 37th time, the second time at the beautiful Guthrie Theater.

Chief Judge Michael J. Davis initiated the festivities with a brief look back at the year. The District of Minnesota continues to be among the busiest districts in the United States. A bill currently pending in Congress would provide relief by authorizing one additional judge and one temporary judge. It has also been a year of change for our district, with the retirement of Judge James M. Rosenbaum and Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson. A new Article III judge, Judge Susan Richard Nelson, and three new magistrate judges, Magistrate Judges Leo I. Brisbois, Steven E. Rau and Tony N. Leung, joined the bench. With all these changes, the strength of the Federal Bar Association is more important than ever. Chief Judge Davis applauded our chapter's efforts at preserving collegiality and providing equal access to justice.

The day consisted of several interesting presentations including a panel on "Bet the Company Litigation," moderated by Tom Fraser of Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., which featured panelists Jim Altman of Xcel Energy, Maureen Phillips of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, and Michael T. Nilan of Nilan Johnson Lewis, P.A. The panelists discussed the different types of cases that can be critical to a company and how these cases may be approached by both in-house and outside counsel. Marianne Short of Dorsey &

Whitney and Nicole Engisch of the U.S. Attorney's Office provided an overview and update on developments in civil and criminal law in the Eighth Circuit. Attendees were also treated to a presentation on

focused on issues relating to disabilities. The group presented a brief play about inclusion of people with disabilities in our lives and our practice. The show provided a surprisingly candid and emotional look into



"Parallel Proceedings in the United States District Court and United States Bankruptcy Court": Moderator **Leif Simonson**, Faegre & Benson, L.L.P., and Panelists **James Lodoen**, Lindquist & Vennum, P.L.L.P., **Judge Robert J. Kressel**, **William Fischer**, Gray Plant Mooty, **Doug Elsass**, Fruth, Jamison & Elsass, P.L.L.C., and **Judge Ann D. Montgomery**.

trial skills and effective use of technology at trial featuring District Judge John R. Tunheim; Joseph Anthony of Anthony, Ostlund, Baer & Louwagie; Andrea George of the Office of the Federal Defender; and Robert Featherly of Litigation Insights. Two breakout sessions focused on parallel proceedings in the United States District Court and United States Bankruptcy Court and the new health care act. The final presentation of the day was a panel introducing our new magistrate judges.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was a unique offering just before the Mason Memorial Lunch featuring Interact, a local theatrical troupe

the lives of people living with disabilities. The stories were told with humor and courage, promoting understanding and compassion in the audience. In particular, the show highlighted the alienation a person with disabilities may feel when interacting with the court system. The talented cast joined attendees for lunch at the Guthrie.

Special thanks to the FBA Seminar Planning Committee, whose dedication and creativity helped make this year's event a success.

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Joe Anthony, Anthony, Ostlund, Baer & Louwagie, P.A., and Assistant Federal Defender **Andrea George**, presented on the use of technology from both the criminal and civil perspectives and also sat on the panel "Perspectives on Trial Skills," moderated by **Judge John R. Tunheim**.



Interact provided a presentation that focused on the issues relating to disabilities and the legal system.

(Above) The performers of the Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, with Magistrate Judge Jeanne J. Graham and Judge Donovan W. Frank. **Back row standing (left to right):** Magistrate Judge Jeanne J. Graham, Interact Artistic Director Jeanne Calvit, Shirley Cavallero, Dan Schlag, Doree Bogrow, Curtis Breyette, Jeff Haas, **Judge Donovan W. Frank**, Michelle Lockhart, Scotty Reynolds, Becca Flint, Jing Yu, Michael Leagan, Nora Rickey, Shannon Twohy. **Front row seated (left to right):** Julie Lawrence, Nathan Fordahl, Karen Thorud, Scott Raberge, Kat Corey, Michael Paul, Emily Cozine. (Interact Photos were taken by Karin Ciano.)



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The FBA Welcomes the New Magistrate Judges



At the reception following the Federal Practice Seminar, Dan Hedlund, Gustafson & Gluek, P.L.L.C., listens as Judge Ann D. Montgomery pays tribute to the newest additions to the federal court bench: Magistrate Judges Leo I. Brisbois, Steven E. Rau, and Tony N. Leung.

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*Photos of the FBA Seminar and Mason Memorial
Lunch were taken by Kirstin Kanski and Karin Ciano.*



Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois and Tiffany Blofield, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., at the Magistrate Judges' reception.



Judge John R. Tunheim, Catherine McEnroe, Berens & Miller, P.A., and Tracey Holmes Donesky, Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A., at the Magistrate Judges' reception.

Check out the Minnesota FBA Chapter on LinkedIn!

Log in at www.linkedin.com and search under Groups for
Minnesota Federal Bar Association



(Above) Mason Memorial Luncheon Speaker Lawrence Wright, author of *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*. (Below) Chief Judge Michael J. Davis, Judge Ann D. Montgomery, Lawrence Wright, and Vivian Mason.



Wright Shines at Mason Memorial Lunch

One of the highlights of the annual Federal Practice Seminar, sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is the Jack Mason Memorial Luncheon speaker. This year was no exception. Lawrence Wright, a renowned staff writer for *The New Yorker* and author of the best-selling book *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, captivated attendees with his knowledge of and insight into recent developments in the Middle East.

Throughout his lecture, Mr. Wright drew from a multitude of personal experiences in the Middle East. Indeed, it was clear that the current unrest in the Middle East presented Mr. Wright with more than a mere academic exercise. He could not quite mask the emotion in his voice as he conveyed his concerns for a young Syrian woman who had served as his interpreter on a recent trip and who, for several weeks, he had been unable to contact. It is from this place of intimate familiarity that Mr. Wright addressed attendees.

Despite his understandable concerns and timorousness surrounding the recent "Arab Spring," Mr. Wright's message was remarkably optimistic. Although he recognized that the tenuous new regimes developing in Egypt and other North African nations, as well as in Yemen and Bahrain, could be transformed into terroristic safe havens, Mr. Wright expressed hope that these countries will become beacons of true democracy in the Middle East.

Critical to such a positive development, and most relevant to the attendees, is the preeminence of the rule of law in those countries. After Mr. Wright's illuminating address, it is apparent that the American legal community, including those distinguished members of the Minnesota Federal Bar Association, must do everything it can to encourage the rule of law in transforming Arab countries. It should be more apparent than ever that our country's own devotion to the rule of law is a blessing that has not come without its own price.

See www.lawrencewright.com for more information.

Ben Eastburn clerked for the Honorable Paul A. Magnuson from 2010-2011. He is now a law clerk for the Honorable Dan Manion, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Practice Pointer:

Check Your Citations of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56

May I have your attention: on December 1, 2010, Rule 56 underwent substantive and stylistic changes. The substantive changes have been addressed in numerous articles and presentations, but here is a short summary of the major substantive changes to Rule 56:

1) Rule 56(a) states that the court "shall grant summary judgment." This is meant to provide direction to the courts to enter summary judgment when there is no genuine dispute of material fact, while still maintaining some discretion for the courts in handling summary judgment motions.

2) Rule 56(c)(1) requires pinpoint citations of the record to support an allegation that a fact cannot be, or is, genuinely disputed. The purpose of this requirement is to allow the parties and the court to efficiently and effectively address the facts at issue.

3) Rule 56(e) now provides the courts with four options when a party fails to properly support or respond to a factual assertion. The court may (1) provide an opportunity to rectify the deficiency, (2) consider the fact undisputed, (3) grant summary judgment if the movant is entitled to such relief, or (4) issue any other appropriate order. These options allow the courts to have

more flexibility in handling this issue while still following Supreme Court authority that summary judgment should not be obtained by default.

In addition to these substantive changes, the December 2010 amendments to Rule 56 included some stylistic changes. Most importantly, Rule 56(a) now provides the standard for when summary judgment is appropriate. Prior to the amendments, Rule 56(c) stated this standard. Now, Rule 56(c) relates to procedures for summary judgment motions. Thus, it is not appropriate to cite Rule 56(c) for the standard for summary judgment. Rather, Rule 56(a) is the proper citation.

Another change relates to when summary judgment motions may be filed. Prior to the December 2010 amendments, Rule 56(c)(1)(A) provided the rule for when a party could file a motion for summary judgment. The 2010 amendments moved this timing requirement to Rule 56(b).

Quick recap on the stylistic changes:

- Rule 56(a) now provides the standard for when summary judgment is appropriate, not Rule 56(c).

- Rule 56(b) now provides the time frame for when a party may file a motion for summary judgment, not Rule 56(c).

Again, Rule 56 underwent not only stylistic changes, but also some substantive changes, some of which are discussed above. There are some additional, less substantive changes that were not discussed in this article. However, there are numerous resources on the internet outlining the changes to Rule 56.

It is well known that lawyers copy and paste from prior motions for summary judgment such elementary, largely undisputed standards, such as when a court may grant summary judgment, but please take note that the December 2010 amendments moved where certain parts of the rule are located. These changes should be accurately reflected in court filings. Just another friendly reminder from the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Thank you for your attention and enjoy the flight.

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District of Minnesota Local Rule 83.5 is Amended

In May 2011, the Local Rules Committee amended Local Rule 83.5, concerning the admission of nonresident and government attorneys. The Rule now specifically requires a nonresident attorney seeking pro hac vice status in the District of Minnesota to be a member in good standing of the bar of another federal district court. In addition, the Rule now provides that an attorney representing the federal government must be a member in good standing of the bar of a federal appeals court or federal district court in order to appear pro hac vice in the District of Minnesota. If the government attorney is not a member of another federal court's bar, that attorney must associate with an attorney from the District of Minnesota's United States Attorney's Office. Contact the Clerk's Office with questions.

A Great Turnout and a Great Time at the Annual FBA Golf Tournament

We had another full field of participants at the FBA annual kickoff golf tournament and social event that was held on August 29th at the Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to the members of the federal judiciary who participated, as well as the many law firms who sponsored the tournament. Also special thanks to national FBA President Ashley Belleau who golfed in this year's event and also provided some remarks on FBA legislative initiatives concerning judicial vacancies, as well as funding and diversity efforts on a national level.

The winning foursome of **Erik Detlefsen, Jonathan Wilson, Tom Jancik and Katie Detlefsen** took the top prize with a great score of 59. Unfortunately, the hybrid Toyota Camry went unclaimed again this year for the Hole-In-One competition on the 16th Hole. However, word is out that Douglas Elsass's tee shot came within a foot of the hole!

Don't miss next year's event, which will be held on **Monday, August 27, 2012**. See you then!

Tracey Holmes Donesky is currently the Chair of the Annual Golf Tournament Committee. She is a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard P.A. For any suggestions on next year's tournament, please contact Tracey at tracey.donesky@leonard.com.



Golf tournament photos courtesy of Vildan Teske, Kelly Laudon and Kirstin Kanski

Bar Talk Receives Outstanding Newsletter Award

Congratulations to the Minnesota Chapter for receiving the award for Outstanding Newsletter for the year 2011! The Minnesota Chapter has continued to be recognized nationally and the receipt of the Outstanding Newsletter Award continues the trend set by the strong leadership of our Chapter.

A specific thank you and recognition for all of those who served on the Chapter's Communications Committee during the 2010-2011 year, which was led by **Annie Huang**, Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi L.L.P., and **William Hittler**, Nilan Johnson Lewis, P.A. The award could not have been won without all of the contributions and dedication of the following individuals. Please join us in congratulating them on the award and thanking them for their nationally recognized efforts:

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(Below) Vildan Teske and Adine Momoh accept the Outstanding Newsletter Award on behalf of the Minnesota Chapter at the National Convention.



Leading by Example: Minnesota Chapter Prominent at National Level

The Minnesota Chapter has been a leader among the various FBA Chapters by engaging in innovative programs and offerings that increase its visibility within the community. The Minnesota Chapter's efforts include initiatives such as the Diversity Committee, the Federal Transportation Program, and the *Pro Se* Project. But the Minnesota Chapter's visibility does not end at the borders of Minnesota. The Minnesota Chapter's initiatives have been nationally recognized. For example, the American Bar Association ("ABA") selecting the Minnesota Chapter to receive the 2011 Harrison Tweed Award, one of the ABA's most prestigious honors, for the *Pro Se* Project. The Minnesota Chapter would not have been able to achieve its various accomplishments without the help of numerous judges, attorneys, and practitioners over the years.

The Minnesota Chapter's leadership has also found its way into the national leadership of the FBA. Several members of the Minnesota Chapter are currently leading by example at the national level. What follows is a description of the governance positions within the FBA that are currently being served by members of the Minnesota Chapter and the members serving in those positions.

Special National Committee on Diversity

Upon the recommendation of the Special National Committee on Diversity, the FBA Board of Directors recently adopted a diversity statement as part of the FBA's Mission Statement, which became part of the FBA's Constitution. The statement reads as follows: "To promote diversity throughout the legal profession and the Federal Bar Association." The Committee also recommended that a diversity segment be made part of the Annual Chapter Leadership Training Program. Members of the Minnesota Chapter have assisted the Honorable Donovan W. Frank for three consecutive years in presenting a diversity segment as part of the Annual Chapter Leadership Training Program. The FBA also added a one-hour CLE to the FBA's Annual Meeting and Convention that will address diversity in legal education and the legal profession, including diversity models that are working across the country in individual Chapters.

Judge Frank and Robie Beatty, President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. Tom Nelson, a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A., and Vildan A. Teske, a partner at Crowder Teske, PLLP, also currently serve on the Committee.

In 1998, President William Clinton appointed **Judge Donovan W. Frank** to be the thirty-first United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. For five years, beginning in 1993, Judge Frank served on the Minnesota Supreme Court Racial Bias Task Force and Minnesota Supreme Court Implementation Committee on Multicultural Diversity and Racial Fairness in the Courts. In 2006, Judge Frank received the FBA's Elaine R. "Boots" Fisher Award as a result of his outstanding public service and dedication to diversity in the legal community. From 2005 to 2007, Judge Frank served on the Minnesota Chapter's Diversity Committee and from 2010 to 2011, he served as the Chapter's President. Judge Frank continues to play an active role both in the Chapter and in the community at large. Judge Frank is on the Board of Directors for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, an organization that assists lawyers with alcohol and drug problems, as well as mental health issues. Judge Frank also works with the Disability Justice Foundation on the pressing issue of disability discrimination against students and adults and hopes to increase the legal representation for those individuals.



Tom Nelson has been committed to increasing diversity in the legal community for several years. Nelson serves both as a Co-Chair of Leonard Street's Diversity Initiative and a Board Member of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, an association of 27 law firms and 12 corporate legal departments with a single mission:



to attract, recruit, advance, and retain attorneys of color in the Twin Cities legal community. Leonard Street also is an active participant in Just the Beginning Foundation, an organization that began as a celebration of the Integration of the Federal Judiciary and now offers pipeline programs directly aimed at inspiring young students and increasing

diversity in the legal profession and federal judiciary. Aside from Nelson's participation in the Committee, he is an active member of the Minnesota Chapter's Diversity Committee and the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hennepin County Bar Association Diversity Committees.

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Nelson is a recent recipient of the Hennepin County Bar Association Attorney Professionalism Award, presented annually to the Association member "who best exemplifies the pursuit of the practice of law as a profession, including a spirit of public service and promotion of the highest possible level of competence, integrity and ethical conduct." Prior to joining Leonard Street, Nelson clerked for the Honorable Thomas J. Meskill of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Vildan A. Teske has served on the Committee for the past two years. Teske, whose practice focuses on consumer class



actions and complex litigation, has had an extensive history of involvement with the FBA over the past 15 years, some of which occurred when Teske and her family moved from Minnesota to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1998. Teske founded the Minnesota Chapter's Newer Lawyers Committee. Teske

was then appointed to the National Board of Directors for the Younger Lawyers Division and, after being elected to various positions within the division, served as Chair of the division from 2003 to 2004. While Chair, Teske had the opportunity to serve on the FBA's Executive Board. Upon her return to Minnesota in 2006, Teske resumed her involvement with the FBA and the Minnesota Chapter, serving in many positions such as an editorial board member for *The Federal Lawyer* magazine and Co-Chair of the FBA's Michael and Ilene Shaw Younger Lawyer Public Service Grant Committee for four years, awarding grants to local chapters around the country for worthy public service projects.

Vice Presidents of the Circuit

An integral part of the FBA's national operation is its circuit structure and the corresponding two Vice Presidents for each Circuit. The circuits are the same as the 12 Federal Judicial Circuits and encompass the states, territories, and possessions of the United States. The Vice Presidents of the Circuit are responsible for coordinating the Chapters within their respective Circuit and serving as a liaison between the FBA and the Chapters. Currently, the Vice Presidents of the Eighth Circuit are trying to increase chapter participation among the states that comprise the Eighth Circuit. Aside from Minnesota, the only other Chapter in existence in the Eighth Circuit is Iowa. However, membership in Iowa is

small. Thus, the Vice Presidents of the Eighth Circuit are trying to not only increase the Iowa Chapter's visibility, but also to foster new chapters in the Eighth Circuit, particularly in North Dakota and South Dakota. Tara C. Norgard, a shareholder at Carlson Caspers Vandenburg & Lindquist, has been appointed a Vice President of the Eighth Circuit, a position previously held by Anh Le Kremer, a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A.. The Honorable Steven E. Rau of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota is serving his final term as Vice President of the Eighth Circuit (a successor has not been appointed at this time).

Tara C. Norgard, a litigator focusing on patents, trademarks, trade secrets and unfair competition, has been an active member of the Minnesota Chapter since 2004. In addition to serving as the Vice President of the Eighth Circuit, Norgard serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Minnesota Chapter and chairs the



Markman Study Group, a joint project of the United States District Court and the FBA. Prior to joining Carlson Caspers, Norgard clerked for the Honorable Donald P. Lay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Before Norgard became an attorney, she worked in advertising and media relations for corporate and political clients

Younger Lawyers Division

The Younger Lawyers Division ("YLD") is composed of members who are 36 years of age and younger or who have been admitted to practice for three years or less. The YLD is the largest division of the FBA and represents almost one-fourth of the total membership. Governed by a National Board of Directors, the YLD has five officers and a strong representation throughout the Chapters. The YLD is becoming more of a national body within the Bar, and eventually, the YLD's board structure will reflect this change, where each Circuit across the country will be represented. The YLD sponsors a number of programs throughout the year, as well as in conjunction with annual meetings of the FBA and National Council. These programs include the annual Thurgood A. Marshall Moot Court Competition, the United States Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony, and the Summer Law Clerk Program.

The Thurgood A. Marshall Moot Court Competition is held in Washington, D.C. during the Mid-Year National Council Meeting and features teams from law schools across the country. All FBA members are invited to attend the competition and are also encouraged to judge moot court rounds. The United States Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony is for all FBA members interested and eligible to be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. After the swearing in, new admittees are treated to a reception at the Supreme Court, where they have traditionally been greeted by Supreme Court Justices. The YLD also welcomes summer law clerks to the Washington, D.C. area through the Summer Law Clerk Program. The annual program generally includes round-table question and answer events at the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and Capitol Hill, where law clerks can visit with federal lawyers serving across the various federal agencies and departments. In addition to these programs, the YLD encourages every Chapter of the FBA to form a YLD Committee.

Currently, the National Board of Directors is comprised of young attorneys from throughout the United States. Notably, two members of the Minnesota Chapter serve on the National Board of Directors: David A. Goodwin, an associate at Gustafson Gluek PLLC, and Adine S. Momoh, an associate at Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A.



Adine S. Momoh first became involved with the FBA and the Minnesota Chapter in 2007, while she was in law school. Since 2010, Momoh has served as a member of the Minnesota Chapter's Communications Committee and has written several articles for the Chapter's nationally recognized *Bar Talk*. In July 2011, Momoh was appointed to the YLD's National Board of Directors.

Momoh serves on the United States Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony Committee, the Summer Law Clerk Program Committee, and the Thurgood A. Marshall Moot Court Competition Committee. As for her legal practice, Momoh focuses on the areas of complex business and commercial litigation, securities litigation, estates and trusts litigation, and creditor's rights and bankruptcy litigation in Leonard Street's Business and Commercial Litigation group. Momoh's bankruptcy practice has included Midwestern bankruptcies, as well as national bankruptcies in Delaware and California. In 2011, Momoh returned to Leonard Street after having clerked for the Honorable Jeanne J. Graham of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

David A. Goodwin, whose practice focuses on the prosecution of antitrust claims, was appointed to the YLD's National Board of Directors in 2011. As a board member, Goodwin serves on two of the YLD's committees: the Younger Federal Lawyer Award Committee and the New Member Welcoming Committee. The FBA Younger Federal Lawyers Award is presented at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention. The award recognizes the professional achievement and community involvement of outstanding lawyers serving the federal government. The New Member Welcoming Committee informs new YLD members of upcoming events and YLD opportunities.



National Council

The National Council consists of various levels of the FBA's governance, including but not limited to: the elective officers, all members of the Board of Directors, all Past National Presidents who are in good standing, either the President of each Chapter or other Chapter officer as designated in writing by the Chapter President to the Board of Directors, and one other delegate from each Chapter to be selected by the Chapter. The National Council represents the membership at National Council meetings held twice a year and votes on important decisions, such as proposed amendments to the FBA's Bylaws and/or Constitution.

William J. Otteson, an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, serves as the Minnesota Chapter's current national delegate and represented the Chapter at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention. An active member of the Minnesota Chapter, Otteson is assigned to the Fraud and Public Corruption Section of the United States Attorney's Office, a position he has held since 2007. Otteson previously was an attorney at Greene Espel P.L.L.P. and is a former law clerk for the Honorable Donald D. Alsop of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.



Adine S. Momoh is an attorney at Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A. and a member of the Communications Committee. She is a former law clerk to the Honorable Jeanne J. Graham.

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Update from the National Bankruptcy Section of the FBA

The past year has been a busy one for the National Bankruptcy Section and there is a lot of exciting news to report! In my final days as Secretary, it is a pleasure to report so much activity on behalf of the Section, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Section as its Treasurer starting October 1st.

The 2011 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting and Convention that was held in Chicago on September 8th through the 10th was another tremendous success for the Bankruptcy Section. First, there was a CLE on Ponzi schemes and clawback actions with a lively panel discussion by Irving Picard, Baker & Hostetler; Douglas Kelley, Kelley, Wolter & Scott P.A.; Douglas Baird, Harry A. Bigelow Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School; and Ronald R. Peterson, Jenner & Block. This presentation was one of the best-attended CLEs at the national meeting with only standing room available. The audience was not disappointed as the panel launched into a terrific discussion by the three trustees/receivers who are all appointed under different statutory mechanisms about how they are choosing to utilize the tools available to them to administer the estates. Who would have thought that the cases of Bernie Madoff, Tom Petters, and Lancelot Investors Fund would have so much in common yet be so different?

Douglas Baird, the self-proclaimed academic of the panel, also joined in the lively discussion and made a point to discuss the two emerging approaches to the United States Supreme Court's recent decision in *Stern v. Marshall*. His presentation on the issue focused on the polar opposite approaches of the two sides—one that believes that the decision reflects the “end of the world” for Bankruptcy Court jurisdiction and the other believing that *Stern* is a “non-event” in terms of bankruptcy court jurisdiction in light of the magistrate judge procedures, the role of the parties' consent, and the Supreme Court's attempt at a narrow holding (despite the broad dicta). Regardless, it was an interesting insight into the developing approaches that will invariably be played out in litigation in the years to come.

The Section held a short business meeting after the CLE on September 9th. The attendees of the CLE were invited to stay for the meeting and were privy to the announcement and voting on the slate of officers for the Section for the upcoming year. Finally, the Section hosted a reception on September 9th honoring the Chicago Bankruptcy Judges at the Chi Bar at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. The reception was well attended by members and non-members of the Section who had the opportunity to mingle with bankruptcy judges from Chicago and beyond.

Publishing Bankruptcy Articles. The Section has previously solicited and edited bankruptcy-related articles and judicial profiles for *The Federal Lawyer*. The Section is always looking forward to opportunities to submit additional bankruptcy-related content to the national publication of the Federal Bar Association. Please contact any member of the Section leadership with ideas or articles and we will work on the publication logistics.

Leadership Ladder. The Section happily added a number of people to the board and leadership ladder mid-year after soliciting applicants section-wide. The vote at the business meeting of the Section keeps the leadership ladder moving on October 1st, and the new slate of officers will be as follows:

Chair: Judge Alan Trust, Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Chair-Elect: Rob Weber, Skadden Arps in Wilmington, Delaware.

Treasurer: L. Kathleen Harrell-Latham, Larkin Hoffman, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Secretary: Open

Immediate Past Chair: Marc Taubenfeld, McGuire Craddock & Strother PC in Dallas, Texas.

The Section is in need of a new Secretary in October. Please forward your statements of interest and CV to either Marc Taubenfeld at mtaubenfeld@mcsllaw.com or myself at klatham@larkinhoffman.com if you are interested in being considered for an appointment as the Section's secretary starting in October.

Circuit Summary Writers. The circuit summary writing project started two short years ago and continues to grow. There are volunteers for almost every circuit and they are doing a great job of preparing timely summaries of circuit-level bankruptcy-related and BAP opinions. These summaries and a copy of the decisions are then distributed in weekly emails to the membership at-large. These emails are a fantastic way to keep updated and they come straight to your inbox! You can even head to the Section's website to locate the updates (by circuit and by week) if you miss the emails or want another look. The circuit writers have agreed to help the Section for a term of one year. The work has been fantastic. The Section is always looking for additional volunteers to help fill the circuit writer spots or to help those who have already volunteered. If interested, please contact Sherwin Valerio, the new manager of Sections and Divisions, at svalerio@fedbar.org.

L. Kathleen Harrell-Latham is a bankruptcy practitioner and attorney at Larkin Hoffman, and currently serves as Secretary of the FBA's National Bankruptcy Section.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 11, 2011 | 6:00 p.m.

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis

October 12, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Newer Lawyer Lunch

The Honorable Richard H. Kyle, Senior Judge of the District of Minnesota

Saint Paul Courthouse, Courtroom 7A

October 26, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Monthly Luncheon: Senator Amy Klobuchar and The Honorable Diana E. Murphy, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Minneapolis Club

November 16, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Newer Lawyer Lunch

The Honorable Duane Benton, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Saint Paul Courthouse, Fifth Floor Conference room

November 30, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Monthly Luncheon: The Honorable Michael J. Davis, Chief Judge of the District of Minnesota State of the District of Minnesota

Minneapolis Club

December 15, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Newer Lawyer Lunch

The Honorable Steven E. Rau, Magistrate Judge of the District of Minnesota

Saint Paul Courthouse, Courtroom 3C

December 21, 2011 | 12:00 p.m.

Monthly Luncheon: TBD

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To sign up for **Newer Lawyer Lunches**, please contact **Kelly Laudon** (klaudon@lindquist.com) or **Brent Snyder** (brent.snyder@snyderattorneys.com). 1.0 Hour of CLE Credit will be requested for all Newer Lawyer Lunches.

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