



## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION – DETROIT CHAPTER

704 U.S. COURTHOUSE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

NEWSLETTER  
February 1987

### ATTORNEY LOUNGE AND CONFERENCE ROOM IN U.S. COURTHOUSE RELOCATED

The attorney lounge and conference room on the 7th floor of the U.S. Courthouse has been relocated to Room 726 on the Lafayette Street side near the elevators. A conference table seating 8 and informal seating for 4 - 6 make Room 726 a multiple-purpose room which, it is expected, will receive much more use than the previous lounge and conference room location on the Fort Street side of the 7th floor. The pay telephone has also been relocated to Room 726.

The permanent Leonard R. Gilman Award plaque, various FBA National awards and the current portrait of the District Judges are displayed in Room 726. On this subject, if any Chapter officer, former officer, committee chair or former committee chair has any plaques or awards related to Chapter activities, we now have a permanent place to display them. On a related subject, if anyone has files or other papers related to past Chapter activities, we have a place to store them. Contact John Mayer at 226-2120 or bring them to Room 704 U.S. Courthouse.

Room 218, which has previously been sparsely equipped as a conference room, has been furnished with the balance of the furnishings from the 7th floor in an attempt to render it both more attractive and more comfortable for attorneys on the busiest floor of the U.S. Courthouse.

### JUDGE THOMAS P. THORNTON PORTRAIT FUND

Fund raising for the portrait of Judge Thomas P. Thornton is almost completed. If you have had intentions of contributing and have not yet done so, contributions are still being accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit" and mailed to Thomas P. Thornton Portrait Committee, 704 U.S. Courthouse, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

### DON BALL RETIREMENT

Detroit News reporter Don Ball is retiring on Friday, February 27, after covering the U.S. Courthouse for years. A retirement party will be held in his honor at the Detroit Press Club on Friday, February 27, from 6 - 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each (includes hors d'oeuvres). A cash bar will be available. Reservations are being taken by Tish Myers and Jim Kerwin at the News. Their telephone number is 222-2300.

### SUSTAINING MEMBERS

We would like to acknowledge and thank the additional Sustaining Members for 1986-87 year:

Henry B. Morgenstein  
Elaine Fieldman

William B. Johnson  
Robert E. Forrest

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome some of our new members:

Greg Rohl  
Ralph Rumsey  
John Kullen

Robert Goldi  
Thomas Morris  
Barbara Anne Heys

A hearty "Welcome Aboard!" to these new members who have joined one of the largest and most active FBA Chapters in the country. We are very pleased to count them among our members.

We are in the process of our annual recruiting mailing to law firms and legal departments which involves sending out hundreds of packets of information and application forms. We ask that the FBA members who receive these materials please distribute them in your firm or legal department with an endorsement of FBA membership. If more forms are needed, please call Mark Brewer or Anthony Adams at the numbers listed below.

A reminder that 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 organization 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.

### DETROIT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER NEWS

The next issue of the Detroit Chapter Newsletter will be the March issue. Material for publication should be sent prior to February 20, 1987 to:

Thea Marie Sankiewicz, Esq.  
Raymond, Rupp, Wienberg, Stone &  
Zuckerman, P.C.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1900  
Troy, Michigan 48084

EDWARD H. RAKOW SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

For the past 16 years, the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has presented a student of each Michigan law school a special scholarship award in memory of former Detroit area Securities Exchange Commissioner Edward H. Rakow, whose family established the fund. This year, the presentations will take place at a luncheon on Thursday, February 26, in the Cartier Room of the Westin Hotel.

The guest speaker for the luncheon is the Dean-Designate of the Wayne State University Law School, Professor John W. Reed of the University of Michigan Law School. Professor Reed will speak on "Interesting Times."

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RESERVATION FORM

Detroit Chapter - Federal Bar Association Luncheon Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 1987

Reservations for: (Tables of 8 may be reserved)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \$16.00 per person (FBA members)  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \$20.00 per person (non-FBA members)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (Please make checks payable to  
Detroit Chapter - Federal Bar  
Association)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail reservation form and check to:

Federal Bar Association - Detroit Chapter  
704 U.S. Courthouse  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

ATTN: LUNCHEON

## TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP - APRIL 9 & 10

The Sixth Trial Advocacy Workshop will be held in the U.S. Courthouse on Thursday and Friday, April 9 & 10. A Federal Bar Association Steering Committee chaired by Richard A. Soble and Joel Shere is overseeing all details from refinement of the materials to recruitment of faculty.

The Workshop is modeled after highly-acclaimed programs run in other districts and by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Using a hypothetical case file, the participants will undertake a series of trial exercises in direct examination, cross-examination, impeachment, introduction and use of trial exhibits. These trial exercises will be videotaped and each participant will be reviewed both in a collective and a private individual critique.

The number of positions in the workshop will be limited to 60 - 70. The low participant/instructor ratio will assure active involvement of all. Ten participants will work with one U.S. District Judge or Magistrate and two lawyers in each courtroom. Because of the low cost for such an action-intensive and supervisor-intensive program, law firms will be limited to two participants each to assure places for practitioners from a wide variety of professional environments. Thus, if you are in a firm, you should inquire at your firm how applicants will be selected and whether the firm will pay your tuition. In selecting participants, priority will be given to attorneys who have not had other trial practice training in law school or other programs and whose personal trial practice experience is limited.

A registration form for the Workshop is on the opposite page. If you are interested in applying, please complete the form and mail it along with a check for your \$100 tuition (or scholarship request) to: TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP, 704 U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Workshop materials will be mailed to participants prior to the program with assignments to be prepared for performance at the Workshop.

### LEONARD R. GILMAN AWARD

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Leonard R. Gilman Award. The Award will be presented at the membership meeting to be held in late March or early April.

The Leonard R. Gilman Award was established in February 1985 shortly after Leonard's death to be awarded annually to:

The practitioner of criminal law who exemplifies the highest standards of professional conduct, including compassion, competence and capability.

Nominations should be addressed to Leonard R. Gilman Award Nominating Committee, 704 U.S. Courthouse, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, February 27.

APPLICATION  
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION/PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE  
TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP  
APRIL 9 & 10, 1987

Please accept my application for admission to the Trial Advocacy Workshop on April 9 & 10, 1987. A check for \$100.00 payable to Trial Advocacy Workshop is enclosed. [NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER DESCRIBING THE CIRCUMSTANCES.]

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include Suite #) City State Zip Phone

Applications may be made by mail or delivered to Room 704 U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and must be accompanied by full payment. Your check will be returned if you are not accepted for the program. Initial consideration for acceptance will be made by March 13, 1987. Applications received after that date will be considered only if places are still available. No applicant will receive information as to his/her acceptance prior to March 20, 1987.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LAW SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Year admitted to Federal Bar \_\_\_\_\_

Area of litigation or other area of practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of trials in which you have been actively involved since admission to the bar or in law school clinics:

\_\_\_\_ Jury Trials (avg. length \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ Bench trials (avg. length \_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_ Other contested evidentiary hearings (Evidentiary motions, Friend of the Court hearings, Workers' Comp., etc., exclude Social Security.

In law school, did you take any of the following:

- A. A trial practice course that involved role playing? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no
- B. A clinical law course that involved students in trial role playing of eight class hours or more? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no
- C. An evidence course? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Since law school, have you attended any of the following trial training programs?

- A. A NITA trial course involving role playing? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no
- B. An ICLE trial advocacy skills workshop involving role playing? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no
- C. Some other trial skills training involving six or more hours of role playing by participants? (e.g., in-house programs, ABA programs, Legal Services programs) \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

\_\_\_\_ I have already volunteered for the U.S. District Court's Pro Bono Panel for assignments in civil cases.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer for the U.S. District Court's Pro Bono Panel for assignment in civil cases.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2/26/87 Chapter Luncheon, Cartier Room, Westin Hotel  
Speaker: Professor John W. Reed
- 4/2/87 Executive Board Meeting, Savoyard Club, 12:15 p.m.
- 4/9/87 -
- 4/10/87 Trial Advocacy Workshop, U.S. Courthouse
- 5/8/87 Annual Dinner Dance, Lansdowne
- 6/8/87 -
- 6/9/87 New Lawyers' Seminar, Room 115 U.S. Courthouse

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