

Practitioners' News

After more than 25 years of distinguished service, **Hon. Randolph Baxter**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, will rest his gavel. Having presided over some of the largest, most complex and high-profile bankruptcy cases in the states of Ohio, Delaware, Michigan, Florida, Tennessee, and New York and over 80,000 business and personal bankruptcy filings, authored nationally published opinions, and lectured on international and national panels regarding matters of insolvency and ethical values, Aug. 15, 2011, marks Judge Baxter's last day on the bench. A native of Columbia, Tenn., decorated Vietnam/Cambodia war veteran, and alumnus of Tuskegee University and the University of Akron School of Law, Judge Baxter is admitted to practice law in Ohio, and various federal courts including the U.S. Supreme Court. The judge has an impressive list of awards and citations, including the Tuskegee University Distinguished Service Award, (1986); the Judge Randolph Baxter Scholarship Endowment, University of Akron School of Law (1999); and the Endowed Professorship at the University of Akron School of Law (2008).

The law firm of Parr Brown Gee & Loveless is pleased to announce that **Jonathan Hafen** is the new chair of the Utah State Bar's Litigation Section. The Litigation Section is the largest section of the Utah State Bar, serving hundreds of lawyers throughout the state. In that role, Hafen plans to expand the

continuing legal education programs offered by the Litigation Section and to promote increased interaction between section members and judges. Serving lawyers and judges as a leader of the Litigation Section continues a theme evident throughout Hafen's career. In addition to his new role with the Litigation Section, Hafen will continue to serve as the national membership chair of the Federal Bar Association. ... **Thomas McNeill**, president-elect of the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to fill a vacancy in the Appellate Defender Commission, the governing body for the State Appellate Defender Office and Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System. He will serve a four-year term on the seven-member commission, a statutorily-created statewide body. McNeill is practice manager of the Commercial Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Department of Dickinson Wright. ... **Tom Nelson**, a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deirdar in Minneapolis, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Hennepin County Bar Association (HCBA). He begins a five-year term that starts with a one-year term as secretary for the 2011-2012 year and will culminate when Nelson assumes the role of president in 2014-2015. The HCBA, founded in 1919, is the largest local bar association in Minnesota (and one of the largest in the nation), representing 8,500 area attorneys and advancing the practice of the law through legal edu-

cation, professional development and mentoring, and community and pro bono service.

Obituaries

James Clifford Adams, 96, died on June 12. He lived in New York City and Beach Haven, N.J., before moving to Clifton, N.J. He was an attorney for the Office of General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Regional Council for the North East Region, Staten Island, N.Y., from 1946 to 1982 before retiring. Also, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a past president of the Webster's Lagoons Association of Beach Haven, the Beach Haven Exchange Club, and the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. ... **Hon. Daniel Friedman** of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit died at the age of 95. Judge Friedman was the last living original member of the court. He was known for his sharp intellect, friendly demeanor, and bow ties. Judge Friedman graduated from Columbia Law School in 1940 and continued to practice law over the next 71 years (with a brief break to serve in the U.S. Army in WWII). In his practice at the Justice Department, then solicitor Friedman argued 80 cases at the Supreme Court. For the last 29 years, he has been a judge on the Federal Circuit. Judge Friedman took senior status at the court in 1989 and his last patent opinion (of several hundred) was released in January 2011.

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The Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section sponsored a lawyer's lunch series on July 6, 2011, featuring an update with the National Highway Traffic Administration.

Younger Lawyers Division

The Younger Lawyers Division continued sponsoring their Summer

Law Clerk program, featuring various roundtables and site visits for law clerks, law students, interns, etc. The Department of Defense and the Department of Justice offered valuable roundtable discussions on various topics and site visits included the Library of Congress, the FAA, the EEOC, the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of Education, and many more. Thanks to all who supported and made this

program such a success for our future lawyers! **TFL**

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