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► Mark K. Vincent, President



Mark K. Vincent is a 17-year active member of the Federal Bar Association and a fellow of the FBA Foundation. Vincent is also a 24-year veteran of the U.S. attorney's office, District of Utah.

Vincent is a leader in the FBA, serving as a board director (2006–10); vice president for the circuits (Tenth

Circuit) (2002–07); chapter president (2002–03); and chapter officer/board member (1995–present). He has also served as a National Council delegate for the past 13 years.

Vincent has broad FBA experience serving as a member of the following FBA committees: Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions (2010–present); Special Task Force on Meetings (2009–10); Policy Review (2008–10); Executive Budget (2009–10; 2006–07); Annual Meeting Committee (2008); Chair/Co-Chair, Annual Leadership Training Program for Chapter Presidents-Elect and Sections & Divisions (2001–06); National Membership (2002–06); Annual Leadership Training Program (midyear and annual meetings (2003–07); and Executive Budget (2004–05).

► Hon. Michael J. Newman, President-Elect



Hon. Michael J. Newman was appointed as a magistrate judge in the Southern District of Ohio in July 2011. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he worked as a partner and chair of the labor and employment appellate practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's Cincinnati, Ohio, office. He also created and ran his firm's pro bono program in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

His commitment to the FBA is long-standing and includes service for two terms as a vice president for the Sixth Circuit. He previously served as president of the Cincinnati–Northern Kentucky Chapter. He was recently appointed by President Robert DeSousa to chair the FBA Task Force on Elections.

For more than 10 years, he has served on the Editorial Board of *The Federal Lawyer*. In his current role as judicial profiles editor, he has responsibility for all of the judicial profiles that appear

in the magazine. Judge Newman is a prolific author; while in private practice, he co-wrote the monthly Labor & Employment Law column in *The Federal Lawyer* for several years. He also co-authored *The Bench-Bar Handbook* for the Southern District of Ohio, published by the Cincinnati–Northern Kentucky Chapter, which won the FBA's Shaw Award for public service.

For many years, Judge Newman served on the National Council. His other FBA activities include service on the Chapter Activity Fund Committee; co-chair of the Conference Leadership Training & Agenda Committee (charged with responsibility over the programming of both the midyear meeting and the Chapter Leadership Training program offered to all incoming chapter presidents from around the country); and co-chair of the Professional Ethics Committee.

Judge Newman's long-standing commitment to diversity within the bar includes service in Cincinnati as secretary of the Roundtable, a joint effort by the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Black Lawyer's Association. He now serves on the Federal Magistrate Judges Association Diversity Committee as well as the Diversity Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Judge Newman was honored by the FBA on three occasions: in 2007, he was given an Outstanding Service and Recognition Award for leadership within the Sixth Circuit and nationwide; in 2009, he was awarded, along with other circuit vice presidents, with an FBA Recognition Award for service as a vice president for the Sixth Circuit; and in 2010, he was humbled to be awarded the Elaine R. "Boots" Fisher national public service award "in recognition of exemplary community, public, and charitable service." He is a fellow of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. Judge Newman and his wife, Rachel, are the proud parents of triplet daughters, now in kindergarten.

► Kip T. Bollin, Treasurer



Kip T. Bollin is a litigation partner at Thompson Hine LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, focusing on the defense of product liability and business claims, including putative class actions. In the product liability area, he defends personal injury, mass torts, toxic torts, warranty and premises liability actions.

His business litigation practice includes the defense of class actions, commercial claims, intellectual property claims (litigation counsel, working with patent counsel), and other federal and state law causes of action. Bollin is a graduate of New York University (B.A., 1992) and Georgetown University (J.D., 1995). He began his legal career as a clerk to the Honorable Sam H.

Bell of the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, 1995–97.

Since 2003, Bollin has served on the board of the FBA's Northern District of Ohio (NDOH) Chapter. He served as both his chapter's Younger Lawyers Committee chair and CLE Committee chair. After serving in other chapter officer positions, Bollin was elected president of the NDOH Chapter for the 2010–11 term. He currently serves on the NDOH's Advisory Group and is chairing a subcommittee analyzing the U.S. Supreme Court's default rules governing class actions. Nationally, Bollin previously served on the FBA's Nominations and Elections Committee; he currently serves on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Membership Committee and is chair of the Task Force for Review of Membership Growth and Benefits.

DIRECTORS

Group 1: FBA member in good standing and a current or former FBA vice president of a circuit.

► W. West Allen



W. West Allen currently serves as chair of the FBA's Government Relations Committee. He served one term as a national director of the FBA from 2011–14. He was a circuit vice president for the Ninth Circuit from 2007–13, overseeing its 16 FBA chapters. During that time, Allen was elected twice by peers to serve as chair of the Circuit Vice Presidents. As CVP chair, he was an ex officio member of the Board of Directors, instituted the FBA's annual Capitol Hill Day, and taught annually at the FBA's leadership training.

Prior to serving as an FBA national officer, Allen was the Nevada Chapter president (2000–01) and served as co-chair of the 2006 FBA National Convention in Las Vegas, which initiated the FBA's new governance structure and installed Bill LaForge as its national president. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to work with many national FBA presidents. Allen was appointed to serve on the FBA's National Council from 2001–07. He has since been appointed to serve on various committees, including Government Relations; FBA 100th Anniversary; Nomination and Elections; Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions (to update the FBA's governance structure); Chapter Activity Fund; and multiple audit, finance, and special committees during his term as a board director.

For over a decade, Allen has been a partner at Lewis Roca Rothgerber, where he served a five-year term on the firm's governing executive committee. In Nevada, he founded the Nevada State Bar's Intellectual Property Section and served as that section's first chair in 2004. In 2005, Allen was appointed by the chief judge of the U.S. District Court District of Nevada to serve on the Civil Rules Standing Committee on the Local Rules. He was reappointed in 2009 and 2011. Recently, he drafted new local patent rules for the District of Nevada. In 2010, the chief judge asked him to serve on Nevada's merit selection and appointment panel for U.S. magistrate judge.

Within our local community, Allen served since 2008 on the board of directors for Opportunity Village, Nevada's premier charity assist-

ing those with intellectual disabilities. He is a volunteer Child Advocate Program attorney for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and serves on the advisory board for Humanitarian Experience for Youth (HEFY), an international youth service project organization.

► Richard S. Dellinger



Richard S. Dellinger is a member of the Government Relations Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. Dellinger also previously served on the National Awards Committee, and served as the chair for the 2013 National Leadership Training program. He is a life fellow with the Federal Bar Foundation and past president of the

Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Dellinger is partner in Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed PA, and his practice includes complex litigation, intellectual property, and business litigation. He also serves by judicial appointment as a Criminal Justice Act panel attorney in the Middle District of Florida. He is admitted to practice before the Florida Bar and North Carolina Bar, but his practice is focused in Florida. Dellinger earned his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

► Raymond J. Dowd



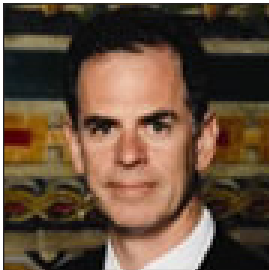
Ray Dowd is a partner in Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP in New York City, a firm founded in 1921. He has conducted numerous bench and jury trials and arbitrations, and has obtained, enforced, and collected numerous judgments. In addition, he has provided corporate and transactional representation for a number of entrepreneurial companies from the incorporation and startup phase through significant growth.

Dowd is admitted to practice in New York State, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the U.S. district courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern districts of New York. He serves as president of the Southern District of New York Chapter of the FBA.

A graduate of Manhattan College with a B.A. in International Studies (1986) and Fordham University School of Law (1991), he is fluent in French and Italian. Dowd writes a column for the *New York Law Journal*, and from 2001–05 he taught Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Management as an adjunct professor at the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies. He has served on the board of directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association (2003–06), co-chaired the NYCLA Entertainment Media Intellectual Property and Sports Law Section (2000–03), and currently serves on the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Committee on Committees. Dowd regularly speaks to trade associations on copyright, trademark, and litigation issues and participates in organizing continuing legal education programs.

Group 2: FBA member in good standing and a current or former chair of an FBA section or division.

► Simeon Baum



Simeon Baum, president of Resolve Mediation Services Inc., has successfully mediated more than 900 disputes. An attorney with more than 25 years' experience as a litigator, Baum has served as a mediator or alternative dispute resolution (ADR) neutral in a wide variety of matters involving claims concerning business disputes,

financial services, securities industry disputes, reinsurance and insurance coverage, property damage and personal injury, malpractice, employment, ERISA benefits, accounting, civil rights, partnership, family business, real property, construction, surety bond defaults, unfair competition, fraud, bank fraud, bankruptcy, intellectual property, and commercial claims.

Baum has served as the president of the FBA Southern District of New York Chapter and chair of the FBA's ADR Section. He is currently a member of the FBA National Council and is also a fellow of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.

Baum has shared his enthusiasm for ADR through teaching, training, extensive writing, and public speaking. He has taught ADR at NYU's School of Continuing and Professional Development, and

he teaches Negotiation as well as Processes of Dispute Resolution (focusing on negotiation, mediation, and arbitration) at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. He is a graduate of Colgate University and Fordham University School of Law.

► Hon. Elizabeth A. Kronk Warner



Hon. Elizabeth A. Kronk Warner is an associate professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she serves as the director of the Tribal law and Government Center and as an affiliated professor of Indigenous Studies. Prior to joining the University of Kansas, she taught property, environmental and natural resources law, and federal Indian law at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

In addition to teaching, she also formerly served as chief judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals in Michigan. Prior to joining the faculty at Texas Tech University, Warner taught at the University of Montana School of Law and practiced environmental, Indian, and energy law as an associate in the Washington, D.C., offices of Latham & Watkins LLP and Troutman Sanders LLP. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in communication. She received her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Warner is a member of the District of Columbia, Michigan, and Montana bar associations. She is also a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan.

Warner recently served as chair of the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section (FBA ILS). Before becoming chair of the FBA ILS, she also served as the section's deputy chair, secretary, newsletter editor in chief, and chair of the 2006 FBA Washington, D.C., Indian Law Conference.

Warner has also actively participated in the larger association. She has been an FBA member since 2003 and served as a member of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee. She also currently serves on the Editorial Board of *The Federal Lawyer*. Previously, she served as a member of the FBA Nominations and Elections Committee.

The FBA ILS recently honored Warner with its 2010 Outstanding Service award; she also was a 2010 recipient of the FBA Outstanding Section Chair award. Warner is a fellow of the Foundation of the FBA.

► Dawn E. Stern



Dawn E. Stern is an associate at DLA Piper LLC in Washington, D.C., where she practices government contracts law. Prior to joining DLA Piper, Stern was a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice Commercial Litigation Branch, National Courts Section, specializing in litigating cases before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and U.S.

Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Stern received a B.S. in psychology from the University of Florida, and then received her law degree from the George Washington University Law School. After law school, Stern clerked for Hon. James I. Cohn in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Group 3: FBA member in good standing and a current or former FBA chapter president.

► Christine Companion Varnado



Christine "Christie" Companion Varnado joined Seibels Law Firm PA in Charleston, South Carolina, as a partner in 2009. Since 1993, her civil litigation practice has involved a wide variety of matters and is currently focused on construction defect claims, employment discrimination and compensation, premises liability, and elec-

tion challenges. She also provides counsel to private employers, local governmental entities, and individuals with employment or contractual concerns. She is admitted to practice as member of the South Carolina Bar, as well as in the District Court of South Carolina, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Varnado served as law clerk to Hon. Wallace W. Dixon, U.S. magistrate judge, and as deputy county attorney for the County of Charleston. In 2009 and 2010, she was listed in *South Carolina Super Lawyers* in the field of construction litigation. Varnado received a B.A. in English from the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina in 1990, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993, where she was a member of the Order of the Wig & Robe and of the editorial staff of the *South Carolina Law Review*.

Varnado is currently a Fourth Circuit vice president of the Federal Bar Association (2010–12). She served on the national organization's Membership Committee in 2009. She was president of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in 2008–09 and a member of its board of directors from 2003–10. She has also served on several committees for the South Carolina Bar and as a Young Lawyers Division delegate to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association (2001).

She has been appointed by South Carolina's governor to serve on the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration since 2003. Varnado has presented several lectures on various topics, including legal ethics, local government, federal civil procedure, employment law, and the Freedom of Information Act, and her writing has been featured in *South Carolina Lawyer* magazine.

► Katherine González-Valentín



Katherine González-Valentín is a senior member at Ferraiuoli LLC and chair of the firm's labor and employment department. Before joining Ferraiuoli, she was a labor and employment special counsel in Pietrantonio Mendez & Alvarez LLP (2011–04). She is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the civil division of the U.S. attorney's office, District of Puerto Rico (2004–06), and worked in the labor and employment department of McConnell Valdés (1999–04) and in Shapiro & Lugo (1998).

González-Valentín has been an active FBA member since 1999. She was a member of the board of the Puerto Rico Chapter from 2004–11, and she served as director (2004–06), vice president (2006–08), president-elect (2008–09), president (2009–10), and immediate past president (2010–11). She currently is editor in chief of the chapter's award-winning newsletter and serves as vice president for the First Circuit. She is also a fellow of the Foundation of Federal Bar Association.

González-Valentín has focused her practice and currently manages litigation in state and federal forums and provides preventive advice and orientation to employers covering the different areas of labor and employment law, including employment contracts, workplace policies and management training, discrimination, defamation, wages and hours, constitutional rights, employment privacy, wrongful discharge, Internet law, and appellate practice, among other labor-related matters. She also handles administrative claims and has obtained substantial experience in federal court litigation. González-Valentín is also a frequent lecturer on labor, employment, and civil procedure topics.

She is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, and the Eastern District of Texas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal, First and Ninth circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

► Kevin A. Maxim



Kevin A. Maxim established Atlanta's Maxim Law Firm PC in January 2009. He has represented clients from throughout the country in civil litigation matters pending in Georgia and the Southeast.

He has been a member of the Federal Bar Association since June 2005. During the FBA's 2007 National Convention, he organized and moderated a panel on class actions entitled Emerging Issues in Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 Litigation, and he has attended the FBA's National Convention ever since. He served as the Atlanta Chapter's president during the 2009–10 bar year and remains active on that chapter's advisory board. In 2010, he served as a guest speaker on the panel presentation on Best Practices and Programs during the Chapter Leadership Training program. In 2012, he became a fellow in the Foundation of the FBA and was honored to be appointed to the FBA's Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee.

Maxim graduated with a degree in chemical engineering, summa cum laude, from the University of Cincinnati in 1991. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1994. He is a member of the board of trustees of Atlanta's Fernbank Museum of Natural History, where he has served in various fundraising capacities since 2000. Maxim also is a member of the American Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Lawyers Club of Atlanta.

Prior to forming Maxim Law Firm, Maxim practiced for eight years in Troutman Sanders LLP's complex commercial litigation group. For six years prior to that, he was a litigation associate with Chicago-based Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP.

Group 4: FBA member in good standing and has served as an FBA chapter officer, a national YLD officer or board member, or as an FBA chapter leader with YLD responsibilities. In addition, at the time of election, the person must be age 36 or younger.

► Kristin Kimmelman



Kristin (Connor) Kimmelman is a research and writing specialist with the federal public defender's office for the Western District of Texas in El Paso, Texas. Prior to joining the FPD's office in 2012, Kimmelman was an Equal Justice Works fellow and staff attorney (2010–12) at Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, an El Paso non-

profit organization that provides free and low-cost immigration services. Originally from Las Cruces, New Mexico, Kimmelman returned to the Southwest to clerk for Hon. David Briones of the Western District of Texas in El Paso (2008–10) after obtaining her juris doctor cum laude from New York University School of Law (2008).

Kimmelman has been an active FBA member since 2009 and was a member of the El Paso Chapter board from 2009–14, serving as secretary (2010–11), president-elect (2011–12), president (2012–13), and immediate past president (2013–14). She currently is chair of the El Paso Chapter's Border Law Conference and a member of the FBA's Immigration Law Section board.

Kimmelman is licensed to practice in Texas and New Mexico and served on the board of the New Mexico State Bar Immigration Section from 2011–14. As a research and writing specialist, Kimmelman assists the 20 trial attorneys in the El Paso office, updates the list of convictions categorized by the Fifth Circuit as crimes of violence for the purposes of the illegal reentry sentencing guidelines, and posts on recent Fifth Circuit criminal decisions on the Fifth Circuit blog, circuit5.blogspot.com. She frequently lectures on the categorical approach, Fifth Circuit and Supreme Court recent decisions, and immigration relief for youth, such as deferred action for childhood arrivals and special immigrant juvenile status.

► Anh Le Kremer



Anh Le Kremer is the deputy general counsel of the Center for Diagnostic Imaging, one of the largest provider networks for diagnostic imaging and radiology services in the nation, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Kremer has been an active member of the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA since the start of her legal career in 2001. She is a current member of the executive committee and board of directors of the Minnesota Chapter. She has served in a number of different leadership roles with the Minnesota Chapter over the years, including secretary, membership chair, law school awards, and chair of the Judges' Dinner Dance.

In addition to her involvement with the Minnesota Chapter, Kremer has been actively involved with the Federal Bar Association on a national level. She served two terms as the vice president for the Eighth Circuit and was recognized with an Outstanding Service award in 2011 for her contributions as the vice president for the Eighth Circuit. In 2011, Kremer was appointed by the FBA president to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee and in 2012 was appointed to serve on the Sarah T. Hughes Awards Committee. Kremer is the current chair of the International Law Section.

► Glen R. McMurry



Glen McMurry formally joined the FBA in August 2010, shortly before his election as president of the Dayton, Ohio, Chapter. At that time, the Dayton Chapter's membership hovered between 20 and 30 members, and the chapter hosted only one event per year. With the encouragement of his local federal judges, he undertook

to formalize and grow the chapter, serving as president for three consecutive terms. At the end of his final term in October 2013, the Dayton Chapter had adopted new bylaws, was servicing approximately 115 members, and was hosting/sponsoring approximately 15 to 20 social and CLE events per year. This resurgence culminated with the Dayton Chapter's receipt of the Chapter of the Year award at the FBA's 2014 Annual Meeting and Convention in Providence, Rhode Island.

McMurry also serves as member of the YLD national board of directors. In 2011, he assisted the YLD board by authoring our current YLD bylaws and was ultimately selected to be the national secretary in 2013. He currently serves as the national treasurer and recently researched and authored the YLD's report and recommendation regarding the FBA's modification of the current YLD age and years of practice membership restrictions. McMurry also happily serves on the Government Relations Committee, *The Federal Lawyer* editorial board, and the 2016 Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

► Christian K. Adams, Chair, Sections and Divisions Council



Christian Adams is a partner in the litigation and alternative dispute resolution practice group at Carlsmith Ball LLP in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he concentrates his practice on complex commercial and appellate litigation.

Adams received his B.A. from Clark University and his J.D. from the University of Hawaii Richardson

School of Law, where he was editor in chief of the *University of Hawaii Law Review*. Following law school, he served a one-year term as law clerk to Hon. David A. Ezra, then-chief judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii. Adams has also served for numerous years as an adjunct professor of law and lecturer in law on legal practice and appellate advocacy at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law.

He originally implemented a Younger Lawyers Division within the Hawaii Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and has most recently served as the Hawaii Chapter president. He has also served on the national Younger Lawyers Division board of directors since 2008 and is currently its treasurer. Adams has chaired the Younger Federal Lawyer awards program since 2009 and has co-chaired the U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony since 2010. In October 2010, he

was appointed by Immediate Past Federal Bar Association President Ashley Belleau to serve on the Special Committee on Law School Outreach for the 2010–11 FBA year.

► Jonathan Hafen, Chair, Vice Presidents for the Circuits



Jonathan Hafen has extensive experience representing clients in federal and state courts. He has been widely praised by clients and peers for his skilled and efficient approach to litigation. As a trial lawyer, Hafen handles a wide variety of litigation, including cases in the areas of securities and investment law, employment law,

breach of contract, property disputes, road and access cases, intellectual property, medical devices, pharmaceutical products, disputes over ownership and control of businesses, class actions, and construction law. Hafen also serves as legal counsel to a number of small, midsize and multinational companies, utilizing the significant resources available at Parr Brown to address the broad spectrum of legal challenges routinely confronting business leaders.

Hafen is heavily involved in work for charitable organizations, and currently serves as chairman of the board of Tuacahn Center for the Arts and for Tuacahn High School for the Performing Arts, which is one of Utah's first and most successful charter schools. He supports numerous professional organizations, holding leadership positions with the Federal Bar Association, the Utah State Bar Litigation Section, BYU Alumni Association, BYU Law School Alumni Association, and the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. He has served for a number of years on the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure.

► David A. Goodwin, Chair, Younger Lawyers Division



David Goodwin is an attorney with Gustafson Gluek PLLC. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A. 2001) and DePaul University College of Law (J.D. 2006). David was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 2006. His practice focuses on complex class action litigation including antitrust litigation. He is also ac-

tive in the Minnesota State Bar Association where he is a council member and treasurer for the MSBA's Consumer Litigation Section. David's pro bono activities include representing clients through the Federal Pro Se Project and the Volunteer Lawyers Network.