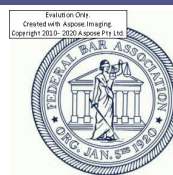


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A Tribute to The Honorable Kathleen H. Sanberg from Her Law Clerks

By Current and Former Law Clerks

Steven Kinsella (2012–2014)

After ten years as a judge for the Minnesota Tax Court, Judge Sanberg was appointed to the bench for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota in 2012. Judge Sanberg's appointment was the beginning of a changing-of-the-guard for the Minnesota bankruptcy bench, as four new judges were appointed from 2012 to 2014 to replace a group of judges that had worked together for over 30 years.

Justina Roberts and I were Judge Sanberg's first clerks. I can still remember my first day,



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Magistrate Judge Docherty Takes the Bench

By Adrienne Meyers



John F. Docherty was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota on July 22, 2021. His appointment filled a two-year vacancy that was created when United States Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau died in 2019. Magistrate Judge Docherty has devoted his legal career to public service, and he brings a wealth of experience, intelligence, and fairness to the federal bench. He is chambered in St. Paul.

Magistrate Judge Docherty was born in Glasgow, on the west coast of Scotland. His father was a physician, and the family immigrated to Canada before Magistrate Judge Docherty started school so that his father could participate in postgraduate research at the University of Saskatchewan. After several years in Canada, the family relocated to Minnesota, making them among the few people who moved to

Minnesota for a *warmer* climate. Until sixth grade, Magistrate Judge Docherty lived in staff housing at the Minnesota State Hospitals in Rochester and Anoka, which he describes as a good formational experience for a future prosecutor and judge. Until he was about eleven years old, he returned to Scotland during his childhood summers.

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Special Session for Magistrate Judge Rau

By Jason Johnson

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota held a special session on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, to honor the late Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau. Family, friends, and colleagues of Judge Rau gathered in the Devitt Courtroom to hear remarks from Chief Judge John R. Tunheim, Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson, Magistrate Judge N. Tony Leung, attorney Jeannine Lee, and Judge Rau's loving wife, Christine Meuers.



Each speaker shared some of their favorite personal experiences with Judge Rau, but there was a common underlying theme: Judge Rau's charisma, devotion to public service, and care for others. And, as all good lawyers (and judges, in this case) strive to do, they proved their case. For those who knew Judge Rau, it came as no shock to hear Magistrate Judge Thorson share that Judge Rau arrived at a meeting in Kiev wearing traditional Ukrainian attire (a vyshyvanka). And nothing demonstrates public service quite like Judge Rau did after receiving his terminal cancer diagnosis in 2018—not only did he continue to serve the legal profession, but he doubled down on his efforts.

Judge Rau was a champion of those less powerful. He was passionate about initiatives such as the Pro Se Project,



and he led an effort to provide transportation for teenagers to visit their mothers who had been incarcerated, riding the bus himself as a chaperone. As stated by Christine Meuers, "equal justice was more than a platitude" for Judge Rau. He wanted to make the world a better place. In ways big and small, at work and at home, he did.

After the warm remarks on Judge Rau's legacy, attendees continued the evening by sharing their own stories and fond memories of Judge Rau over appetizers and refreshments in the jury assembly room. While the pandemic unfortunately delayed this event, it was well

worth the wait. It is clear that Judge Rau's memory, impact, and spirit carry on strong. He will be missed dearly. ■

* Photos by Stan Waldhauser, courtesy of the District of Minnesota.

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Clerk's Corner

By Andrew Pieper

On Thursday, October 7th, the District Court held a wonderful portrait unveiling of Judge Dennis Donovan, who served on our Court from 1945 until 1974 and was chambered in Duluth. Cyd Wicker, a local artist, did an amazing job capturing Judge Donovan's likeness with the beautiful Duluth harbor, as it appeared in the 1940s, as a backdrop. Judge Donovan's 91-year-old son, Dennis Donovan Jr., shared touching words about his father, and three of Judge Donovan's grandchildren (left side of the photo) also were in attendance, along with the artist and Chief Judge Tunheim. The portrait will hang in the District Court courtroom in Duluth. The opportunity to honor Judge Donovan was truly a moving event.



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nervously walking into chambers and not knowing what I was supposed to do. However, as I would quickly learn, Judge Sanberg is always incredibly well-prepared. She had a list of questions to research and cases ready for us. In fact, one of the major lessons I learned from Judge Sanberg was the importance of preparation. Judge Sanberg prepared meticulously for every hearing and expected her clerks (and the lawyers appearing before her) to do the same. I strive to prepare similarly for my work now and especially for any hearing before Judge Sanberg (but that has not stopped her from freely denying my motions).

Judge Sanberg is a willing mentor and invests in her clerks' lives, both personally and professionally. Every morning, Judge Sanberg would meet with me in her chambers over coffee (and homemade croissants around the holidays) to discuss upcoming hearings, opinions, and life in general. Judge Sanberg fosters a collaborative environment and urges clerks to voice their opinions and challenge her ideas. I always felt included and invested in every decision Judge Sanberg made. She also reminds her clerks to enjoy life. Judge Sanberg loves to travel and take unique vacations (the Galápagos is just one of the many amazing places she has visited). She encouraged us to take opportunities and travel, as long as we brought pictures back to share with her. I still try to follow this lesson today (although the Galápagos remains on my bucket list).

My two years clerking for Judge Sanberg were two of the most rewarding years of my life. They prepared me for my current career and were fundamental for shaping the lawyer (and person) I am today. I love my job now, but I can honestly say that clerking for Judge Sanberg was the best job of my life. I am honored to be one of her law clerks, and, while her presence will certainly be missed on the bench, I know she will continue to be a major presence in my life as mentor, role model, and friend.

Justina Roberts (2012–2013)

It was truly an honor to clerk for Judge Sanberg. Beyond commanding a deep understanding of the law, she treated her clerks and staff like family. Especially as a young woman starting my legal career, it was inspiring to see Judge Sanberg lead the court with deep conviction and empathy each day.

We gathered in her chambers every morning while drinking coffee and catching up on the daily agenda. Judge Sanberg even brought her staff and clerks delicious croissants. I'll always cherish those morning gatherings with Judge Sanberg because they set the tone to come together and learn about the law as a team.

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Magistrate Judge Docherty is the oldest of nine children, five of whom are lawyers and one of whom is a paralegal. He is not even the first judge in the family; his brother, Robert, has been a judge in Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District for nine years. Three siblings, including Magistrate Judge Docherty, have married lawyers, and his father-in-law is also an attorney, so the total in the "family firm" is nine lawyers and a paralegal.

Magistrate Judge Docherty met his wife, Marilyn Conklin, while working for the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Ms. Conklin is the career law clerk to the Honorable Susan Richard Nelson, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Magistrate Judge Docherty holds two degrees from the University of Minnesota. He graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School and with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. Magistrate Judge Docherty went to law school specifically to become a criminal lawyer, and although he was a criminal prosecutor for most of his career, he has long maintained interest in other areas of law. Some of his favorite courses in law school were on labor law, and immediately after law school, he worked as an associate at a firm in Washington, D.C., practicing transportation regulatory law. Twice in his career he worked as an antitrust lawyer, including at the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and in the Antitrust and Criminal Divisions of the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General under former Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III.

Before Magistrate Judge Docherty's appointment to the bench, he served for nearly 20 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota. There, Magistrate Judge Docherty prosecuted primarily international and domestic terrorism cases, civil-rights cases, and cases involving the illegal exportation of U.S. technology. He was a member of the Terrorism and National Security Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office and had principal responsibility for numerous national-security cases and trials. He also served as the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Coordinator for the Office. As the International Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Magistrate Judge Docherty supervised all incoming and outgoing requests for international assistance in criminal matters, including international extraditions. Former Interim U.S. Attorney and colleague W. Anders Folk remarked of Judge Docherty, "I know John will bring the same sense of justice and fairness to the bench that he brought to his work as a federal prosecutor. The people of the District of Minnesota will be well served by his ongoing commitment to justice."

Between 2006 and 2008, Magistrate Judge Docherty took a temporary leave of absence from the U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as a prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. He was a senior member of the prosecution team for the trial of former Bosnian Serb Army General Dragomir Milošević, who was convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against civilians in the besieged city of Sarajevo in the early 1990s.

Magistrate Judge Docherty has also taught four semesters of a national security law seminar at the University of Minnesota Law School. Though he enjoyed the experience and found it enriching, dipping a toe into teaching confirmed that he wanted to be in the courtroom, not the classroom.

Magistrate Judge Docherty is a current member and past President of the Warren E. Burger American Inn of Court and a current member of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Being a part of Minnesota's legal community has provided the new Judge with countless living examples of the qualities he appreciates in a lawyer: excellent factual exposition, intelligent and thorough legal analysis, and honesty about a case's strong and weak points. From his new viewpoint, Magistrate Judge Docherty values professionalism and courtesy more than ever, and he finds no truth to the old adage that criminal lawyers treat each other civilly, but civil lawyers treat each other criminally.

Courtroom experience with many judges over the course of his career inspired Magistrate Judge Docherty to seek appointment as a judicial officer. He appeared frequently in court as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and years of witnessing the deep and immediate impact that a judge can have in the justice system led him to pursue the opportunity. Magistrate Judge Docherty recalls of his time on the other side of the bench, "The judges who impressed me most were those who had the highest standards, who came to court having put in the hard work needed to get a thorough knowledge of a case's facts, and also to understand the applicable law—by not just reading the leading cases, but reading the cases cited in the leading cases, and understanding all these cases in a detailed, nuanced way. I'm determined to be a judge of that caliber."■

Adrienne Meyers serves as the career law clerk to United States Magistrate Judge John F. Docherty.

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Every clerk knows how special it is to spend your day researching the law without the pressures of billable hours and client expectations (I fondly recall gleefully clicking on every Westlaw link that popped up while researching), develop relationships with other law clerks and judges, and have a front row seat at hearings. Being in an environment where we could absorb this knowledge as a team was special, and Judge Sanberg was a master at enabling her clerks to do this.

Clerking with Judge Sanberg was a truly memorable experience, and I'd like to congratulate her on her retirement. Every clerk who passed through Judge Sanberg's chambers is a better lawyer because of it. Perhaps we can enjoy a few more croissants sometime soon.

Anthony Le (2014–2015)

I have extremely fond memories of my clerkship with Judge Sanberg and a profound respect and appreciation for her. Judge Sanberg invested in her clerks—she is a remarkable mentor and warmly welcomed each of us into her chambers. To this day, I continue to share my clerkship memories with those curious about life in chambers, and my advice to attorneys interested in becoming a judicial clerk is the same: find someone like Judge Sanberg.

Judge Sanberg expected excellence from all attorneys who appeared before her and from the law clerks she worked with. She collaborated with her clerks to prepare for hearings, understand all of the issues, and gain perspective on all of the legal and practical consequences of her decisions. Judge Sanberg never wanted to be late to a hearing. She commanded the respect of others, but also wanted those in her courtroom to reciprocate it. She viewed her clerks as an extension of herself in the courtroom and out in the community.

I could not have asked for a better clerkship experience. Judge Sanberg is smart, warm, personable, and funny. She treated her clerks like family and fostered a personal connection with all of us. One of my favorite memories, and a testament to her genuine interest in us as individuals, was our morning conversations. We started work every day in chambers with a conversation—sometimes short, oftentimes long. We covered old and new business for the day and week, but always touched on our personal lives as well. My clerkship undoubtedly prepared me to be a better and more mindful lawyer, role model, and human being.

Though Judge Sanberg taught me many lessons, I'll share one of the simpler ones here that Judge Kressel, whom Judge Sanberg shared her courtroom with, also emphasized: attorneys in the courtroom approach a lectern, not a podium.

Alex Rich (2016–2017)

What comes to mind when I think of Judge Sanberg? Terrific judge. Embodiment of judicial temperament. But chief among them? Mentor. It is hard to put into words what it is like to have her in your corner. Thank you, Judge, for taking the time to mentor so many young attorneys. For me, it has made all the difference. Congratulations and have a wonderful (and well-earned!) retirement.

Heather Forrest (2015–2018)

I read once that a mentor comes into your life and fundamentally changes the direction of your path. Judge Sanberg was that for me in both my professional and personal life, and it was an honor to serve as her term clerk.

Professionally, Judge Sanberg embodied all that we expect from a jurist. She drew on her experience from private practice, as well as her many years of service as a Tax Court judge before being appointed to the Bankruptcy Court. She took great pride in being well prepared for hearings and trials and read all motions and papers before taking the bench each day. She treated everyone with respect and understood the importance of allowing people their day in court but demanded equal respect from those that appeared before her. She had an admirable command of the courtroom. She was decisive and loath to allow matters to linger. She wrote her opinions in clear, plain English so that they are accessible to anyone who might read them. I grew immensely as a writer under her mentorship.

On a personal level, I came to Judge Sanberg as a nontraditional applicant. Typically a term clerk position is filled with a recent law school graduate or younger lawyer because of the unique learning opportunities it affords. Although I am a born-and-raised Minnesotan, I was an income partner at a large Texas law firm where I had been practicing for 12 years when I saw the posting for Judge Sanberg's clerk position. I had unexpectedly lost my husband a few months earlier and had two young children at the time. I was quickly learning that the demands of private practice were not sustainable

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Bankruptcy Court's Clerk's Corner

By Tricia Pepin

We are happy to be part of *Bar Talk* in this inaugural installation of the Bankruptcy Court's Clerk's Corner. I am writing this as the new Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court after replacing long-time Clerk Lori Vosejka on August 2, 2021. Many thanks to the entire bar for welcoming me in this new role!

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court continues to adjust to many changes, including several key retirements over the last few months and our continued reduced caseload amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are some key changes that may affect members of our bar.

En Banc Orders

In November, the Court issued two en banc orders. The first [order](#), issued on November 8, 2021, provides a new process for when the debtor's attorney has an arrangement to collect some or all attorney's fees post-petition. The new procedure is intended to provide the Court an opportunity to review these attorney's fees arrangements. Check the Court's website for guidance on how to comply with the requirements of the order, which takes effect on December 15, 2021.

The second en banc [order](#), issued on November 17, 2021, requires any non-governmental corporation that is a party to a contested matter in a bankruptcy case that is not an adversary proceeding to file a corporate ownership statement. This order is intended to provide the Court necessary information to make informed disqualification decisions for all contested matters. This new requirement takes effect on December 1, 2021.

2022 Changes

The Bankruptcy Court will welcome its newest Bankruptcy Judge, Kesha L. Tanabe, on January 7, 2022! Judge Tanabe replaces Judge Sanberg, who is retiring on January 6, 2022. Judge Tanabe will be chambered in St. Paul.

The Bankruptcy Court will also make changes to how third and fourth division Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases are assigned. Effective January 7, 2022, Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases in the third and fourth divisions will be randomly assigned to all four bankruptcy judges. This change will help the Court to distribute its caseload more equitably to all four bankruptcy judges.

For the most up-to-date information on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, visit the Court's website at www.mnb.uscourts.gov. And please let me know if there are ways that we can better serve the members of our bar and public. On behalf of the entire Bankruptcy Court, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! ■

Tricia Pepin is the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota and has served in that position since August 2021. Before working with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Tricia served as the Chief Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court.

46th Annual Federal Practice Seminar Returns—Virtually

By Leyla Bari

On November 18, 2021, the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association held its 46th annual Federal Practice Seminar, held online for the first time in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The District of Minnesota's Chief Judge John R. Tunheim began the day by welcoming the participants and giving an overview of the day's events.

The day began with a panel discussion and debate about qualified immunity featuring Clifford Greene, JAMS Mediator and Arbitrator; Sam Clark, Civil Division at Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Cicely Miltich, Assistant Attorney General at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office; and Esha Anand, Supreme Court & Appellate Counsel at

MacArthur Justice Center. Greene started the session by providing valuable insight into the long struggles in applying 42 U.S.C. § 1983, then the panelists explained the diverse ways qualified immunity works in their respective worlds.

The day progressed with a panel discussion about "Federal Clemency in the Biden Era" featuring national clemency scholars Professor Mark Ossler of St. Thomas University School of Law, Paul Larkin of the Heritage Foundation, and Jason Hernandez, an author and clemency recipient. The panel discussed the changes to the use of presidential

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Highlights of the FBA 2021 Annual Meeting and Convention

By Bar Talk Editors

The FBA 2021 Annual Meeting and Convention was held September 23–25 in Miami, hosted by the South Florida Chapter. This year's meeting was a hybrid, with several CLE sessions and business meetings streaming virtually so that attendees could be online or in-person. Several Minnesota Chapter members attended the event in person, while others attended virtually. A big highlight



for our Chapter was the installation of our member Anh Le Kremer as National President, who is the first Asian American and the first from the Minnesota Chapter to serve in that role. (Read more about Anh in Bar Talk's [May 2021 issue](#).) Adine Momoh attended in person and had the honor of giving remarks at Anh's installation.

Chapter President Dan Hedlund attended virtually and reports that proposed amendments to the FBA Constitution were discussed in detail by the National Council, which voted to send the amendments to the membership for a vote. That vote took place in early October, and the amendments passed. The updated Constitution is available at <https://www.fedbar.org/about-us/governance-and-organizational-structure/fba-constitution/>. The National Council also voted to approve amendments to the Bylaws, which are available at <https://www.fedbar.org/about-us/governance-and-organizational-structure/fba-bylaws/>. ■

Becoming a Federal Magistrate Judge: Duties, Appointment, and Discussion

Monday, December 13, 2021, 4:30-6:00pm via Zoom

Magistrate judges fulfill crucial roles in the Minnesota federal court family, and the district anticipates multiple magistrate judge vacancies in the coming months and years. Yet at times the path to becoming a magistrate judge can seem out of reach. Please join us for a webinar featuring federal judges, practitioners, and former members of the District of Minnesota's magistrate judge merit selection panels, as they discuss the diverse work of a magistrate judge and demystify the application and selection process.

This event aims to raise awareness about the magistrate judge role and encourage interest in forthcoming vacancies by many qualified applicants from diverse professional and personal backgrounds. It will also highlight the broad range of legal experiences and pathways through the profession that can lead to the magistrate judge position.

Tara Norgard will moderate a panel discussion featuring Chief Judge John Tunheim, Judge Susan Richard Nelson, Magistrate Judge Leo Brisbois, Magistrate Judge Kate Menendez,

and Magistrate Judge John Docherty, as well Chief Federal Public Defender Katherian Roe and W. Anders Folk, former Acting United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota.

The Zoom event will feature a two-part panel discussion focused on the job duties and selection process, to be followed by smaller group "Q&A" breakout discussions with current and former magistrate judges. 1.0 general CLE credit will be sought. Register [here](#). ■

The Westminster Town Hall Forum Kicks Off the Justice and Democracy Centers of Minnesota

By Zac McFarland

On November 16, 2021, Chief Judge John R. Tunheim once again demonstrated the importance of community interaction with the judiciary by giving an hour-long Q & A presentation on “Democracy and the Courts” in partnership with the Westminster Town Hall Forum at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Chief Judge Tunheim also presided over a naturalization ceremony, where he welcomed 25 new citizens from 14 countries—Austria, Burma, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Laos, Moldova, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, Somalia, and Ukraine—into the joys and responsibilities of citizenship (including jury duty, of course!).

A musical performance from Minnesota Opera Orchestra member and Twin Cities native Emilia Mettenbrink preceded the naturalization ceremony and paralleled the elegant downtown Minneapolis sanctuary. Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan was also in attendance and gave the naturalization ceremony’s opening remarks, reaffirming that diversity is our state’s greatest asset and that our communities are better with the inclusion of our new fellow citizens.

Chief Judge Tunheim echoed the Lieutenant Governor’s comments and recalled the dream his great-grandmother envisioned after immigrating from Norway to Minnesota—“that her children would be Norwegians who added something great to America.” He implored the crowd to follow his great-grandmother’s advice and to prize and cherish the culture and heritage that brought them to this country.

Chief Judge Tunheim concluded the forum by speaking to the hundreds of attendees on the importance of public participation and engagement with the democratic process. He lamented the growing civic illiteracy that is plaguing our country and the lack of trust and confidence in our government that such illiteracy causes. Nevertheless, he noted that it is our duty to work on our faults and that we are better off when everyone participates in our society. To that end, Chief Judge Tunheim detailed the Court’s effort to combat these issues through the creation of the Justice and Democracy Centers of Min-



nesota, opening in 2022 and 2023 in the St. Paul and Minneapolis Courthouses, respectively. Through these centers, the Court hopes to welcome 10,000 students annually to engage with interactive and educational exhibits designed to spur interest in civic education. The Justice and Democracy Centers of Minnesota will also be committed to providing online resources for students in greater Minnesota who cannot easily access the in-person exhibits. Chief Judge Tunheim’s contributions to the Westminster Town Hall Forum gave but a glimpse of the Court’s potential for increasing community and civic engagement, and everyone in the crowd left the event eagerly awaiting the openings of the Justice and Democracy Centers of Minnesota.

The entire Westminster Town Hall Forum program can be viewed online at <https://westminsterforum.org/forum/democracy-and-the-courts/>. Photo by Glen Stubbe, courtesy of the District of Minnesota. ■

Zac McFarland has a passion for civic education, mainly stemming from his experience with the Boys State and Boys Nation programs, whose alumni include Michael Jordan and Bill Clinton. McFarland is a term clerk for Chief Judge Tunheim and previously worked at Fredrikson & Byron.

Chapter Co-Hosts the 2021 Indian Law Seminar: Reconnecting Our Sovereign Nations

By Naomi Martin



On October 15, 2021, the Minnesota and New Mexico Chapters of the Federal Bar Association, the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, and the national FBA's Indian Law Section hosted the 2021 Indian Law Seminar: Reconnecting Our Sovereign Nations. This year, tribal leaders, scholars, judges, and practitioners gathered in Minnesota and New Mexico for live and simulcast sessions. The seminar's Minnesota event was held at the Mystic Lake Center and began with a land acknowledgment—recognizing that the event was held on the treaty and traditional homelands of the Dakota Oyate, also known as the Sioux Nation. The Dakota Oyate is comprised of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, Wahpekute, and Mdewakanton peoples. The region is also shared traditional territory and treaty lands with the Anishnaabe, also known as the Ojibwe or Chippewa.

The first session, “Native Americans and the Criminal Justice System,” was a live panel discussion with moderator Sarah Wheelock, who is Legal Counsel for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; the Honorable Jeannice M. Reding of the Minnesota Fourth Judicial District; Federal Defender Katherian D. Roe; and Acting U.S. Attorney William Anders Folk. Wheelock began the discussion by sharing that her cousin is a Native woman who is missing. She described the pain caused by the disappearance and explained that her cousin's story is not uncommon. The panel discussed the alarming rates of victimization of Native people and the overrepresentation of Native people among those who are incarcerated. The panelists highlighted some key factors leading to these disparities, including poverty, federal-jurisdiction considerations, and discretionary decision-making. When asked how to address the disparities, the panelists' answers included collecting more complete data on biases within the criminal justice system and looking to those who live in the impacted communities for solutions.

Another panel discussed the Supreme Court case *Yellen v. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation*, which involved whether Alaska Native regional and village corporations established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act are “Indian Tribes” for purposes of the CARES Act. Moderator Josh Peterson of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath asked the panelists to address the history of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Supreme Court's decision that for-profit Alaska Native Corporations do qualify as tribal governments under the CARES Act, and the possible broader implications of the decision. The panelists were Kaighn Smith of Drummond Woodsum, James Nichols of the Jacobson Law Group, and Bonnie Paskvan of Dorsey & Whitney.

Seminar attendees also heard from the Chief Judge John R. Tunheim about the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018. Chief Judge Tunheim encouraged attorneys to assist victims of domestic, dating, sexual, and stalking violence by providing them with critical pro bono legal services.

After lunch came a lively discussion about *United States v. Cooley*, which addressed whether a police officer for a Native American tribe may detain and search a non-tribe member within a reservation on suspicion of violating a state or federal law. The panel was simulcast from New Mexico and moderated by Director of the University of New Mexico School of Law's Southwest Indian Law Clinic, Sam Winder. Tim Purdon of Robins Kaplan and Paul Spruhan of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice gave detailed descriptions of the facts of the case, the arguments made throughout the litigation, and the precedent related to tribal jurisdiction. They explored the Supreme Court's decision in favor of

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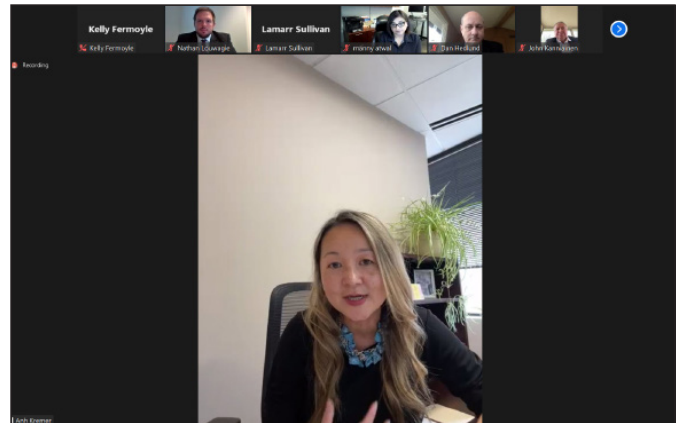
November Luncheon Features FBA President Anh Kremer

By Kelly Fermoye

The Chapter's November Luncheon featured FBA President Anh Kremer—the first FBA President from the Minnesota Chapter—speaking about how the national FBA brings value to members of the Minnesota Chapter. The November Luncheon was once again a virtual affair, beginning with a breakout session in which attendees could mingle and discuss chapter business, followed by the presentation by Ms. Kremer and an opportunity for questions.

Ms. Kremer highlighted three primary ways in which the national FBA impacts Minnesota Chapter members, including: (1) relationships and networking, (2) continuing legal education, and (3) judiciary work. The national FBA provides valuable opportunities for nationwide relationships with FBA members, and Minnesota Chapter members are encouraged to participate in committees on the national FBA, as many members do. The national FBA also provides numerous high quality continuing legal education opportunities on topics relevant to our federal practices.

Ms. Kremer explained the national FBA's role in promoting the judiciary as a nonpartisan body trusted by Congress. The national FBA's focuses in 2021 and 2022 in-



clude promoting greater security for judges in courthouses, as threats against federal judges have increased according to U.S. Marshalls statistics. There are currently several bills pending in Congress to improve judicial security and privacy, which are supported by the national FBA. The national FBA is also focusing on filling judicial vacancies and on judgeship legislation, supporting acts that would increase the number of judgeships in the district and appellate courts. ■

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tribal law enforcement's jurisdiction, as well as the Court's reasoning and how future litigants might use the decision in other contexts. While Spruhan expressed skepticism about whether using Cooley to further tribal interests would be successful, he was enthusiastic about giving it a try.

The seminar's last session, "Brackeen v. Haaland and the Need to Strengthen State ICWA Legislation," was also simulcast from New Mexico. Moderator Kenneth Bobroff, who practices in-house for Pueblo of Laguna, asked panelists—Secretary of the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department Barbara J. Vigil and Executive Director of the ICWA Law Center Shannon Smith—about the Fifth Circuit's fractured Brackeen decision overturning sections of the Indian Child Welfare Act as unconstitutional. Bobroff also sought the panelists' thoughts on state strategies to protect tribal interests in state child-custody proceedings. Vigil and Smith discussed Minnesota law and pending New Mexico legislation aimed at ensuring tribes and the children subject to state proceedings can pursue outcomes that are in the best interests of the children.

The day ended with a reception that allowed attendees to discuss the sessions, Indian Law generally, and upcoming events, such as the 2022 Indian Law Conference. Honorable reception attendees included those in the photo here: Chief Judge Tunheim, President of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association Casey Matthiesen, event organizer Christine J. Jordan, FBA Minnesota Chapter Past-President Vildan Teske, and FBA Minnesota Chapter Vice President Adam W. Hansen. ■

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Special Agent Harry Samit Reflects on the Arrest and Interview of Zacarias Moussaoui at the September Luncheon

By Stephen M. Owen

On September 15, 2021, the Chapter held the first of its 2021–2022 Monthly Luncheon series. This virtual event marked the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and featured a presentation by retired FBI Special Agent Harry Samit, who shared his reflections on the arrest and interview of al-Qaeda member Zacarias Moussaoui.

Agent Samit focused his discussion on Moussaoui's time in Minnesota. Agent Samit explained how Moussaoui had moved to Eagan, Minnesota, in August 2001 to take flight-training courses after demonstrating very poor performance at a flight-training school in Norman, Oklahoma. According to Agent Samit, Moussaoui's instructors at the Eagan facility immediately became suspicious of him, noting his lack of critical knowledge of the flight simulator and aircraft, his extreme reluctance to disclose information about himself, his strong reactions to questions about his religious faith, and his lack of an affiliation with an airline. The flight instructors notified the FBI of Moussaoui, and Agent Samit began investigating.

Agent Samit explained that with the help of agents from Immigration and Naturalization Services, he arrested Moussaoui at his hotel for overstaying his visa. Agent Samit recounted his conversation with Moussaoui, his entrance into Moussaoui's hotel room, and his search of Moussaoui's person incident to arrest, as well as his interview of Moussaoui's roommate, who revealed critical information about Moussaoui.

Agent Samit then described his subsequent interview of Moussaoui, which confirmed his belief that Moussaoui was involved in an extremist group with plans to hijack and fly commercial planes. Following this interview, Agent Samit attempted to apply for a warrant to search Moussaoui's belongings. Agent Samit emphasized that in order to apply, he needed authorization from FBI Headquarters. While showing a photo of the warrant application, Agent Samit explained that FBI Headquarters denied his request for a search warrant and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks followed weeks later.

During the luncheon, Chapter President Dan Hedlund delivered opening remarks and commended last year's President Vildan Teske for her outstanding leadership. ■

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Class Action, Mass Tort, and MDL Practice Group Kicks Off the 2021–2022 Bar Year

By Rory Collins



On September 28, 2021, the Class Action, Mass Tort, and MDL Practice Group held a meeting and happy hour at Bauhaus Brew Labs in Minneapolis. About a dozen new and returning members of the group gathered to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and make plans for the upcoming bar year. One idea the group discussed was to organize a series of webinars based on the MDL seminar that was originally planned for March 2020. Another initiative is to form a working group to identify and promote best practices in class or mass actions or MDLs. The group also plans to host additional happy hours to reconnect socially. If you are interested in getting involved with the group, email Rory Collins (rory.collins@FaegreDrinker.com) or Stacey Slaughter (SSlaughter@RobinsKaplan.com). ■

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A Postcard from the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference

By Sybil Dunop

Dear Friends,

On October 28 and 29, I had the honor of attending the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference (which, confusingly, was held in the Tenth Circuit in Colorado). I write to share some highlights and news from the event.

Working in private practice, I rarely get asked to stand for the national anthem these days. But the conference kicked off with the Honorable Michael E. Romero, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado, leading us (beautifully) in the national anthem. It was an appropriate benediction to kick off an event that had been canceled the previous year—a reminder that we were there to work for our nation and its system of justice.

Among the most useful announcements, Senior Judge Joan N. Ericksen previewed the Eighth Circuit’s “Jury Instruction Builder,” which is set to be released for public use in short order. Judge Ericksen invoked the all-too-familiar problem with the current system—lawyers find themselves hand-editing individual instructions after spending weeks in trial (and getting too little sleep). Typos and confusion result. The new system will be an improvement insofar as it will enable all parties (and the Court) to edit the same document as well as compile the instructions from the Manual of Model Jury Instructions with the click of a button.

After this practical announcement, a welcome, and a moving remembrance of the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp of the District of Nebraska, we turned to the substance of the gathering. The Conference’s theme was “law in a time of crisis,” and the organizers did not shy from confronting every type of crisis.



Judge Stras spoke movingly about what his grandparents’ experiences in the Holocaust taught him about the First Amendment. And later that morning, a panel of experts discussed qualified immunity, substantively addressing whether the law needs to evolve to adequately protect citizens from police brutality. The panel offered a diversity of voices on the subject, including Fred Smith (a constitutional law scholar from Emory University School of Law and former law clerk to Justice Sotomayor) and Christopher Walker (a law professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and former law clerk to Justice Kennedy). While the panelists disagreed as to both the scope of the problem and the appropriate solution, the debate was inspiring. The speakers explained the reasons for their viewpoints and engaged honestly with the other speakers’ points. Everyone listened to each other. And panelists tried to find common ground.

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October Luncheon on Cameras in the Courtroom

By Rory Collins

On October 13, 2021, the Monthly Luncheon series featured a panel discussion about cameras in the courtroom. The panel included remarks by Judge Nancy Brasel, media lawyer Leita Walker, criminal defense attorney Thomas Plunkett, KARE 11 reporter Lou Raguse, and Star Tribune reporter Rochelle Olson. Barry Landy, Co-Vice President for Monthly Meetings, served as the moderator.

Judge Brasel opened the discussion by describing the “complex and complicated” history of cameras in the courtroom in federal court. This history includes several pilot projects sponsored by the Judicial Conference of the United States, including one that is currently ongoing and that the District of Minnesota is participating in. Judge Brasel noted that, unlike during past pilot projects, the debate over cameras today is influenced by the experience

of using Zoom to conduct court proceedings during the pandemic.

The role the pandemic has played in expanding (at least temporarily) the use of cameras in courtrooms was a recurring theme among the panelists. Ms. Walker noted that the pandemic resulted in the Derek Chauvin trial being televised, which she argued enhanced the transparency and the public’s understanding of the proceedings.

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The next panel, discussing civil matters in the time of COVID, also featured opposing voices—this time two opposing counsels (Todd Noteboom of Stinson and Todd McGuire of Stueve Siegel Hanson) who came together to offer insights from their litigation against each other.

At lunch, we heard the Brigadier General Linell A. Le-tendre, Dean of the Faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy, speak about the importance of professions—both the profession of the law and her profession, the military. She challenged us to think about the expectation that professions will self-regulate and what that means. And she challenged us to think about how we can be more involved in the decisions of the military. She noted that, for many Americans, their interactions with service members are limited to thanking them for their service when we see them in the airport. She asked us to do more, to learn more, and to know more. She also told us about her work as a teacher; she acknowledged that she didn't know what challenges new technologies would present her students, but she believed that a broad liberal arts education would give them the skills to think wisely about their options and obligations. She received a standing ovation.

That afternoon, yours truly spoke on a panel alongside Lola Velazquez-Aguilu and Jenny Gassman-Pines on behalf of the Infinity Project. We addressed the question of “how a representative judiciary ensures judicial legitimacy.” The answer to this question turns out to be more complicated than the headline implies. At least some research suggests that a representative judiciary increases support from African Americans but that white Americans' support for the judiciary may decline when African Americans are well represented on the bench. While I find this troubling, there is reason to suggest that we need to continue our push for diversity regardless. Indeed, a fulsome body of research suggests that diverse teams generate better outcomes—they focus more on the facts, they process those facts more carefully, and they are more innovative. Eighth Circuit Judges Lavenski Smith and Jane Kelly introduced our panel and spoke movingly about the importance of having diverse voices among their law clerks (and how those diverse voices contribute to the Judges' work).

Friday began with federal practice committee breakfast meetings and the presentation of the Richard S. Arnold



Awards for Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement. Our Chapter's own Dan Gustafson received this award, presented by Jeff Justman. After breakfast, participants received a U.S. Supreme Court Update (on a term that promises to be interesting, to say the least) and then a presentation on Law, Justice, and Holocaust (with the sobering reminder that many German judges not only upheld the law but interpreted it in far-reaching ways that helped the Nazis carry out their political agenda, resulting in the deaths of millions). At the conference luncheon, Eighth Circuit Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith presented the American Inns of Court Circuit Professionalism Award for 2020 (presentation delayed, since last year's conference was not held in person) to the Honorable David S. Doty. The day wrapped with presentations on legal practice in the COVID era and the First Amendment in Times of Crisis.

While it felt odd to me to be in packed rooms eating with (what felt like) the entire Eighth Circuit, I'm so glad that I attended the event. At a time when public discourse in America is flailing, it was encouraging to hear debates that brought people together instead of pushing them apart. And it was also a reminder of the importance of the work we do: the issues facing America—systemic racism, COVID, voting rights, and how courts monitor (or don't) political agendas—are the issues facing our courts. I returned to my job with renewed energy to engage in my work with honor and enthusiasm. ■

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clemency powers during the Biden administration, the systemic problems with the structure of clemency, and how those structural problems have created a historic backlog in applications.

Next, attendees moved into virtual breakout rooms for the morning breakout sessions. The first breakout session was presented by the Honorable Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State; Representative Emma Greenman, Minnesota House of Representatives; Matthew Weil, Elections Project Director at Bipartisan Policy Center; and Melissa Muro LaMere, Maslon LLP. They discussed changes and challenges to voting rights following the 2020 election.

Concurrently, a second breakout session featured a discussion on 30(b)(6) depositions. Attendees heard from three magistrate judges (Judges Bowbeer, Schultz, and Thorson) as well as two practitioners (Niloy Ray of Littler Mendelson and Simeon Morbey of Lockridge Grindal Nauen). The panel spoke to “Best Practices for Rule 30(b)(6) Depositions,” including considering implications of the December 2020 amendments on both the party noticing the deposition and the organization being deposed.

During lunch, St. Cloud State University Professor Christopher Lehman gave the keynote address titled “How Free Is Free” on Minnesota’s economic ties to slavery. He described how Minnesotans allowed investment from slave-owners into Minnesota businesses, despite the fact that Minnesota was a legally free state. Professor Lehman described how Minnesotans welcomed investment from slave-owners and broke Minnesota’s own laws in order to receive investments from such illegal practices.

In one afternoon breakout session, University of Minnesota Law School Professor Francis Shen conversed with Judge Jed Rakoff of the Southern District of New York about “Neuroscience and the Law.” They enlightened attendees about the rise of “neurolaw” in courtrooms over the past two decades, with uses spanning both criminal and civil cases—be it the appropriate sentence for a juvenile offender or the veracity of a plaintiff’s claimed personal injuries. They emphasized that neuroscience is not just a tool for the plaintiffs’ bar or criminal defense lawyers, but rather an emerging science that will likely impact lawyers across practice areas. Both speakers emphasized the “persistent problem of individualization,” referring to how group data bears on the individual person in the case at hand, and expressed hope that neuroscience will lead to more just outcomes and well-reasoned judicial decisions.

In the other afternoon breakout session Natalie Jablonski, Producer at APM Reports; Parker Yesko, Reporter at APM Reports; and A.L. Brown, Capitol City Law Group, LLC discussed the intersection between investigative journalism and law. This was presented through the lens of “In the Dark,” the podcast about the Jacob Wetterling case. The session provided key insights on the way lawyers can use tools from investigative journalists to root out truth and do justice for their communities and the profession. Notably, investigative journalists explained that they wanted lawyers to know that lawyers are the ones who must hold other lawyers accountable for bad acts because the community and journalists often do not see these bad acts, so it falls to lawyers to regulate behavior in the profession in the interest of justice for their community at large.

Aida Shyef Al-Kadi started the next session off by discussing her harrowing and heartbreaking journey in jail for a three-year-old parking ticket, during which her hijab and abaya were forcibly removed. Following her lead, Tiffany Sanders, Pro Se Project; Brittany Resch, Gustafson Gluek PLLC; Caitlinrose Fisher, Forsgren Fisher; and Virginia McCalmont, Forsgren Fisher, joined her in discussing the work that the Pro Se Project does and the ways that lawyers can help people, like Ms. Al-Kadi, vindicate their rights.

Closing out the day, Elizabeth Bentley, Jones Day; Raymond Tolentino, Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP; and Usha Vance, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, presented the long-awaited “U.S. Supreme Court Update.” They discussed major Supreme Court decisions from the previous year and gave an analysis of topics expected to be heard in 2022.

The 47th annual Federal Practice Seminar is currently planned for May or June 2022, returning to the usual spring timeline from years past. While we will hold out hope that we can gather in person again, we now know that a virtual event can be a success, too. ■

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Mr. Raguse, who covered the Chauvin trial for KARE 11, noted that he received feedback from viewers that this was the first time they had watched a trial. Ms. Olson added that cameras in the courtroom can also improve the quality of print media coverage because the reporters can consult the re-

cording to confirm or supplement the notes they take in real time.

Mr. Plunkett sounded a word of caution about cameras in the courtroom, especially in criminal cases. He noted that cameras can create an unfair proceeding by affecting how witnesses testify—and whether they are willing to testify at all. As an example, he not-

ed that some of the defense experts in the Chauvin trial were subjected to harassment and threats after their testimony. Ms. Walker acknowledged the need to protect criminal defendants' Sixth Amendment rights, but she suggested that these concerns should be handled on a case-by-case basis. ■

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in this new chapter of my life, and I longed to move back to Minnesota to be near my extended family, so I took a chance and applied for the position. When I flew north for my interview, I was immediately struck by the collegial atmosphere in her chambers and was elated and grateful to be offered the position shortly thereafter. She maintained an open-door policy and we had many conversations about the unique challenges that working mothers in the legal community face. Her insight and advice were invaluable.

Although I was sad for my term to come to an end, it led directly to my newest position in the Chapter 13 Trustee's office. I brought many of the lessons I learned in chambers to my new role. Judge Sanberg's love of the law is topped only by her love of family, and my position with her gave me the opportunity to move "home" and care for my children as a solo parent while continuing my legal career. That is a debt that cannot be repaid. I look forward to seeing what retirement has in store for her and her family, and to many more annual law clerk dinners in the years to come.

Matt Mason (2018–present)

What an honor and a privilege it has been to clerk for Judge Sanberg over the past three and a half years. Admittedly, I did not intend to stay on this long, but when Judge Sanberg asked me to see things through until her retirement I knew it would be foolish to decline. I feel as though I am constantly learning from Judge Sanberg and will always be grateful to have her as a mentor. Judge Sanberg has given me an example of integrity, fairness, and justice that I intend to carry with me throughout my career.

As many of us know, what we think we want to do with our careers in law school and what we end up wanting to pursue are often entirely unrelated. True to form, my clerkship with Judge Sanberg ended up being a pivotal moment in my professional career, representing a shift toward public service and redefining my priorities.

Despite being whip smart about all things bankruptcy, you never feel inferior working with Judge Sanberg. She encourages the expression and explanation of opinions that challenge her own, which felt terrifying at first but led to a collaborative and engaging work environment. Separate and apart from all the legal knowledge and skills I learned during my time with Judge Sanberg, I also gained a friend. Judge Sanberg takes a genuine interest in the lives of her law clerks, always asking thoughtful questions or sharing a story. I heard that working as a law clerk can be a lonely existence at times, but I never felt that way with Judge Sanberg. She knows there is more to life than just the courtroom and encourages her clerks to go out and experience it, although I suspect none of us will ever be as well traveled as she is.

Whether it was guiding the bankruptcy court through an unprecedented government shutdown during her tenure as Chief Judge; adapting to a telephonic and virtual environment while displaying an extraordinary amount of compassion for staff, debtors, and attorneys alike during COVID-19; drafting a significant opinion; or deciding a routine motion, Judge Sanberg was always thoroughly prepared to handle any situation with tremendous poise and skill. I wish Judge Sanberg all the best in retirement after a remarkable career. ■

Application/Recommendation Form for Officer and Committee Leadership Positions

The Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association seeks outstanding, service-minded individuals who reflect the breadth and diversity of the Chapter's membership to fill Executive Committee (officer and committee co-chair) positions for the 2022–23 year (Sept. 1, 2022–Aug. 31, 2023). The current leadership roster is available online at <https://www.fedbar.org/minnesota-chapter/minnesota-chapter/officers/>. Details on initiatives for which each leader is responsible are at <http://www.fedbar.org/Chapters/Minnesota-Chapter/Chapter-Initiatives.aspx>.

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Name of applicant or recommended candidate: _____

Applicant/candidate's contact information (organization, email, phone number, and mailing address): _____

Requested/recommended Committee Chair/Officer position(s) (in order of preference): _____

Name and contact information of person submitting a recommendation: _____

For those submitting a recommendation, have you discussed your recommendation with the candidate and has the candidate indicated an interest and willingness to serve in the recommended position(s)? ____ Yes ____ No

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____ Yes ____ No, but I will join the Federal Bar Association by April 1, 2022. ■

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Upcoming Events:

**Monday,
December 13, 2021**
*Becoming a Federal
Magistrate Judge
Discussion*
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday,
December 15, 2021**
*Birth, Sex, and Abuse:
Women and Children
Under Nazi Rule*

**Wednesday,
January 12, 2022**
*Monthly Virtual
Luncheon*
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday,
February 9, 2022**
*Monthly Virtual
Luncheon*
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday,
March 9, 2022**
*Monthly Virtual
Luncheon*
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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