



### SIXTH CIRCUIT

*Dayton Chapter Hosts Annual State of the Court Luncheon*

On Feb. 27 the Dayton Chapter hosted its second annual State of the Court Luncheon at the Schuster Center in downtown Dayton, Ohio. Newly installed Chief Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, updated the Dayton Chapter and local federal practitioners on court statistics and upcoming events throughout the Southern District of Ohio. ☉

### SEVENTH CIRCUIT

*P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford, Ill.) Chapter Holds First Kick-off Event*

On March 20 the P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford, Ill.) Chapter held its inaugural CLE event in partnership with the Winnebago County Bar Association. A tremendous success, participants were treated to discussions on a variety of topics, from mandatory supervision to attorney disbarment, all presented by distinguished speakers.

The day began with an overview of recent trends in attorney discipline, which was both entertaining and frightening. A panel including U.S. Trustee Patrick Layng and U.S. bankruptcy judges Mary Gorman, Thomas Lynch, and Cathleen Furay conducted an existential discussion of their own constitutionality after *Wellness International Network v. Sharif*.

A high point of the seminar was a discussion of court-aided settlement conferences and private mediation. The discussion was moderated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Iain Johnston and included input from Justice Jack O'Malley (ret.), formerly of the Illinois Appellate Court, and the chapter's eponym, Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney (ret.), both now working as private mediators.

The CLE portion of the meeting concluded with a presentation from the chief judge of the Northern District of Illinois, Rubén Castillo, entitled "Twelve Ways To Lose A Trial," after which Judge Castillo presided over a brief business meeting

of the Mahoney Chapter and swore in the new officers and directors. No sooner were the new officers and directors sworn than the meeting quickly adjourned in favor of a reception for the seminar participants.

Magistrate Judge Mike Mahoney, who is a member of the chapter, was the longest serving magistrate judge in the Seventh Circuit, having been on the bench for 38-plus years at the time he retired. When first appointed in 1976 at the age of 31, he was a part-time magistrate in the newly formed Western Division of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He became a full-time magistrate judge in 1992. As is reflected by the name of the new chapter, Judge Mahoney is everything anyone could want in a federal magistrate judge. ☉



**Hon. Mike Mahoney**



**Dayton Chapter:** At the Dayton Chapter luncheon, front row: Hon. Sharon Ovington, Hon. Michael Merz, and Dayton Chapter President Jeff Cox; back row: Hon. Timothy Black, Hon. Walter Rice, Hon. Edmund A. Sargus Jr., Hon. Thomas Rose, and FBA National Treasurer Hon. Michael Newman.

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