

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Chattanooga

The Chattanooga Chapter held its annual meeting on Jan. 28 at the Chattanooga Hotel, at which Hon. William M. Barker, retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, spoke about professionalism and giving back to the community. Eastern District of Tennessee judges at the meeting included Hon. Curtis L. Collier, chief U.S. district judge; Hon. Harry S. Mattice Jr., U.S. district judge; Hon. John C. Cook, chief U.S. bankruptcy judge; Hon. William B. Mitchell Carter, U.S. magistrate judge; and Hon. Susan K. Lee, U.S. magistrate judge.

At the meeting, Rita LaLumia, Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, outgoing chapter president, presented its 2008 WOW! Awards to three attorneys—David Higney of Grant, Konvalinka & Harrison; Donna Mikel of Burnette, Dobson & Pinchak; and Maury Nicely of Miller & Martin PLLC—in recognition of their assistance in fulfilling the FBA’s mission “to strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary, and the

public they serve.” Shelley Rucker of Miller & Martin PLLC, past president of the chapter, presented Barry Cammon of Advanced Video Solutions with the 2008 Best Supporting Actor Award for the generous contribution of his time, talent, and wisdom to the chapter in producing the documentary, “Balancing the Scales: The Chattanooga Trial of *U.S. v. James R. Hoffa*.” Incoming chapter president, Leslie Cory of Ortwein & Cory LLC presented the 2008 Above and Beyond Awards to Angela Gibson and Sharon Lehmkuhl for their outstanding assistance to the chapter in presenting its programs.

On Nov. 20, 2008, the chapter held its first Member Appreciation Reception at Table 2 Grille in Chattanooga. All members of the chapter were invited as guests to share in the chapter’s 2008 WOW Award and the Presidential Citation Award, which were on display. The chapter received the awards at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention in September 2008 for its work on the documentary, “Balancing the Scales: The Chattanooga Trial of *U.S. v. James R. Hoffa*, and for the program based on the documentary, which was presented at the May 2008 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference in Chattanooga. Several members of the judiciary attended the reception.

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Inland Empire

In May 2008, the Inland Empire Chapter presented the Erwin Chemerinsky Defender of the Constitution Award to Jim Parkinson to honor his many professional and pro bono accomplishments. During the presentation of the award, Judge Stephen Larson of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California described Parkinson as a Renaissance man, because he is very well read and has a broad variety of interests. He has spent nearly his entire career practicing law in the Inland Empire. During this time, he has worked with some legendary members of its legal community, including Thomas T. Anderson and Hon. Douglas Miller, associate justice of the California Court of Appeals for the Fourth District, Division Two. Parkinson’s most notable cases include *Ellis v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, the California case against “Big Tobacco” companies, as well as *Poole v. Nippon Steel*, the case involving Japanese prisoners of war. Jim was of counsel to Casey Gerry and Robinson Calgagnie in the *Ellis* litigation and served as co-lead counsel in *Poole*.



Chattanooga Chapter: At the chapter’s annual meeting—(left photo, l to r) Rita LaLumia, immediate past chapter president; U.S. District Judge Harry Mattice; Harry Burnette; and John Medearis; (right photo, l to r) Maury Nicely, winner of one WOW award, and Rita LaLumia, immediate past chapter president.



Inland Empire Chapter—At the presentation of the Erwin Chemerinsky Defender of the Constitution Award (left photo, l to r) award recipient Jim Parkinson and Judge Stephen Larson of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; (right photo, l to r) Judge John Tobin of the Social Security Administration and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky.

Hawaii

In November, Ninth Circuit Judges Mary M. Schroeder, Richard A. Paez, and N. Randy Smith met with members of the Hawaii Chapter when they visited Honolulu to hear cases as a panel. At the meeting they participated in an informative question-and-answer session on appellate practice tips.

At the chapter's annual holiday party held in December, the Hawaii Chapter presented Exemplary Service Awards to the District of Hawaii's three magistrate judges, Barry M. Kurren, Leslie E. Kobayashi, and Kevin S.C. Chang.

In January, Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder returned to Honolulu and shared intriguing reminiscences of her years as chief judge of the Ninth Circuit (2000–2007) with chapter members. She also expressed her thoughts on current issues related to national judicial administration and policy. **TFL**



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Hawaii Chapter—At the November meeting with Ninth Circuit judges (top right photo, l to r) Hon. N. Randy Smith; Carol A. Eblen, past chapter president; Hon. Mary M. Schroeder; Hon. Richard A. Paez; and Howard G. McPherson, chapter president-elect; at the January meeting—(bottom right photo, l to r) Carol A. Eblen, past chapter president; L. Richard Fried, chapter member; Hon. J. Michael Seabright of the District of Hawaii; Hon. Mary M. Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit; Hon. Helen Gillmor, chief judge of the District of Hawaii; and Sue Beitia, clerk of court, District of Hawaii, and chapter secretary; at the chapter's annual holiday party—(bottom left photo, l to r) Hon. Leslie E. Kobayashi, Hon. Barry M. Kurren, and Hon. Kevin S.C. Chang.