



## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION – DETROIT CHAPTER

704 U.S. COURTHOUSE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

### CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

May/June 1987

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the Annual Meeting at the Lansdowne on May 8, 1987, the following chapter officers were elected for 1987-1988: President, Michele Coleman Mayes (Unisys Corporation); President-Elect, John R. Runyan, Jr. (Sachs, Nunn, Kates, Kadushin, O'Hare, Helveston & Waldman, PC); Vice-President, Robert E. Forrest (Raymond & Dillon); Secretary, Maura D. Corrigan (Chief Assistant United States Attorney) and Treasurer, Joel M. Shere (Schlussel, Lifton, Simon, Rands, Kaufman, Galvin & Jackier, PC). Also, at the May 8 meeting, the Revised Chapter By-Laws as published and distributed in the April Newsletter were approved.

In closing out my year as President, I would like to acknowledge the following for their support. There is always a risk in making such a list that someone will be left out, but I feel compelled to take that risk in order to acknowledge those who have worked so hard: Past President Robert P. Hurlbert (Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman); your new President Michele Mayes and President-Elect John R. Runyan, Jr. for keeping me on track most of the time; your new Vice-President Bob Forrest and Secretary Maura Corrigan for helping organize the finances of the Chapter and particularly of the Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit; all of the members of the Executive Board for their faithful attendance at meetings and helpful contributions: William T. Coleman, III (Pepper Hamilton & Scheetz); Hon. Marcia G. Cooke; Robert G. Cutler (Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow & Trigg); Christine M. Dowhan (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers); Stuart A. Gold; Deborah L. Gordon (Stark & Gordon); Eugene L. Hartwig (General Motors Corporation); Sharon McPhail (Wayne County Prosecutor's Office); Hon. Steven D. Pepe; Clarence L. Pozza, Jr. (Miller, Canfield Paddock & Stone); Hon. Steven W. Rhodes; Joel M. Shere; Miriam L. Siefer (Federal Defender's Office); Hon. Richard F. Suhrheinrich and Richard E. Zuckerman. Particular appreciation is expressed to John Runyan for his work on the By-Laws; Rocky Pozza for his leadership of the Special Committee on Judicial Experience Requirements and coordination of the golf outing; Mark Brewer (Sachs, Nunn, Kates, Kadushin, O'Hare, Helveston & Waldman, PC) for his unstinting and gratifyingly fruitful efforts as Chair of the

Membership Committee; Chris Dowhan, Geneva Halliday (Assistant United States Attorney) and Thomas E. Rumschlag (Raymond & Dillon) for their work on the New Lawyers' Seminar; Thea Marie Sankiewicz for her many contributions to the writing, organization and publication of the Newsletter; Gordon Gold (Evans & Luptak) for sustained efforts as Program Chairman; Joel Shere and Richard A. Soble (Goodman, Eden, Millender & Bedrosian) for their leadership in the Trial Advocacy Workshop Steering Committee; Richard F. Fellrath (Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone) for programs put on by the Bankruptcy Section; Edward F. Kronk (Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein, & Van Zile, PC) and Geneva Halliday for their leadership of the Civil Law Section including the imminent publication of the Federal Practice Handbook; Richard E. Zuckerman and Joseph E. Papelian for their leadership of the Criminal Law Section; Deborah L. Gordon and J. Kent Cooper (Michigan Bell Telephone Company) for co-chairing the Labor Law/EEO Section; Bob Forrest for his continuing good work as head of the Taxation Law Section; Esther Munce for providing continuity and services above and beyond the call of duty; to my secretary, Jerri Torolski, who has taken an interest in and looked out for the affairs of the Chapter as if they were of personal concern to her; and finally to former Chief Judge John Feikens, Chief Judge Philip Pratt and the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for encouraging me to go through the chairs of the Detroit Chapter culminating in this past year as President.

In brief, the rationale for my participation during this past five years has been that it would benefit both the Court and the Detroit Chapter. I hope that has been true. Right now I have that ambivalent feeling which I often have at the end of significant activities. On the one hand, it took a lot of time and effort and, on the other hand, I can think of so many ways in which I should have given it more time and effort.

This is a fine organization, growing stronger year by year. Outstanding leadership is assured for years to come. My thanks to you all.

John P. Mayer

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING

Place: - Roseland Golf and Curling Club  
455 Kennedy Drive West, Windsor, Canada

Date: - Wednesday, July 1, 1987

Time: - Lunch: 12:00 noon (optional)  
Golf: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Cocktails and Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: - Informal

Cost: - Lunch (Optional)  
- Golf: \$12.00 (U.S.) per person  
- Cart: \$10.00 (U.S.) per person  
- Dinner: \$20.00 (U.S.) per person  
\$42.00 (U.S.)

- Cash Bar

Reservations: Please mail reservation form and check payable to  
Detroit-Chapter-Federal Bar Association to:

Clarence L. Pozza, Jr.  
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone  
2500 Comerica Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
Telephone: 963-6420

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### RESERVATION FORM

Detroit Chapter - Federal Bar Association Golf Outing  
July 1, 1987

Reservations for: Golf (\$12.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cart (\$10.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner (\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Foursome: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee Time  
Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATIONS FOR FEDERAL BAR FOUNDATION

The Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit exists for two purposes. Each year, the Edward R. Rakow Awards (currently scholarships in the amount of \$750.00) are presented to law students from each of the five law schools in Michigan. From time to time, the Foundation sponsors the fund-raising for portraits of deceased Judges of the District Court. The latter activity almost always results in a net gain to the Foundation. The former activity, as scholarships have gone up and interest rates have come down, is causing a steady erosion of the assets of the Foundation. Individual lawyers and firms are invited to make contributions to the Foundation so that the Rakow Awards can continue to be made without either reducing the size of the scholarships or further diminishing Foundation assets. Please make your check payable to "Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit" and send it to:

Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit  
704 U.S. Courthouse  
Detroit, MI 48226

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

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

Marilyn Walker	Adam Baker
Beverly Burns	Linda Goldberg
H. Keith DeBois	William Champion
Charles Anderson	David Daly
Donald Miller	

We are very pleased to count them among our members. As of mid-April, 54 new members had joined our Chapter this season.

If you have any questions on membership or need forms, contact Membership Committee Chairperson Mark Brewer at 965-3464.

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An apology to new member Mimi Gendreau whose name was inadvertently misspelled in the last Newsletter.

## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

As previously noted in the April Newsletter, your Executive Board approved the report of the Special Committee on Judicial Experience Requirements, and President John P. Mayer transmitted that report to State Representative Virgil C. Smith, Jr., the principal sponsor of HJR A.

### HJR A

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution of 1963 by amending Section 19, Article 6, to require persons elected or appointed to certain judicial offices to have been licensed to practice law in this state for a minimum of five years.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan that the following amendment to the State Constitution of 1963 to require persons elected or appointed to certain judicial offices to have been licensed to practice in this state for a minimum of five years is proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of the State.

Article 6, Section 19. The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Court, the Probate Court and other courts designated as such by the Legislature shall be courts of record and each shall have a common seal. Justices and judges of courts of record must be persons who are licensed to practice law in this State and have been licensed to practice law in this State for at least five years prior to serving as justice or judge. No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

RESOLVED further that the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of the State at the next general election in the manner provided by law.

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HJR A has passed the House of Representatives and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations chaired by Senator John Engler. Persons wishing to express support for HJR A can write to Committee members at the following addresses:

Senator John Engler, Chair	Room R, State Capitol Building
" Norman Shinkle	Room 27 " " "
" Doug Cruce	Room 129 " " "
" Phil Arthurhultz	Room 124A " " "
" Arthur Miller	Room 30 " " "
" Mitch Irwin	Room 300 " " "
" John Kelly	Room 30 " " "

Lansing, MI 48919

### ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Sign up now for the Annual Golf Outing to be held at Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor on July 1. Tee times begin at 12:30 p.m. A reservation form is enclosed in this Newsletter.

### SPEAKERS FOR 1987 - 1988

If you have an idea for a speaker for a chapter luncheon next year, or if you would like to serve on the Speakers' Committee, please call Chapter President Michele Coleman Mayes at 972-7898 or President-Elect John R. Runyan, Jr. at 965-3464.

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