

2017 Annual Meeting and Convention—An Atlanta Adventure Awaits You!

The Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association welcomes you to the 2017 Federal Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Convention. Our Chapter of 300-plus proudly celebrates its 60-year anniversary in conjunction with this great honor of welcoming our nation's FBA members to our unique city.

Our home for the convention will be the gleaming Westin Peachtree Plaza hotel, which offers 73 floors, over 1,000 rooms, and the Sundial restaurant with the finest views of the greater Atlanta area. Through the windows, you will see Atlanta's beautiful skyscrapers hugging Peachtree Street and beyond; our tree-shaded neighborhoods; Mercedes Benz stadium, the Atlanta Falcons' new home; Centennial Olympic Park; Georgia Tech; Coca Cola's world headquarters; Kennesaw Mountain; Buckhead; Stone Mountain; Emory University and the Centers for Disease Control; Georgia State University; and much more. On clearer days, you can see the Appalachian ridge that serves as a reminder as to why Atlanta is said to be in the Piedmont region of that range.

We urge you to consider scheduling some free time for yourself because you will be in such a prime location to take in what Atlanta has to offer. There surely will be something for everyone. From the Westin Peachtree Plaza, you will be within a few blocks' walk of the Skyview Ferris wheel, CNN Center, the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca Cola, and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Our new trolley system can get you to and from the Martin Luther King Jr. historic district, including Ebenezer Baptist Church and Rev. King's birth home.

This convention issue of *The Federal Lawyer* is a testament to the dedication of our chapter members to the convention effort. In this issue, you will find profiles regarding Atlanta convention honorary chairs, Chief Judge Thomas W. Thrash Jr. and Hon. Richard W. Story of the Northern District of Georgia. Also inside are articles on the Northern and Southern Districts of Georgia, a history of the Atlanta Chapter, a Younger Lawyer's Division insider's guide to getting the most out of your Atlanta visit, a fascinating history on the federal

government's handling of German POWs in Georgia during World War I, and much more. We have also included a photo essay entitled "Our Atlanta" in which we share with you some of our Atlanta Chapter members' interesting perspectives on our photogenic city.

As a convention participant, the Atlanta Chapter will welcome you to two festive evening receptions. For the first, on Thursday, Sept. 14, we will take buses from the Westin to the recently remodeled Atlanta History Center in Buckhead. The second reception, on Friday, Sept. 15, will take us to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

The Atlanta Chapter could not have hosted these two receptions without the incredibly generous support of our convention sponsors. The convention's sponsors are recognized individually within this convention issue, and we ask that you please join us in thanking them for their commitment and their leadership.

The Atlanta Chapter's convention planning committee convened frequently during the many months preceding the convention, intent on making the convention the best ever. We thank each one of them for the thought and effort that they put into the convention. The Atlanta Chapter is grateful for the volunteer efforts of our honorary chairs Chief Judge Thrash, Judge Story, and Larry Thompson, as well as for our committee members Jim Hatten, district executive and clerk of court; Kevin Weimer, the court's chief deputy clerk; Derek Bauer; Christina Baugh; Ben Cheesbro; John Jett; Robert Khayat Jr.; former FBA National President Joyce Kitchens; Tom Lacy; Kevin Maxim; Henry Quillian; Eric Schroeder; Andrew Tuck; Amy Levin Weil; and Noelle Whitmire.

We are also thankful for our friends in the new Southern District of Georgia Chapter, which will be just two years young at the time

Thank you to the Atlanta Chapter's Planning Committee for the 2017 FBA Annual Meeting & Convention:

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Hon. Thomas W. Thrash Jr.
Chief U.S. District Judge
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of the convention. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Southern District's Chief Judge Lisa Godbey Wood and to Taylor Haley and Patty Paul, the Southern District Chapter's first two chapter presidents, for their leadership and support not only for their growing chapter but also for the Atlanta convention as well. We look forward to many future FBA years together with our friends in the Southern District Chapter.

Like any FBA convention, the Atlanta 2017 convention would be nothing without the participation of you, our FBA friends from across the country. The Atlanta convention will be the perfect opportunity for all of us to get together and enjoy one another—for all that we have in common and for the wonderful reasons why we, our hometowns, and our practice areas are different. Even if you have never been to an FBA Convention before, don't be shy! Each of us had a first convention, and you will see firsthand why so many of us travel to the convention year after year. We look forward to introducing ourselves to you and to our other FBA friends from near and far.

Every day, Atlanta's airport—the busiest passenger airport in the world—delivers to our city people from across the United States and from around the world. For a brief few days in September 2017, we hope that you will be one of them, so that we can celebrate the FBA and welcome you with the best of our Southern hospitality.

We hope that you all will join us in Atlanta in September!

On behalf of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association,

S. Derek Bauer—Atlanta Chapter president
Kevin A. Maxim—Atlanta Convention Committee chair
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