

## Honors and Awards

On Sept. 19, Chief Judge Edith H. Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit appointed **Craig A. Gargotta**, editor in chief of *The Federal Lawyer*, as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Texas, effective Oct. 1. ... **Elizabeth Kelley's** review of *The Devil's Advocates: Greatest Closing Arguments in Criminal Law* by Michael S. Lief and H. Mitchell Caldwell, published in the September 2006 issue of *The Federal Lawyer*, is quoted on the back cover of the recently published paperback edition of the book. ... Duke University School of Law Dean and former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California **David F. Levi** was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at a ceremony in Cambridge, Mass., on Oct. 6. Founded in 1780, the academy honors excellence each year by electing to membership the finest minds and most influential leaders of the day. The program to officially welcome the academy's 227th class of Fellows celebrates superior scholarship, artistic triumphs, and exemplary service to society. ... **U.S. Chief Bankruptcy Judge Emeritus Alexander L. Paskay** recently received three separate awards in three days' time. On Oct. 11, Judge Paskay received the Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in the Field of Bankruptcy. This annual, national award is presented by the Bankruptcy Section of the Commercial Law League of America to recognize the judge, teacher, or legislator who exemplifies excellence in scholarship, advocacy, judicial administration, or legislative activities. On Oct. 12, he was presented with the Judge William L. Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award. The annual, national award was established in 2006 by Thomson/West and the American Bankruptcy Institute to recognize bankruptcy judges who have distinguished themselves as educators, writers, and scholars. Then, on Oct. 13, Stetson University College of Law inducted Judge Paskay into the school's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2004 to honor outstanding individuals associated with the college and to promote the achieve-



(l to r) Chief Bankruptcy Judge Ronald King of Western District of Texas and newly appointed Bankruptcy Judge Craig Gargotta of the Western District of Texas with his wife, Susan.

ments of those individuals.

## Practitioners' News

**Nicole Reuling** of Washington, D.C., has been appointed partner of Mayer Brown LLP, a leading international law firm. Reuling represents clients in administrative proceedings and litigation in complex tax matters, and focuses on complex tax matters with the potential to be litigated. She also represents third parties in responding to subpoenas issued by the Tax Division. ... **Bankruptcy Judge Erithe A. Smith** of Santa Ana, Calif., has been reappointed to a second 14-year term on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. The reappointment is effective May 2, 2008. Judge Smith, was first appointed to the court in 1994 and served previously in the Los Angeles division. She also recently completed three years of service on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, which hears appeals of bankruptcy decisions from courts in nine western states. ... **Timothy A. Scott**, a white-collar defense lawyer and former federal public defender, has joined Hull McGuire PC as of counsel in their San Diego office. Scott has served as lead counsel in several high-profile federal criminal cases, including the largest fraud case in San Diego history, and eleven-defendant case under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and a nineteen-defendant, multi-district

conspiracy case. He is also experienced in advising and defending clients in cases charged under criminal statutes spawned by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and in defending civil fraud cases brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Obituaries

Katherine Lynne Mester, daughter of longtime FBA member, Earl W. Kintner award recipient, and former Eastern District of Michigan Chapter president **Hon. Fred M. Mester**, died following a car accident on Nov. 29, 2007, in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Katherine is survived by her husband, Professor Joseph Luzzi of Bard College, her parents, and siblings. Her daughter, Isabel Katherine, was born following the accident. **TFL**

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