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Bar Talk

Federal Bar Association Chapter of the Year Award Is Recognition for Years of Dedication

By Cassandra Doran



L to R: U.S. District Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright, U.S. Magistrate Judge Franklin L. Noel, Tiffany Sanders, and David Goodwin.

This past September, U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson accepted the 2017 Federal Bar Association Chapter of the Year Award on behalf of the Minnesota Chapter. Chapter Activity Awards recognize the hard work and accomplishments a chapter makes throughout

the year. Chapters that go above and beyond the minimum requirements of a chapter receive a Presidential Excellence Award. One chapter from the Presidential Excellence level receives the honor of "Chapter of the Year." This award goes to the chapter that has most effectively demonstrated its support and promotion of the Federal Bar Association's objectives as reflected in chapter programs and membership-related efforts. The award was presented at the FBA National Meeting.

The selection process takes into account a chapter's participation and organization of activities geared towards younger lawyers and law students, membership initiatives, CLE programming, judicial participation, philanthropic events, member outreach, and chapter members' attendance at the Annual and Midyear meetings. Given our Chapter's commitment to taking on new initiatives and opportunities throughout the years, it should be no surprise that our many programs met and exceeded the FBA's criteria for the award.

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Honorary Chair Presented to Judge Frank

By Pete McElligott

Surrounded by colleagues, loyal staff, past and present judicial law clerks, family, and friends, U.S. Sr. District Judge Donovan W. Frank was honored at the November 8, 2017 Minnesota Chapter luncheon commemorating his assumption of senior status on October 31, 2016. As is tradition, the Minnesota Chapter presented Judge Frank with an engraved chair in honor of his years of service and leadership in the FBA.

In a theme echoed by many in attendance, Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung began the event saying, "We are here to celebrate the life of Judge Frank, a wonderful jurist and person." Magistrate Judge Leung then introduced Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson, who delivered a heartfelt and entertaining tribute to the judge universally known by senators and criminal defendants alike for his commitment to equal justice for all. Starting with his childhood in Spring Valley, Minnesota, Judge Thorson emphasized



U.S. Sr. District Judge
Donovan W. Frank.

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The Minnesota Chapter is extremely active in organizing and participating in activities geared toward newer lawyers and law students, including the FBA Younger Lawyers Division Emerging Leaders Conference, FBA National Mentorship Initiative, Vintage Lawyers Networking Social, CLE lunches, Law Student Reception, Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition, and the Newer Lawyer Training Seminar. These events, along with our monthly luncheons, CLEs, and social events, such as the Federal Judges Dinner Dance, provide opportunities for networking, mentoring, and building diverse relationships both between attorneys and with the bench. Our award-winning newsletter, *Bar Talk*, is published quarterly and serves as a means of communication to our members in addition to our frequent e-mails, an active LinkedIn page, and announcements on the FBA website. Finally, the Minnesota Chapter's continued participation in the *Pro Se* Project, Open Doors, the Law Student Award Program, and our Diversity Initiative illustrates our Chapter's commitment to community involvement and diversity.

To borrow a line from Minnesota Chapter Past President Tara Norgard, this award serves as "a tribute to each one of you and your tireless dedication to our organization in this and past years." ■

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Judge Frank's warmth, compassion, and dedication to justice with stories from his time as an assistant county attorney in St. Louis County, to his tenure on the bench in the Sixth Judicial District, and his appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in 1998.

Judge Frank reflected on some of the many influences in his life, including the late Judge Robert G. Renner, Negro League Baseball player Buck O'Neil, and his father. Before Judge Frank was sworn in as a state district court judge, his father asked him, "Have I raised you right son? I read the oath you're about to take as a judge, and I think what it means, and how we've tried to raise you, is this: no matter how poor, how unimportant someone is, how rich or influential, everybody gets the same respectful treatment." Judge Frank recalled responding, "You understand exactly what my oath is. That's what it is, that's how I was raised." Judge Frank's exemplary service with the Open Doors program, his contributions on behalf of people with disabilities, and his work on the sex offender cases prove Judge Frank fulfilled his oath. Although he has assumed senior status, Judge Frank assured everyone in attendance that he remains ready to rock and roll in the courtroom because there is more hard work to do ensuring equal justice for all. ■

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U.S. Sr. District Judge Donovan W. Frank, surrounded by court staff and former clerks.

September Luncheon Explores History of the 1862 Dakota War Trials

By Rachel Kitze Collins

On September 11, 2017, the Chapter held its first monthly luncheon of the 2017-18 year at the Minneapolis Club. During the luncheon, Professor Carol Chomsky from the University of Minnesota Law School gave a presentation titled, “U.S.-1862 Dakota War Trials and Cross-Cultural Story Telling.” Following the war, a military commission conducted 392 trials over just forty-two days and sentenced 303 Dakota men to death. To say that the proceedings were devoid of due process is an understatement. The trials were short and repetitive. Most of the accused did not have counsel. In addition, the commission was made up of military members who had just fought in the war against the accused, raising serious questions of bias. Moreover, the Dakota were not accused of violating the laws of war; rather, they were accused of committing civilian crimes that should not have been tried by a military commission. Ultimately, although President Lincoln pardoned many, on December 26, 1862, thirty-eight Dakota men were hanged in the largest mass execution in American history.

The U.S.-Dakota War rose again to the forefront of attention in Minnesota after the Walker Art Museum displayed a sculpture that was based in part on the design of the gallows used to execute the thirty-eight Dakota men in 1862. The Walker decided to remove the sculpture following widespread protests by the Dakota and other Native American communities, who expressed concern that the sculpture trivialized the event and triggered historical pain and trauma. In her presentation, Professor Chomsky used the Walker Art Center’s story, as well as her own experience with cross-cultural story telling, to stress the importance of taking the time to listen to the stories and perspectives of others, particularly those who were most directly affected by historical or traumatic events.

Presentations like this are part of the Chapter’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, which strives to further diversity and inclusion within the Minnesota Chapter, our federal court system, the legal profession, and our greater community by bringing together lawyers, judges, law students, and other community members to exchange ideas, network, facilitate collaboration, and call attention to topics and challenges that affect diversity and inclusion in the Chapter and beyond. ■

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Chapter Co-Hosts Presentation on Economic Espionage Act and Bias

By Kristin Zinsmaster

On October 12, 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Jones Day, and 3M sponsored an event in U.S. Chief District Judge John R. Tunheim’s courtroom entitled “Economic Espionage and National Security: Bias in the Criminal Justice System?” The presenters included District of Minnesota FBI Supervisory Special Agent Shena Crowe; Brian A. Sun, partner-in-charge of Jones Day’s Los Angeles office; and Peter R. Zeidenberg, Partner at Arent Fox in Washington, D.C. Former United States Attorney Andrew M. Luger offered preliminary remarks.

Brian Sun’s presentation focused on the infamous Dr. Wen Ho Lee case and began by placing the matter in its larger context: historical racism and bias against Chinese Americans in the United States—beginning in its most egregious form with the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 but continuing in time through the period known as the “Red Scare” and well into the 1990s when Dr. Lee, a nuclear scientist, was fired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Shortly after his termination, Dr. Lee was indicted in December 1999 with fifty-nine counts related (generally speaking) to mishandling and disclosure of state secrets, all of which (the government said) were undertaken “with intent to injure the United States and with intent to secure an advantage to a foreign nation.” Mr. Sun defended Dr. Lee against prosecution of the criminal case by the District of New Mexico United States Attorney’s Office. It became clear after Dr. Lee was indicted that the government had no basis for the fifty-nine counts it had filed; Dr. Lee ultimately pleaded guilty to a single count of mishandling of a document. He was sentenced to time served and released. Dr. Lee later reached a settlement with the United States for \$1.6 million and received a written apology from U.S. District Judge James A. Parker District of the District of New Mexico for the manner in which he was treated and detained by the executive branch while the charges against him were pending.

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Judge Edward J. Devitt's Legacy Honored at Well-Attended Event

By Jeremy Krahn

On September 22, 2017, Mitchell Hamline School of Law hosted a well-attended event honoring the legacy and influence of United States District Judge Edward J. Devitt. The event featured presentations, discussions, and personal recollections about Judge Devitt and his ongoing presence in the federal judiciary. Panelists included federal judges, law professors, seasoned practitioners, and former law clerks of Judge Devitt.

The event began with opening remarks by Mark Gordon, President and Dean of Mitchell Hamline School of Law. This was followed by the first panel, led by Greg Stenmoe, President and Managing Partner of Briggs and Morgan, and Brian Short, Chief Executive Officer of Leamington Co. The presentation was biographical in nature and focused on Judge Devitt's many professional achievements—including notable cases that Judge Devitt presided over—and the qualities that made him a respected figure on the federal bench.

The second panel featured Professors Eric Janus and Ann Juergens, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and Daniel O'Keefe, general counsel for Aon Benfield, and was moderated by Dena Sonbol, Dean of Academic Excellence at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. The panel recounted Judge Devitt's important contributions to the quality of practice in the federal courts—including his work on the Devitt Commission with Chief Justice Warren E. Burger—and his advocacy for a more practice-oriented approach to legal education.

The afternoon continued with a discussion dedicated to Judge Devitt's contributions to professional and efficient judicial administration, including the influence of his "Ten Commandments for the New Judge." This panel included United States District Judges Donald D. Alsop and Wilhelmina M. Wright, and Professor Emeritus Peter Thompson, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and was moderated by Eric Tostrud, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. The panel also considered Judge Devitt's role in the revision of federal jury instructions, as well as his formidable skills in courtroom management and judicial decision-making.

The day concluded with a fourth panel, which consisted of United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery and attorneys Joseph Friedberg and Earl Gray, and was moderated by attorney Paul Engh. The panel discussed Judge Devitt's contributions to the development of federal practice, as well as an examination of some of his high-profile criminal cases. ■

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L to R: U.S. District Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright, U.S. Sr. District Judge Donald D. Alsop, and Professor Emeritus Peter Thompson.

Minnesota Judges and Attorneys Receive Diversity & Inclusion Awards

By Forrest Tahdooahnippah

The Minnesota Lawyer newspaper presented its inaugural Diversity & Inclusion Award to twenty-eight honorees, including five members of the Minnesota Chapter, on October 12, 2017, at the Minnesota Event Center. The award recognizes those that have gone “above and beyond” in their efforts to create a more diverse and inclusive legal community. Members of the Minnesota Chapter who received the award were Senior United States District Judge Michael J. Davis, Senior United States District Judge Donovan W. Frank, U.S. Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois, U.S. Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung, and Ann Anaya.

Judge Davis is a Senior United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. He served as the first-ever African American judge for the District and as the District’s first African American chief judge. His contributions to diversity and inclusion are numerous, including his enduring commitment to mentorship. His mentorship runs the gamut from high school students to new lawyers to seasoned litigators.

Judge Frank is a Senior United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. He was recognized for his commitment to advocacy for the “forgotten minority,” those with developmental disabilities. He has also served as an advocate for those experiencing mental health and chemical dependency issues—serving on the board of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and the Range Mental Health Center, among other things. Additionally, Judge Frank coordinated the Open Doors to Federal Courts program for fifteen years, encouraging high school students from diverse backgrounds to consider careers in the justice system.

Magistrate Judge Brisbois is currently a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. His contributions to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession include service as the first American Indian president of the Minnesota State Bar Association and as the first full-time American Indian magistrate judge in the District of Minnesota. He is the son and grandson of enrolled members of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

Magistrate Judge Leung is a United State Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. His contributions to diversity and inclusion in our legal community include serving as the first-ever Asian American Minnesota state court judge and as the first Asian American magistrate judge in the District of Minnesota. He was also one of the founding board members of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice.

Ann Anaya is the Assistant Chief Diversity Officer, Global Diversity and Inclusion Lead, for 3M. She previously worked for the Legal Rights Center. She was recognized for her contributions to diversity and inclusion over the last twenty-four years as a mentor and leader in the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. ■

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Federal Judges Host Ukrainian Delegation for Panel on Intellectual Property Law

By Janet Westenberg

From October 13 through 17, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota hosted a delegation of judges from Ukraine to share how intellectual property rights are enforced by the U.S. federal judiciary. The international judiciary exchange, initiated by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), in coordination with the District of Minnesota, Federal Judicial Center, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and the High Commercial Court of Ukraine, was comprised of six Ukrainian judges who are members of a committee working to draft an intellectual property benchbook to guide intellectual property (IP) law in their developing nation, which is the second largest country in Europe after Russia.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson, who was the primary organizer of the Minnesota leg of the tour, provided an agenda packed with speakers designed to provide an understanding of U.S. IP law. Panel speakers included practicing IP attorneys sharing their expertise of copyright, trademark, and patent law, as well as chief IP counsel for prominent local businesses conveying the importance of IP in business and commerce. The Ukrainian judges were given a tour of the U.S. District Court and were able to sit in on a current IP case conference and motion hearing.

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Opportunities for Involvement in the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

*Interested in getting involved in the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA?
Review the list of committees and groups below,
and feel free to reach out to the contacts
with further questions or to get involved.*

Community Outreach Committee: New to the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA, the Community Outreach Committee seeks to promote the Chapter's mission—to strengthen the federal legal system, the administration of justice, and the rule of law—by engaging with community members, outside organizations, and schools through events, activities, and other programs. To get involved in the committee's activities, please contact co-chairs Reggie Aligada (reggie_aligada@fd.org), Amy Conners (aconners@bestlaw.com), Adam Hansen (adam@apollo-law.com), or Karen Schommer (karen.schommer@usdoj.gov).

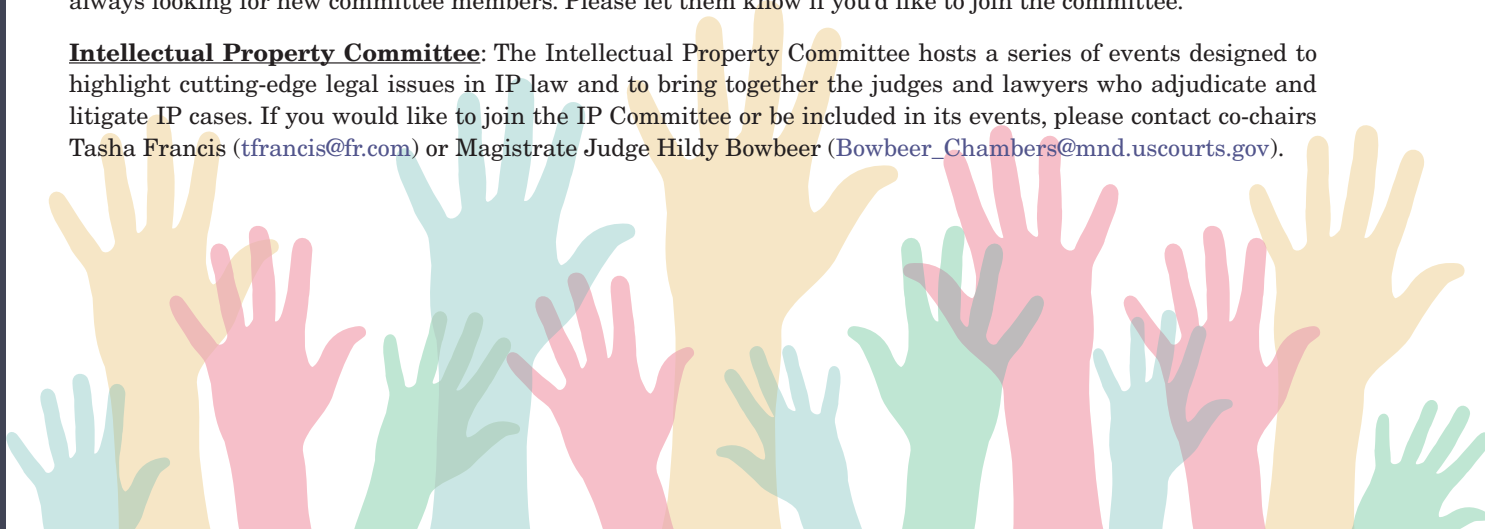
Annual Golf Tournament and Social Kick-Off Event: The Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament is a long-standing annual tradition that brings together members of the bench and bar at an end-of-season celebration filled with friendly competition and camaraderie. To get involved, please contact chair Phillip Goter (goter@fr.com).

Communications Committee: The Communications Committee works to provide Minnesota FBA Chapter members with timely and valuable information about Chapter business through quarterly publication of the newsletter, the Chapter website, the events platform, and timely emails to members. To get involved with *Bar Talk*, please contact co-chairs Fran Kern (frances_kern@hotmail.com) or Shannon Bjorklund (bjorklund.shannon@dorsey.com). To get involved in the Chapter website, events platform, or emails, please contact co-chair Nate Louwagie (NLouwagie@carlsoncaspers.com).

Diversity Committee: The mission of this committee is to further diversity and inclusion within the Minnesota Chapter, our federal court system, the legal profession, and our greater community. Committee members plan events, seminars, and networking opportunities to bring together lawyers, judges, law students, and other community members. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Vildan A. Teske (teske@tkkrllaw.com) or Danielle Mair (Danielle_Mair@mnd.uscourts.gov).

Grant Committee: The Grant Committee solicits and evaluates applications for FBA chapter grants from organizations whose activities are consistent with and advance the mission of the FBA and in particular have a focus on issues that are federal in nature. The committee recommends to the Board of Directors which applicants in its judgment should be awarded grants and in what amounts. This year, the committee reviewed over twenty grant applications and made its recommendations to the FBA Board of Directors on October 25, 2017. The Grant Committee Chairs, Micheal Sawers (msawers@brigss.com) and Keiko Sugisaka (keiko.sugisaka@maslon.com), are always looking for new committee members. Please let them know if you'd like to join the committee.

Intellectual Property Committee: The Intellectual Property Committee hosts a series of events designed to highlight cutting-edge legal issues in IP law and to bring together the judges and lawyers who adjudicate and litigate IP cases. If you would like to join the IP Committee or be included in its events, please contact co-chairs Tasha Francis (tfrancis@fr.com) or Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer (Bowbeer_Chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov).



Law School Outreach Committee: Since 2012, the Law School Outreach Committee (LSOC) has served as a liaison connecting the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA with the FBA law school divisions of each law school in Minnesota. A key goal of the LSOC is to ensure that members of each school's law student division are getting the most out of their membership, including learning about federal practice areas; meeting members of the FBA, federal bar, and judiciary; and cultivating relationships within the legal community. To further these goals, the LSOC provides the local FBA Law Student Divisions with guidance on organizing events, obtaining funding, furthering diversity, and connecting with opportunities within the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA and FBA-National, and holds events to recognize and support law students within the Twin Cities area. To get involved, please contact law school liaisons Paige Stradley (pstradley@merchantgould.com) or Lauren D'Cruz (Lauren.D'Cruz@lindjensen.com).

Legal Education Committee: Each summer, the Legal Education Committee organizes and presents the annual Federal Practice Seminar with the goals of fostering improvements in the practice of federal law, including the elimination of bias and the promotion of diversity and high standards of ethical practice, facilitating the administration of justice, and promoting legal education. To get involved, please contact Vice Presidents of Legal Education Joel Schroeder (jschroeder@bestlaw.com) or Magistrate Judge Kate Menendez.

Mass Tort and Class Action Practice Group: The Mass Tort and Class Action Practice Group's mission is to create a diverse community to address a spectrum of issues and substantive questions arising in cases in which a large number of plaintiffs assert common claims. The group focuses on both substantive and procedural legal developments as well as best practices. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Tim Griffin (timothy.griffin@stinson.com), Elizabeth Odette (erodette@locklaw.com), or Melissa Weiner (weiner@halunenlaw.com).

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the Chapter's annual membership recruitment and retention programs, engaging in membership outreach to new members with an increased focus on diversity and inclusion with respect to members from the affinity bars, public sector, in-house, and greater Minnesota communities, as well as updating the Chapter's Membership Plan. Members of the Membership Committee review the Chapter's membership reports, which National submits to the Chapter monthly, and contact those whose memberships have recently lapsed. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Adine Momoh (adine.momoh@stinson.com) or Katherine S. Barret Wiik (kbarrettwiik@robinskaplan.com).

Monthly Luncheons: From September through May of each year, the FBA hosts a monthly luncheon at the Minneapolis Club on a topic of interest to the federal bench and bar. In addition to hearing from engaging speakers on engaging topics, the lunches also offer opportunities for FBA members to network with each other and the federal judges, many of whom are in attendance. Please check the Chapter's website and calendar for additional details. For more information about the FBA monthly lunches, please contact co-chairs Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung and Elizabeth Cowan Wright (liz.wright@faegrebd.com).

Newer Lawyers Committee: The Newer Lawyers Committee is responsible for coordinating a series of monthly luncheons hosted by members of Minnesota's federal bench for lawyers who have been practicing for five years or less. These luncheons present an excellent opportunity for newer lawyers to gather with federal judges on an informal basis. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Sahr A.M. Brima (sbrima@robinskaplan.com), Dustin Massie (dmassie@baillonthome.com), or Ann Motl (annmotl@gmail.com).

Pro Se Project: The *Pro Se* Project is a collaboration between the Minnesota District Court and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to improve access to justice in our federal courts and to address the growing challenges civil litigants pose to our federal judicial system. Judges refer litigants to the Project, whose goal is to provide civil litigants with an opportunity to have a meaningful consultation with a volunteer lawyer. For more information on the *Pro Se* Project and how you can participate, contact the Project Coordinator, Tiffany Sanders (proseproject@q.com or (612) 965-3711).

White Collar, Compliance, and Criminal Law Committee: The White Collar, Compliance, and Criminal Law Committee brings together prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office and defense attorneys practicing in federal court to plan CLEs and social events designed to promote collegiality among lawyers from both sides of the courtroom. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Matthew Forsgren (mforsgren@greeneespe.com), Lousene Hoppe (lhoppe@fredlaw.com), or Surya Saxena (surya.saxena@usdoj.gov). ■

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Dr. Lee's case—and Mr. Sun's unique perspective on the case and its aftermath—highlight very real biases lurking under the surface of our criminal justice system; in this instance, a bias against Asian (and particularly Chinese) Americans in the context of espionage and national security that can be said to continue to the present day. As attorneys admitted to this bar, we are charged with remaining vigilant against such biases—real, perceived, potential, and actual. We are better for recognizing our history and taking this important lesson from it. ■

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The Minnesota panel concluded with a reception at the Minneapolis federal courthouse in which U.S. Chief District Judge John R. Tunheim thanked the delegation for the opportunity to exchange ideas and spoke about his admiration for the beauty of the landscape and historic architecture he encountered visiting Ukraine on several occasions. U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau also spoke to emphasize the value of international consultation for Minnesota district judges. "When we are called to explain what we do and answer questions about our process, it forces us to examine why we do it that way."

After visiting Minnesota, the Ukrainian delegation flew to Washington, D.C., on October 18 to continue their tour, which, according to Kris Markarian of the Federal Judicial Center, is part of an ongoing program that supports foreign judges, court officials, and scholars conducting research to improve the administration of justice in foreign countries.

When asked what impressions would be taken from this visit, Ukrainian delegate Natalia Plias said she was struck by the degree of trust and respect Americans held for their justice system. She also expressed amazement that a public jury is used to decide civil cases. "In our country a panel of three judges presides over such cases," she explained. Ukrainian Judge Viktor Moskalenko said he was impressed by the level of detail that is put into every case before the case even comes before the court. He said there were definitely going to be a few changes made to the IP benchbook as result of what has been learned through the exchange with Minnesota district judges. Ukrainian Judge Bodgan Lvov stated he was grateful and impressed by the time that the district judges took out of their schedules to consult with them about their work. "This is not something you would find everywhere," he said. ■

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L to R: U.S. Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson, U.S. Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer, Acting U.S. Attorney Gregory G. Booker, and Allen Hinderaker.

L to R: Judge Domanska, Judge Humeha, Brian Toder, and Ms. Gladka.

L to R: Kris Margarin, Federal Judicial Center; Iryna Gladka, Commercial Law Development Program; Natalia Plias, Head of the Apparatus of the High Commercial Court of Ukraine; Judge Igor Benedysiuk, Chairman of the High Council of Justice; Judge Oksana Humeha, Kiev Commercial Court; Judge Bogdan Lvov, Chairman of the High Commercial Court of Ukraine; U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau; U.S. District Court Chief Judge John R. Tunheim; Judge Maryna Domanska, Kiev Commercial Court of Appeal; Dmytro Skrynka, Commercial Law Development Program; U.S. Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson; and U.S. Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer.



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Highlights from the 2017 Chapter Golf Tournament

By Phillip Goter

Our Chapter held another successful Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter Golf Tournament and Kickoff Social Event on Monday, August 28, 2017, at Midland Hills Country Club. Over seventy golfers, including a half dozen members of the bench, enjoyed a late summer day away from the office.

Thanks to all of our sponsors! Without their support, we would not have the great prizes, social hour, and hole sponsorships. The Toyota Camry again went unclaimed for lack of a hole-in-one, though it was not due to a lack of trying.

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I would also like to thank Tracey Donesky for her exceptional leadership of the Golf Tournament Committee over the past several years. We are lucky to have her remain on the planning committee going forward.

If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact Phillip Goter (goter@fr.com). Committee work is a manageable commitment beginning around June of the year and involves extending personal invitations to members of the federal bench and securing hole sponsorships to support our Tournament.

Save the Date for the 2018 Tournament

Please be sure to save the date for the 2018 Tournament to be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at Midland Hills Country Club! ■

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L to R: Josh Rissman, Dave Goodwin, Chris Sall, Riley Conlin, Michael Fondungallah.



L to R: Tracey Donesky, Joe Anthony, Bucky Zimmerman, U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey J. Keyes (Ret.).



L to R: John Marti, U.S. Sr. District Judge David S. Doty, and Joe Dixon.



L to R: Robert Werner, Danielle Mair, Brian Pousson, and Troy Martell.





L to R: Barbara D'Aquila, Marla Butler, U.S. District Judge Ann. D. Montgomery, and Marianne Short.

Newer Lawyers and Vintage Lawyers Hold Panel Examining Gender in the Law

By Ann Motl

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Newer Lawyers and Vintage Committees held a panel at the Minneapolis federal courthouse featuring trailblazer women attorneys. U.S. District Judge Ann D. Montgomery, Barbara D'Aquila, Marianne Short, and Marla Butler spoke about changes in the legal industry they have experienced throughout their careers. They commented on challenges women continue to face in the legal industry, and how all attorneys need to confront these challenges to make our community more equitable. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions of and discuss the state of gender in the law. Newly minted attorneys, junior partners, and other judges provided thoughtful commentary. All those who attended left the panel with a fresh perspective on how to better support themselves and other attorneys through challenging legal careers.

Vintage events are designed to bring together senior and newer lawyers to preserve the history of our Chapter and allow both generations to learn from each other. Lawyers of all experiences are welcome and encouraged to attend. ■

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Upcoming Events:

January 10, 2018

Monthly Luncheon

Noon

The Minneapolis Club

January 23, 2018

Affinity Bar Meet and Greet

6 p.m.

Halunen Law, IDS Center,
Suite 1650

February 8, 2018

*Newer Lawyers Lunch
featuring U.S. Bankruptcy
Judge Michael E. Ridgway*
Noon
Minneapolis Federal
Courthouse

February 14, 2018

Monthly Luncheon

Noon

The Minneapolis Club

March 14, 2018

Monthly Luncheon

Noon

The Minneapolis Club

March 21, 2018

*Newer Lawyers Lunch
featuring U.S. Magistrate
Judge Hildy Bowbeer*
11:45 a.m.

St. Paul Federal Court-
house

April 11, 2018

Monthly Luncheon

Noon

The Minneapolis Club

May 9, 2018

Monthly Luncheon

Noon

The Minneapolis Club

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***Want to get involved in the Minneapolis Chapter of the
Federal Bar Association? Turn to pages 6 and 7 for a list of opportunities.***

Online Registration:

The Minnesota Chapter of the FBA utilizes an online registration system for the monthly Minneapolis Club luncheons. A registration link will be sent to you via e-mail for each luncheon. One feature of the system is the automatic calendar entry; just click "Add to Calendar" from the registration system or your confirmation e-mail. Registration coordinators have the option to register multiple attendees in a single registration. Also, Season Pass Holders must register for each luncheon online to select their meal choice and confirm their attendance.

If you have any questions about the registration system, please e-mail Liz Cowan Wright at liz.wright@faegrebd.com.



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