



DETROIT CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR McCREE AWARD

The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has established the Federal Bar Association Wade Hampton McCree, Jr., Award for the advancement of social justice. The award for the advancement of social justice will honor an individual or a group on December 6, 1990, who has made a significant contribution to the community in areas involving poverty, economic or educational opportunity, or fighting discrimination involving race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or economic status. The recipient(s) may be selected from any variety of fields including, among others, law, social service, community organization, journalism, or academics.

Deborah Gordon, Chief Judge Julian Cook of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and attorney Mark Granzotto are Co-Chairs of the Selection Committee. The Co-Chairs would very much appreciate it if you could assist them by nominating an appropriate recipient for this very important award. Please contact Deborah Gordon at 1600 Ford Bldg., Detroit, Mi. 48226 or 962-3784, by November 9, 1990 with nominations.

Wade Hampton McCree, Jr., was an extremely important member of the local national legal and social justice communities. He began his legal career, in the firm of Bledsoe and Taylor in Detroit, Michigan, in 1948. In 1952, he was appointed by Governor G. Mennen Williams to the

Workers Compensation Commission, and in 1954, was appointed to the Wayne County Circuit Court. Judge McCree was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, and by President Lyndon Johnson to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1966. Judge McCree resigned from Sixth Circuit in March, 1977, to accept appointment by President Jimmy Carter as Solicitor General of the United States. In 1981, Judge McCree left the position of Solicitor General, and was appointed Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, where he taught until his death in 1987.

While a judge in Detroit, Wade McCree served as a faculty member of Wayne State University Law School, and the University of Detroit Law School. He cared deeply about education, was a founder of the Higher Education Opportunities Committee at Wayne State University, and a founding trustee of Friends School in Detroit. He was a trustee at Fisk University, and had served earlier as an overseer of Harvard College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, among many other contributions to the academic community.

Judge McCree was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. At the time of his death, he served on the board of the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as well as on the boards of numerous national and Michigan charitable and cultural organizations.

McCREE AWARD LUNCHEON SET FOR DECEMBER 6, 1990

The next Chapter luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 1990, at the Riverfront Ballroom, promises to be something special. The luncheon is dedicated to the memory of Wade McCree and will be highlighted by the presentation of the first annual Wade McCree Award for the advancement of social justice. The featured speaker at the luncheon will be Dr. Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard University.

Professor Sachs, the son of Ted Sachs was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1954. He received his B.A. summa cum laude, graduating third in his class from Harvard in 1976. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard in 1978 and 1980 respectively. Dr. Sachs joined the Harvard faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1980 was promoted to Associate Professor in 1982 and Full Professor in 1983.

Currently, Dr. Sachs is the Galen L. Stone Professor of International Trade at Harvard University and a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He serves as an economic advisor to several governments in Latin America and has contributed to the design of economic reform programs introduced in Poland, and Yugoslavia at the beginning of 1990. Dr. Sachs now directs a project on economic reform in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for the United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki, Finland. He was recently cited by The Economist magazine as one of the world's leading young economists.

For tickets to this important event, please contact Program Chair, Tom Cranmer, or his Legal Assistant Carol Cerwin, at 646-2400.

FBA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES DEFEATED

We have received news that the proposed national Constitution and By-laws has been soundly DEFEATED.

With approximately 700 members voting and a two-thirds majority being necessary for passage, the final vote was 387 in favor to 330 opposed. The initiative thus failed by a margin of almost 100 votes.

The Detroit Chapter helped to lead the opposition to the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws. The Chapter leadership felt strongly that the new changes would permanently ensure the domination of the national organization by Washington-based attorneys. In addition, there was no true dues rebate increase in the proposed new Bylaws, other than merely inflationary increments. The current 12 percent rebate of national dues to local chapters is still unfair, since local chapters are forced to supplement the meager rebate amounts with local dues to conduct programs. In our Chapter, we are hampered in raising funds for such worthy projects as the Rakow Scholarships, the McCree, Pratt and Freeman portraits by the unfair proportion of dues retained in Washington.

We want to thank, the many Detroit Chapter members, who made the effort to locate postcards, in the August issue, of the Federal Bar News and Journal and returned those postcards with a "no" vote. You helped defeat this objectionable ballot initiative. It is possible that a more balanced document will be proposed in the 1991 fiscal year. We will keep the Chapter membership informed of developments.

"STATE OF THE COURT" LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

On October 18, over 200 members of the Detroit Chapter gathered to hear Chief Judge Julian Abele Cook, Jr. detail the state of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. In addition to noting a decline in the number of civil case filings, Judge Cook's comments enlightened the membership on such important issues as the review and revising of the Local Court Rules, reorganization within the Clerk's Office and courthouse security. Highlighting the luncheon, were the comments of Carol Cook, who surprised her husband by serving as Judge Cook's "introducer." For those of you who missed Carol's delightful introduction, her comments are reprinted below:

Little did I think that 33 years after my groom brought me from the wedding altar in Washington, D.C., to Michigan, where he was to become a law clerk in Oakland County Court, that I would one day be asked to introduce him to you, the Federal Bar, to make the State of the Judiciary address. For, in 1957, and for too many years afterward, the federal bench, the state bench, law firms and most legal opportunities were virtually closed to people of color, and, indeed, to most women. "One need not apply" was the order of the day.

Our thanks to President Jimmy Carter for his sensitivity and commitment to human rights and to diversity in the federal courts for appointing Julian Abele Cook, Jr., in 1978 to the bench and for making this day possible. May this nation continue to value equal opportunity for all of its citizens. Now that I have made my philosophical statement, let me get on with the business at hand.

You know Julian Cook as Judge, lawyer, friend, and I'm sure that his biographical statistics are familiar to you and are not as important to you as are his courtroom demeanor, and decisions.

I know Julian Cook as husband, friend and father. I think that he is the kindest, the most handsome, the most gentle, the most devoted, and the most intelligent person in the entire universe. But there are other aspects of his character which may interest you - - and which will introduce him to you as just an "average guy."

He sometimes drives me, and his secretary, Pat, crazy with his very exacting notes to us. They are written on napkins, backs of envelopes, scraps of paper, edges of newspapers - giving the date 18 Oct. 1990, time 12:02 p.m., and numbered detailed instructions. We have had many laughs behind his back-comparing our notes. Then, we know that everything comes to a halt for Georgetown Basketball and Penn State Football, (his Alma Maters). He may not remember your name, but ask him who made the second touchdown, in the 1978 Penn State/Syracuse Game. Sports stats are forever embedded in his mind - along with all of that legal clutter which you all must retain.

Some people shop at Neiman Marcus and Saks, but we search for flea markets and thrift shops-even while traveling. He buys tools, phones, clocks, radios, and gadgets - we often have to ship home our questionable treasures. He has a collection of used phones - now most of them don't work, but invariably, he will buy more. He has at least nine screw drivers and thirteen wrenches, of each size and type - allen wrenches by the box full. But, we've had much fun and many laughs.

Of course, I understand his idiosyncracies and he understands mine - like not folding the newspaper neatly, or at all; forgetting to relay a message because I didn't write it down or forgot where I put it; and buying more and more wall hangings with no wall space to hang them.

It was very difficult thinking of Julian's humorous imperfections, for the strongest and most beautiful aspect of his character is his complete love for his family. I'm sure that many of you tire of hearing stories about his children. We have two sons, Jay who is in the audience a young lawyer in Las Vegas; Peter an architect in New York City, and Susan (Dad's little girl), our artist who is a book designer at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. He will stop anything, even your scheduled trials, motions, and conferences to meet their needs.

Julian Cook is to me just about perfect, the most loving, the most caring, the most sacrificing, the most handsome, and the most gentle - he is the love of my life. It gives me great pleasure to share him with you for this moment only, my husband and your judge, Julian Abele Cook, Jr.

HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNED

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 7, 1990, for the F.B.A. Detroit Chapter's Annual Holiday Party which will be held, at the Detroit Club, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the holiday season. Thanks to Gillian Steinhauer, of Miller, Canfield, for her efforts in organizing this lovely event, in our behalf.

Tickets at \$15.00 each may be obtained by telephoning Gillian Steinhauer at 963-6420 or sending in the reservation form in this edition of the newsletter.

NEW FORMAT FOR TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER TO HIGH-LIGHT RAKOW SCHOLARSHIP/FOUNDATION

Co-Chairs of the 1991 Twelfth Annual dinner, Denise Langford-Morris and John Runyan, have a new format for that gathering! Their committee is planning a dinner and auction in May 1991, to raise funds for the principal of the Federal Bar Foundation. The Foundation awards five (5) scholarships each year to Michigan law students. These funds are drawn primarily from interest, but in recent years we have dipped into principal to pay for the scholarships.

Denise, John and their committee have proposed an auction to help raise Rakow Scholarship funds, to be held in conjunction with our annual dinner, and in place of the dance. The committee is seeking items to donate. Already they have received donations such as a week in August at a home near Kennebunkport, Maine. If you have any items you would like to donate, such as tickets to sports events, theater tickets, dinners, or anything that might assist our fundraising efforts, please call or write Denise Langford-Morris or John Runyan. Their addresses and telephone numbers are listed elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

If you, as a wise tax-planner, are looking for additional year end charitable deductions, think of the Federal Bar Foundation! Your donation of any amount is tax deductible. Checks payable to the Federal Bar Foundation can be forwarded to: Dee Osterman, Executive Director, P. O. Box 71740, Madison Hgts., Mi. 48071 phone (313) 548-3450.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION PROGRAM

The Criminal Law Section has tentatively scheduled a program for December 14, 1990 to be held in the First Floor Conference Room in the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building. For further information, please contact Criminal Law Section Co-Chair, Chris Andreoff, 963-9625 or Keith Corbett 226-7252.

DETROIT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER WINS FIRST PLACE AWARD

Our Detroit Chapter won the First Place Award for Chapter Newsletters (for large chapters) in the 1990 F.B.A. Publications Board Newsletter Competition. Alan Harnisch, recently elected Secretary of the National Organization, accepted a plaque on the Chapter's behalf at the National Council meeting on October 6, 1990.

The Detroit Chapter's Newsletter efforts will be recognized in the November issue, of the Federal Bar News & Journal.

Congratulations, to Past President, Robert Forrest and Executive Director Dee Osterman for their production of the winning entries, in this competition.

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RESERVATION FORM

WADE H. McCREE AWARD LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1990 - RIVERFRONT BALLROOM
DETROIT WESTIN HOTEL

SPEAKER: JEFFREY SACHS

RESERVATIONS FOR: _____ at \$20 for FBA Member
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DECEMBER 7, 1990 - DETROIT CLUB
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS FOR: _____ at \$15.00 each.

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