



DETROIT CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1991

TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER - FIRST F.B.A. AUCTION / MAY 10, 1991.

The Twelfth Annual Dinner and first ever Auction of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will be held at the Pontchartrain Hotel on Friday, May 10, 1991. As in the past, the occasion will honor the Federal Judicial Officers of the Eastern District of Michigan. In addition, the occasion will serve as a fundraiser to assist in our effort to add to the principal of the Federal Bar Foundation funds which are used to pay for the Rakow Scholarships.

On February 13, 1991, we presented five scholarships to outstanding law school seniors at each of Michigan's five law schools: Thomas M. Cooley Law School/Douglas Segan; Detroit College of Law/Michael R. Behan; University of Detroit Law School / Claudia D. Orr; University of Michigan Law School/James B. Sperta; Wayne State University Law School/Steven M. Ribiat.

We are depleting principal of the Federal Bar Foundation to make these scholarship awards. Will you help us out by attending the auction on May 10, 1991 and by donating an item?

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m., and a cash bar will be available. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by an auction of items donated by Association Members. A reservation form and an auction donation form are attached to this newsletter.

Reservations for the Dinner/Auction at \$35.00 per person, \$500.00 for patrons, may be made by returning the enclosed reservation form. Tables of eight may be reserved by interested groups or firms; one of the

judicial honorees, and his or her guest will join each group. Reservations must be received no later than May 1, 1991.

All members of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, their friends and guests are welcome to attend. Business attire is appropriate. For additional information, contact Dinner Dance Co-Chairs:

Denise Langford-Morris (313)237-4706
John Runyan (313)965-3464

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

LEONARD R. GILMAN AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT.

The Detroit Chapter solicits nominations for the recipient of the 1991 Leonard R. Gilman award to be presented at the forthcoming Leonard R. Gilman award luncheon to be scheduled this spring. The Leonard R. Gilman award is given each year to an outstanding practitioner of criminal law in the State or Federal system who best exemplifies the qualities of the late Leonard R. Gilman, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Last year's winner was Neil Fink of the law firm of Evans & Luptak. Former winners include Maura Corrigan, Robert Morgan, Paul Borman, David DuMouchel and Joel Shere.

The nominating committee solicits the names of all individuals who are skilled practitioners of criminal law and who possess the qualities of compassion, dedication, and humanity that Lenny Gilman exemplified in his own life. Nominations can be made by writing to the Nominating Committee c/o Maura D. Corrigan, Plunkett & Cooney, P.C., 900 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, Mi. 48226-3260 before April 1, 1991.

DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW TO HOST NATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE OF LAW REVIEWS APRIL 3-7, 1991.

The National Conference of Law Reviews is a national organization, comprised of student-edited law publications, devoted to helping its members better serve both the academic and legal communities. In pursuit of this goal, each year the NCLR conducts a five-day conference focusing on the exchange of ideas and experiences common to all law reviews. The delegates are traditionally the top managing editors of each school. In this manner, the NCLR seeks to improve the quality of law review articles and their usefulness to the legal profession.

The primary thrust of each conference is to provide training sessions designed to facilitate the interaction between incoming student editors, outgoing student editors and legal commentators. In the past, the training session topics have included: (1) staff motivation; (2) lead articles author relations; (3) practical editing; and (4) the role and function of law reviews.

There will be approximately 250 delegates, with about 125 schools represented at the 1991 NCLR. These numbers, and the continued success of each conference, are directly attributable to the caliber of speakers participating in the Conference. Conference speakers consist of respected legal scholars, professors, distinguished members of the bench, and others who influence the legal profession.

Among others, speakers include: Senator Joseph Biden - former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dennis Archer - University of Windsor President Ronald Ianni and Village Voice Columnist Nat Hentoff.

The costs of the Conference are staggeringly high! If you are able to assist DCL's efforts in hosting this conference, please contact Jordan Delboun or Heidi Casey-Murphy, Co-Chairs at (313)226-0157.

GOVERNMENT PRACTICE SECTION HOSTED SENATOR LEVIN AIDE.

The Government Practice Section of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association held a successful luncheon, February 21, 1991, at the Pontchartrain Wine Cellars.

The guest speaker, Mr. Kelvin Smyth, the Michigan Director for United States Senator Carl Levin, addressed the group regarding the 1990 Civil Service due process amendments. This act provides excepted service employees of the Federal Government (which includes attorneys) appeal rights for adverse actions resulting from performance based actions. The FBA endorsed this reform on the national level. Mr. Smyth also entertained lively discussion over the Government Ethics Reform Act (P.L. 101-194, Sections 501-505) which became effective January 1, 1991. The Act precludes acceptance of Honoraria for appearances, speeches or writing articles (with limited exceptions) by all Federal employees. The National Treas. Employees Union filed suit against the Government seeking to overturn the Act as an unconstitutional abridgement of the First Amendment.

A representative from the NTEU has been invited to the next Government Practice Section meeting tentatively scheduled at the Wine Cellars for April 17, 1991.

PORTRAITS OF JUDGES MCCREE AND PRATT TO BE PRESENTED.

Hold the date! At press time, the portraits of Judge Wade H. McCree and Judge Philip Pratt are scheduled to be unveiled on May 6, 1991, in courtroom 718 at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony. The Association is grateful to the Committee members who worked so diligently to raise the funds for memorials to the distinguished judges of our district court.

Watch the Legal News and the Legal Advertiser for further details!

TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

- APRIL 11 & 12, 1991.

The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in conjunction with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan is sponsoring the seventh annual Trial Advocacy Workshop on April 11-12, 1991, in the U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit. Using a hypothetical case file, the participants will undertake a series of trial exercises in direct examination, cross examination, impeachment, and introduction and use of trial exhibits. Each section will consist of approximately 8 participant attorneys, a U.S. District Judge, Bankruptcy Judge or Magistrate, and a faculty of two experienced trial lawyers. The trial exercises will be videotaped and each participant will be reviewed in both a collective and a private critique.

The Workshop is limited to approximately 70 attorneys and law firms will be limited to two participants. Admission is on a first-come basis and those interested in participating should fill out the registration form included in this newsletter and send it to: Room 216, U.S. Courthouse 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Mi. 48226. The application must be accompanied by a check for \$100 payable to Trial Advocacy Workshop. Scholarships will be available, and a separate letter of request should be included with a registration. Checks will be returned to those not accepted in the program.

For further questions or additional registration forms, contact District Court Administrator, John Mayer (226-2865)

STATE BAR ASKS LAWYERS TO HELP DESERT STORM FAMILIES.

The State Bar of Michigan has introduced a campaign to encourage its 27,000 members to provide legal assistance at no charge to family members, of Michigan service personnel engaged in Operation Desert Storm.

Michigan lawyers wishing to provide pro bono services to Desert Storm families should contact the State Bar's Pro Bono Coordinator Kay Fischer, who will then provide their names for referrals to the military's Family Service centers around the state. Each family is assigned to a particular Family Service Center.

"The State Bar recognizes the pressing need for legal services on the part of families of those serving their country in the Persian Gulf," said State Bar President James K. Robinson. "From domestic to tax matters, the need for legal services is immediate and wide-ranging. Service men and women and their families have had their lives disrupted, and we recognize our obligation to provide prompt, effective legal services to help them cope."

Pro bono legal services are provided by attorneys at no charge as a service to those in need. The State Bar is encouraging attorneys and law firms to endorse voluntary guidelines developed last year for fulfilling their pro bono obligations.

Attorneys wishing to participate should contact Ms. Fischer at 1-800-678-7735. Families wishing to receive legal help through the program must contact the Family Service Center to which they are assigned, which will provide them with a referral to a participating attorney.

CALENDAR:

April 11/12, 1991

Trial Advocacy Workshop

April 17, 1991

Government Practice Section Meeting
(Tentative)

May 6, 1991

Portrait Unveiling of Judge Wade H.
McCree and Judge Philip Pratt

May 10, 1991

Annual Dinner Dance/Auction

June 5, 1991

Federal Bar Golf Outing/Detroit Chapter

THE DATE FOR THE GOLF OUTING IS ANNOUNCED!

1991 FEDERAL BAR GOLF OUTING

DETROIT CHAPTER

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

FEDERAL BAR GOLF OUTING

JUNE 5, 1991

FOX HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Join us as The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will continue one of its oldest traditions on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, when it will hold its annual golf outing at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, Michigan. The golf tee-off times will start at 11:30 a.m. and continue through 1:00 p.m. After a challenging round of golf, enjoy an open bar, dinner and many exciting door prizes. The cost of the event, including greens fees, cart, open bar and dinner is \$65.00

Please fill out the registration form and return it today.

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING

JUNE 5, 1991

FOX HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

_____ Reservations at \$65.00 per person

_____ Amount enclosed

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Return to:

Detroit Chapter- F.B.A.
P.O. Box 71740
Madison Heights, MI 48071

TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP APPLICATION

Please accept my application for admission to the Trial Advocacy Workshop on April 11-12, 1991. A check for \$100.00 payable to "DETROIT CHAPTER - FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION" is enclosed. NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER DESCRIBING THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____
(include Suite # if any)

Phone: _____

Applications may be made by mail or delivered to Room 216 U.S. Courthouse, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and must be accompanied by full payment or letter requesting a scholarship. Your check will be returned if you are not accepted for the Workshop. Applications received after March 22, 1991 will be considered only if places are still available. No application will receive information as to his/her acceptance prior to March 29, 1991.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Law School Attended _____ Year Graduated _____

Year Admitted to Practice in Federal Court _____

Area of Litigation or Other Area of Practice _____

Have you ever attended a Trial Advocacy Workshop or comparable ICLE or NITA program? Yes _____ No _____

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:

1. A trial practice course that involved role playing?
Yes _____ No _____
2. A clinical law course that involved students in trial role playing of eight class hours or more? Yes _____ No _____
3. An evidence course? Yes _____ No _____

____ Please check if you would like to volunteer for the U.S. District Court's Pro Bono Civil Assignment Panel (employment discrimination and prisoner civil rights cases exclusively).

Operation Desert Storm
Pro Bono Project

Name: _____

P#: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Special Purpose Bar Association: _____

_____ I would like to volunteer my time on a pro bono basis to assist the families of our National Guard Reservists.

_____ My area(s) of legal practice include(s):

_____ Consumer

_____ Wills/Estates

_____ Landlord/Tenant

_____ Real Estate

_____ Litigation

_____ Tax

_____ Other: _____

_____ I am willing to volunteer in the following counties:

_____ I would like more information on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

_____ I would attend a training seminar on the Solders' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

Please mail completed form to:

Z. Kay Fischer
State Bar of Michigan
6461 Wardell Court
West Bloomfield, MI 48234
1-800-678-7735

or

FAX to: 313-363-9840

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
AUCTION DONATION FORM

I would like to donate the following item:

I would like to donate the following service/talent:

Please contact me to discuss a possible donation: _____

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

If you wish further information, please contact:

John Runyan at 965-3464
Denise Langford-Morris at 237-4706
Geneva Halliday at 237-4778

Return form to:

John Runyan, Jr.
1000 Farmer
Detroit, MI 48226-2834

**TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER
FIRST F.B.A. AUCTION**

**Friday, May 10, 1991
Pontchartrain Hotel - Versailles Room**

_____ RESERVATIONS AT \$35.00 PER PERSON
_____ \$50.00 PATRON TICKET
_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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