

## | Chapter Exchange |

### SIXTH CIRCUIT

#### Chattanooga

Area high school students commemorated Constitution Day 2009 at an event sponsored by the Chattanooga Chapter, during which students participated in the U.S. district court's third annual celebration of the establishment of the Constitution of the United States. Chief U.S. District Judge Curtis L. Collier provided the students with a historical perspective on the Constitution, which included a skit written by the judge and performed by students. Magistrate Judge William Carter brought the Bill of Rights to life with stories of his own experiences as a criminal defense attorney and as a judge. Magistrate Judge Susan Lee entertained and educated participants with a game involving Constitutional law trivia. Finally, U.S. District Judge Harry S. Mattice answered students' questions, encouraged them to read the country's founding documents. The students received pocket copies of the Constitution and cookies for the bus ride back to school.

#### Northern District of Ohio

Former U.S. Representative Louis Stokes, who represented the Cleveland area, received the Northern District of Ohio's first Pillar of Justice Award at the chapter's State of the Court Luncheon held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown

Cleveland on Sept. 14. The award was given to Stokes, who "substantially contributed to the advancement of justice."

Carter Strang, chapter president-elect, introduced Stokes, noting his rise from the Outwaite Public Housing Projects to the highest echelons of power in Congress as well as his long and distinguished career as an attorney, which included the landmark case of *Terry v. Ohio*, argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968, which addressed the limits of warrantless searches.

At the luncheon, Stokes, a 1953 graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, spoke to more than 430 attorneys who were in attendance about his love for the practice of law and his use of it as a means to fight for justice for the poor of our society. In accepting the award, he said that he did so on behalf of the many other attorneys who have also sought justice for their clients.

Louis Stokes served in Congress for 30 years, beginning in 1969. He was the first African-American elected to the



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U.S. Congress from Ohio, a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, and chair of the House Select Committee on Assassinations as well as the Intelligence and Ethics Committees. He is currently senior counsel with Squire Sanders & Dempsey. **TFL**

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**Northern District of Ohio Chapter:** At the chapter's State of the Court luncheon—Former U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes (right) receives the inaugural Pillar of Justice Award from the president-elect of the Northern District of Ohio Chapter, Carter E. Strang, of Tucker Ellis & West LLP.



**South Carolina Chapter:** At the annual Ethics CLE held in Greenville on Sept. 17—(l to r) Magistrate Judge Bruce Hendricks and U.S. District Judge Henry Floyd, District of South Carolina; Christie Varnado, chapter president; and Matthew Richardson, a past chapter president.