

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Eastern District of Michigan

On June 7, the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter held its 28th Annual Dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club at which attendees honored the judicial officers of the Eastern District of Michigan and celebrated the chapter's 50th year of service to the bench and bar.

More than 240 guests enjoyed the celebration, which began with an outdoor cocktail reception at the Stadium Pavilion with its panoramic view of Comerica Park and continued indoors in the club's elegant main dining room. Attendees included four judges from the Oakland County Circuit Court: Hon. Mark Goldsmith, the chapter's president-elect; Hon. Edward Sosnick; Hon. Wendy Potts; and Hon. Fred Mester. Also attending were Janet K. Welch, the executive director of the State Bar of Michigan; federal circuit, district, and magistrate judges; private practitioners; U.S. attorneys; federal defenders; judicial law clerks; and chapter members and their guests.

Chief Judge Bernard A. Friedman of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan administered the oath to the new officers of the chapter: Hon. Mark A. Goldsmith, president; Barbara L. McQuade, president-elect;

Elisa M. Angeli, vice president; Barbara J. Rom, secretary; Laurie J. Michelson, treasurer; and Michael J. Riordan, program chair. As his first official act as chapter president, Judge Goldsmith acknowledged the dedication and lead-

ership of outgoing president, Grant P. Gilezan, and introduced Charles R. Rutherford and Brian D. Figot, who provided historical remembrances from the

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Virgin Islands Chapter: James T. Bland Jr., a past national president, held a reception at his home on May 8 for a panel of three visiting U.S. circuit judges from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Bland hosted the reception to "rejuvenate" the FBA Virgin Islands Chapter—(l to r) Hon. Walter K. Stapleton, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Hon. Dolores K. Sloviter, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; James T. Bland Jr.; Hon. Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Hon. Maria Cabret, Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands; Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and member of the FBA Board of Directors; and Gregory Francis, lieutenant governor of the Virgin Islands.



Eastern District of Michigan Chapter: At the 28th Annual Dinner in celebration of the chapter's 50th anniversary—(left photo, l to r) Richard T. Tarnas, Christine M. Dowhan-Bailey, Hon. Fred M. Mester, Brian D. Figot, Grant P. Gilezan, Dennis J. Clark, Wallace D. Riley, Hon. Ralph B. Guy Jr., John P. Mayer, Alan C. Harnisch, Thomas M. Cranmer, Joseph F. Dillon, Charlie R. Rutherford, Russell M. Paquette, Daniel P. Malone, John R. Runyan Jr., Hon. Virginia M. Morgan, Lawrence G. Campbell, Michael C. Leibson, Richard A. Rossman, and Edward M. Kronk.

Utah Chapter: Kirk Noble Bloodworth, the first death-row inmate exonerated by DNA evidence, shares his experiences with the legal system at the chapter's first full-day CLE program designed for federal practitioners practicing criminal law.



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As one can see, there are both advantages and disadvantages in seeking relief from the ITC via a § 337 investigation rather than from a federal district court. The process is very useful to those seeking a speedy, effective means to stop imported infringing articles from being sold in the United States. With technology—and consequently patent law—growing ever more complicated, a patent holder in particular can benefit greatly from having an ALJ experienced in such matters preside over its claim. The ITC therefore provides a wonderful opportunity for the owners of valuable U.S. intellectual property rights to protect those rights in the increasingly global economy in which we live today. **TFL**

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Endnotes

¹*Texas Instruments Inc. v. Int'l Trade Comm'n*, 988 F.2d 1165, 1168 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

²*Sealed Air Corp. v. ITC*, 645 F.2d 976, 985–986 (C.C.P.A. 1981).

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chapter's earlier days. The following past presidents were introduced and assembled for a group photograph (and some spontaneous singing): Richard T. Tarnas; Christine M. Dowhan-Bailey; Hon. Fred M. Mester, Oakland County Circuit Court; Brian D. Figot; Grant P. Gilezan; Dennis J. Clark; Wallace D. Riley; Hon. Ralph B. Guy Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; John P. Mayer; Alan C. Harnisch; Thomas M. Cranmer; Joseph F. Dillon; Charlie R. Rutherford; Russell M. Paquette; Daniel P. Malone; John R. Runyan Jr.; Magistrate Judge Virginia M. Morgan, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; Lawrence G. Campbell; Michael C. Leibson; Richard A. Rossman; and Edward M. Kronk.

The evening concluded with a performance by the musical parody troupe, A (Habeas) Chorus Line.

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Minnesota

The 33rd Annual Federal Court Practice Seminar was held on June 6 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. Various judges, government attorneys, in-house counsel, and private practitioners presented a wide range of presentations on the state of the district court, new developments at the Supreme

Court, government investigations of corporations and individuals, recent developments in federal civil procedure, settlement from the perspective of judicial and in-house counsel, the amendments related to e-discovery, patent litigation, recent developments in employment law, the law of e-discovery, and increased diversity in the legal profession. In addition, former Vice President Walter Mondale delivered the Mason Memorial Luncheon speech on the law and public trust and a reception was given to honor Senior U.S. Circuit Judge Gerald W. Heaney and the late Senior U.S. Circuit Judge Donald P. Lay of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Nearly 200 attorneys attended the event and had a unique opportunity to question several of the judges during the panel presentations.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Utah

The Utah Chapter hosted its first full-day CLE program specifically designed for federal practitioners specializing in criminal law. More than 80 local practitioners attended the event—an exceptional turnout given Utah's small criminal federal bar. Featured speakers included U.S. District Judges Dale A. Kimball and Paul G. Cassell and U.S.

Magistrate Judges Paul M. Warner and Brooke C. Wells of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. The event was highlighted by special luncheon speaker Kirk Noble Bloodsworth, the first death-row inmate exonerated as a result of new DNA evidence. Bloodsworth shared the fascinating and harrowing tale of his experiences with the criminal justice system as he fought for his exoneration. Other speakers included Scott Wilson, appellate chief, Federal Public Defender's Office; Diana Hagen, appellate chief, U.S. Attorney's Office; Richard G. MacDougall, Federal Public Defender's Office; Stewart C. Walz, senior litigation counsel, U.S. Attorney's Office; and Joy Walters, U.S. Bureau of Prisons. **TFL**

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