



## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - DETROIT CHAPTER

704 U.S. COURTHOUSE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Annual Holiday Celebration - December 12

Last year we made every mistake in the book! We changed the date about a month before the party, and to a Thursday evening, at that. The weather was awful. And still about 85 of the faithful showed up including a goodly number of judges. This year the date has been on our calendar unchanged for six months; it remains a Friday; and we know that a substantial number of judicial friends of the Chapter are planning to attend. Many members bring guests to our gathering before going on to dinner parties and other events. The ticket price of \$11.00 buys you a splendid assortment of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and the warm 19th-century ambience of the main dining room of the Detroit Club. Friendly bartenders provide quick service at the two cash bars. Tickets may be reserved by calling Esther Munce at 331-5605.

#### Constitutional Bicentennial Celebration

Just about the time you start to feel the pangs of withdrawal from the holiday season your mail will bring you an impressive invitation from the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference Committee for the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Under the energetic leadership of Circuit Judge Damon J. Keith, the Sixth Circuit will lead the nation in inaugurating the Bicentennial Year. Judge Keith has committees working on every facet of the observance throughout the year with the kickoff event to be a community-wide banquet at the Westin Hotel on Friday, January 30. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, retired, will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by the Interlochen Arts Academy concert band.

This is not going to be just another bar association gathering. The list of community movers and shakers enlisted by Judge Keith to promote this effort reads like the combined boards of directors of all the big corporations, organized labor, DIA, DSO, the educational community and charitable groups. The banquet on January 30 will truly be an occasion to remember, getting the constitutional bicentennial celebration off to an outstanding start.

So, when your invitation comes I hope that you will respond positively. I believe that this will be an event of such stature and significance that FBA members who do not attend will feel that they have missed something very important in the life of the community.

Finally, our Chapter's representation on Judge Keith's committee has until now consisted only of your President. Anyone who would like to help with the planning and execution of the January 30 program or the events to follow (your Executive Board is discussing a variety of activities to follow throughout the year) is urged to telephone me at 226-2120. Thanks, and warmest wishes to you all for a happy holiday season.

John P. Mayer

**FEDERAL AND STATE COURT SEMINAR  
TO BE HELD FOR RECENT LAW GRADUATES**

Chief Judge Philip Pratt has announced the 20th Semi-Annual New Lawyers Seminar to be held in Room 115 U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan on Monday and Tuesday, December 8 & 9, 1986. This program is a "nuts and bolts" how-to-do-it approach to practice in federal and state courts, designed to assist recent law graduates in understanding the fundamental procedures followed in those courts. The seminar is co-sponsored by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Chief Judge Pratt emphasized that the seminar is not a prerequisite for an individual to be admitted to practice in the courts, but rather a voluntary educational program which law school graduates are encouraged to attend. The seminar begins at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 8, with presentations on the Federal Courts. The program continues on Tuesday, December 9, with State Court practice. The faculty of the seminar is made up of practicing attorneys, court personnel and judges who are well qualified to present these subjects. U.S. District Judges Julian Abele Cook, Jr. and Avern Cohn will both speak at the seminar.

The cost of the seminar is \$55.00 which includes a reception for judges and attorneys on Monday, a luncheon in the Detroit Room of the Lansdowne Restaurant on Tuesday and course materials which will contain form pleadings and memoranda expanding on the topics covered by the faculty during the seminar.

There will also be a swearing-in ceremony for attorneys who have been admitted to the State Bar and meet requirements for admission to practice in federal court coordinated with the program on Monday at 3:45 p.m. This is a separate ceremony with a separate admission fee of \$25.00, payable to the Clerk, United States District Court.

Co-Chairs of the seminar are Christine M. Dowhan, Geneva S. Halliday, Ellen G. Ritteman and Thomas E. Rumschlag.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

12/12/86	Holiday Reception, Detroit Club, 5 - 7 p.m.
1/13/87	Bankruptcy Section Seminar, Room 115 U.S. Courthouse
2/5/87	Executive Board Meeting
4/2/87	Executive Board Meeting
5/8/87	Annual Dinner Dance, Lansdowne

### LABOR LAW LUNCHEON

On December 10, 1986, from noon until 2:00 p.m., the Labor Law Committee will be holding a seminar luncheon at The Sheik Restaurant, 316 E. Lafayette, Detroit. The price of the luncheon is \$12.00. The topic of the seminar will be ERISA's pre-emption of state laws and its impact on federal labor laws. Speakers will be Constance M. Ettinger of Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein & Van Zile and an attorney from Sachs, Nunn, Kates, Kadushin, O'Hare, Helveston & Waldman, P.C. For reservations, please contact Deborah Gordon at 962-3784 or Kent Cooper at 223-7843.

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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

Membership materials are available at all of our luncheons and seminars. Encourage others in your firm, agency or department to attend our various functions and see for themselves the benefits of being a FBA member. Then see that they use the membership materials!

A reminder to all current members to pay your Detroit Chapter dues for 1986-87 if you have not done so already. These nominal dues are very important to sustaining the wide variety and high quality of Detroit Chapter programs. Send in your dues today!

Further, in order to be a member of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, you must be and remain a member of the National Federal Bar Association. Please make sure your annual dues to the National Association are current.

If you have any questions on membership, need forms, and so forth, please contact Membership Committee Co-Chairpersons Mark Brewer at 965-3464 or Anthony Adams at 224-3420.

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### DETROIT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER NEWS

The next issue of the Detroit Chapter Newsletter will be the January issue. Material for publication should be sent prior to December 15, 1986 to:

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## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The advancement of the goals and ideals of the American Bar Association to improve the administration of justice in this country is at the very heart of membership in the American Bar Association.

Retaining members and adding new members is elemental to the maintenance of the Association's acknowledged position as a voice of our profession. As the membership base grows, we are able to serve our members better and we are able to provide higher levels of service to the public. We become stronger as our membership increases. The American Bar Association provides a variety of functions and a wealth of programs and benefits to its members as well as providing a network in which to gain and share experience needed to continue to grow within the profession.

I wholeheartedly endorse and encourage all non-members of the Association, particularly those members of the profession who have been admitted to practice for less than one year and who qualify for the dues waiver, to complete an American Bar Association application at this time and to participate and grow with the Association.

For an application or questions concerning the American Bar Association and its programs and benefits, contact Susanne R. Wegrzyn at the American Bar Association, 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611 or telephone (312) 988-5516.

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