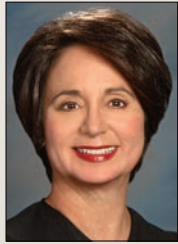


## A Word from the Chair



*Janis L. Sammartino*  
District Judge

I am delighted to report that the 2016 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest has garnered great support from judges, attorneys and court staff around the circuit. Twelve judicial districts in the circuit held local contests to select finalists for the circuit competition. A number of these courts organized

promotional events and activities, which were well received by students and teachers in their communities. You can read about some of these events elsewhere in this newsletter. We're now in the home stretch with winners of the circuit contest to be announced in June and recognized in July at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Montana. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Judicial learning centers continue to proliferate in federal courthouses across the country. In the Ninth Circuit, we have The Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center at the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse in Sacramento, which the committee visited in April. The center features topical exhibits, student art displays and an extensive collection of photos and other memorabilia of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, a Sacramento native. The center also represents a unique collaboration among a private foundation, the Eastern District of California, and the Ninth Circuit, which provides space and staffing.

Other courts in the circuit also are working on improving their onsite educational opportunities, including the Southern District of California, my home court. Here in San Diego, we're making good progress on a complex project for the John

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## Bench, Bar Promote Ninth Circuit Civics Contest

"You have the right to remain silent." Thanks to countless television crime shows, young people will recognize the opening words of the Miranda Warning. Helping them understand the legal reasoning and constitutional principles behind the admonishment is the focus of the 2016 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an essay and video competition open to high school students in the western states.

Most federal courts in the Ninth Circuit are participating in the contest, which features the theme "50 Years After the Miranda Decision: How Federal Courts Defined the Rights of the Accused." The deadline for entries passed in April and circuit winners will be announced in June.

The winning essay will be read and winning video will be shown at the opening session of the 2016 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference at the Big Sky Resort near Bozeman, Montana.

Efforts to promote the contest to students and educators have been varied and wide-ranging. Several districts are holding local contests to recognize participating students and their schools. Local winners go on to become finalists in the circuit contest. Ninth Circuit lawyer representatives and Federal Bar Association members are assisting these efforts.

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*Carroll Cooley, who questioned Ernesto Miranda in 1963 while a detective with the Phoenix Police Department, with Magistrate Judge Bridget S. Bade, a civics contest organizer in Arizona.*



## Silicon Valley Moot Court Event



*Ninth Circuit Judges John B. Owens and Michelle T. Friedland and District Judge Edward J. Davila of the Northern District of California served as judges for a recent moot court event in Silicon Valley. Hosted by Hewlett Packard Enterprise in Palo Alto, California, the March 28 program tested the skills of six students involved in the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League. They engaged in oral argument over First and Fourth Amendment issues in a fictitious case involving cellphone privacy and school safety. □*

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The 2016 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest holds particular significance for the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, where the Miranda case originated more than 50 years ago. The contest and case were both highlighted at a special program held March 17, 2016, at the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse in Phoenix.

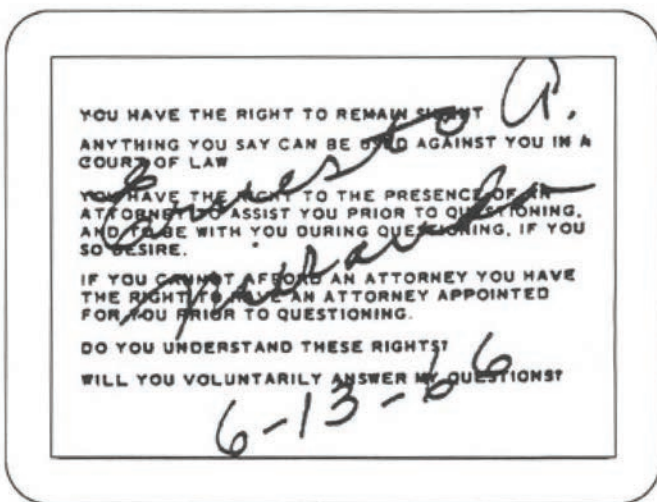
Sponsored by the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the luncheon program included “state of the district” remarks by Chief District Judge Raner C. Collins and a special presentation about the Miranda case by Judge Barry Silverman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Carroll Cooley, the Phoenix Police Department officer, now retired, who arrested Ernesto Miranda on suspicion of kidnapping and raping a young woman back in 1963.

The program drew about 175 people, record attendance for an FBA event in the district. In addition to federal judges, attorneys and court staff, 67 students from local high schools along with a number of their teachers attended.

The program was video recorded and also shown live to judges and staff at the federal courthouse in Tucson using video conferencing technology.

“I think it was a great success,” said Magistrate Judge Bridget S. Bade of Phoenix, a member of the

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*Ernesto Miranda used to autograph Miranda cards given to police officers.*

## CIVICS CONTEST *continued from page 2*



Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee who helped organize the program, which was entitled “Miranda at 50: The Inside Story of the Landmark Case.”

“The students seem really engaged and interested in the topic. Judge Silverman and Captain Cooley were great. People kept coming up to their table with questions and asking whether they could get a picture with them,” added Judge Bade.

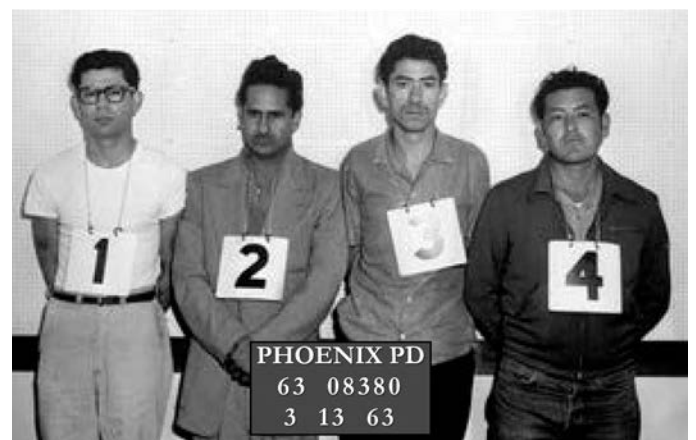
Over the last 40 years, Judge Silverman has become a leading expert on the Miranda case. He befriended Ernesto Miranda in 1968 and wrote a story about him and the case, which was sold to a Hollywood production company that tried unsuccessfully to turn it into a TV movie. Judge Silverman also wrote a feature article noting the 40th anniversary of the decision, which was published in Phoenix Magazine in 2006.

Captain Cooley, who joined the Phoenix Police Department in 1958, was promoted to detective in 1962 and assigned the Miranda investigation in 1963. He was the detective who interviewed Miranda and testified at his trials. Since retiring, Captain Cooley has been a frequent presence at programs focusing on Miranda v. Arizona, the U.S. Supreme Court decision, which affirmed the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

*More than 60 students from schools in the Phoenix area attended the District of Arizona’s special program on the Miranda case, which featured remarks by, from left, Ninth Circuit Judge Barry G. Silverman, Magistrate Judge Bridget S. Bade and Captain Carroll Cooley.*

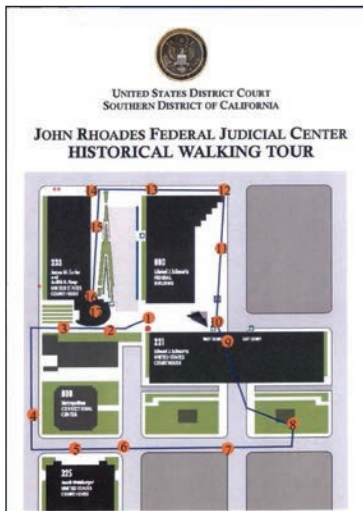
Government lawyers and private practitioners are important supporters of the contest. Christine Ro, an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California who works in Imperial, California, drove to the California-Arizona border to talk to students at San Pasqual High School. The campus

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*Ernesto Miranda, far left, in the police lineup in Phoenix in 1963.*

S. Rhoades Federal Judicial Center, which is actually a campus of three courthouses and an office building. We are planning to have permanent and rotating displays, interactive exhibits, a historical walking tour



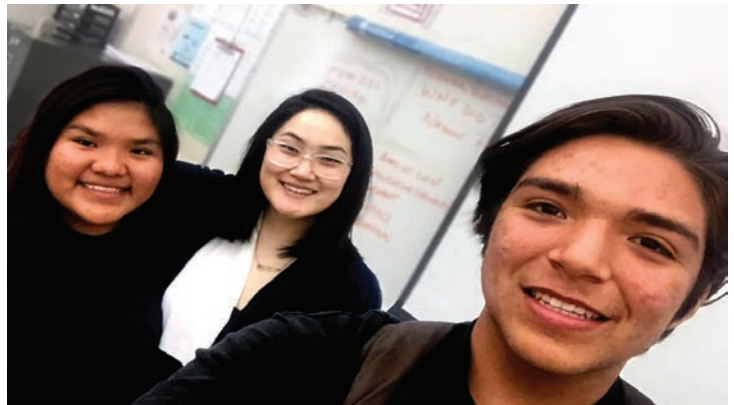
*The Historical Walking Tour map is part of the Southern District of California Learning Center project.*

and a website. We also plan to work with community partners on various other programs and projects. One of the first projects will be a celebration in September of the 50th anniversary of the Southern District, which was created by Congress in 1966.

As is the goal of all community outreach, the learning center is intended to promote public trust and confidence in our legal system. I think all of us in the Southern District are very excited about this opportunity to educate children and adults alike about our court. I will let you know how we're doing from time to time.

On another topic, Senior Circuit Judge Raymond Fisher, who serves on our committee, is taking a lead role in seeing how federal judges might interact with and support the University of California's new Presidential Public Service Fellowship Program. The program is aimed at encouraging more undergraduate students to apply for public service internships in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento. Judge Fisher is working with UC President Janet Napolitano's staff to identify how federal judges might participate. Some of their ideas include internships with judges, judges as speakers to fellows, and judges as speakers or scholars in residence at UC campuses. We'll learn more about this from Judge Fisher at a future committee meeting, but I would say it looks promising.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing many of you at the circuit conference! □



*At San Pasqual High School on the California-Arizona border, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Ro, center, takes a "selfie" with students Maleana Begay and Abraham Velarde.*

is located near the Quechan Indian Reservation and about 60 percent of the student population is Native American. She spoke to three 11th grade American history classes.

"The classrooms were small, so the students were engaged and asked a lot of questions," said Ms. Ro, who took several "selfies" with students during her visit.

San Pasqual was the only school in Imperial County in which the contest became a class assignment. Teacher Erik Randall said his students had some prior knowledge of Miranda Rights from watching television.

"I think teenagers' interest in historical and civics topics is always piqued when they feel the information is applicable to their own lives," Mr. Randall added. □



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