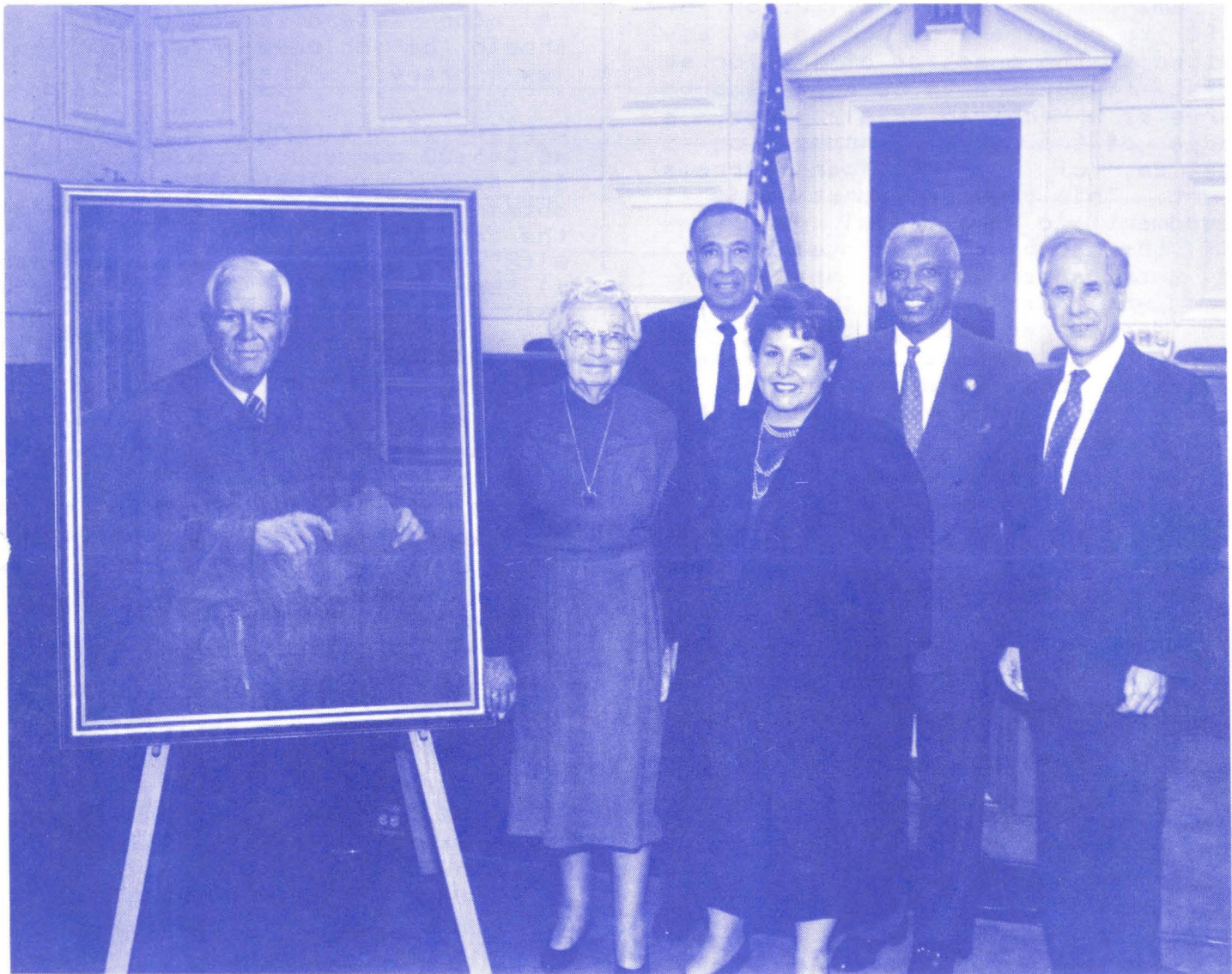




# DETROIT CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 1991

## CHAPTER PRESENTS FREEMAN PORTRAIT



(l-r) Mrs. Freeman, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Julian Abele Cook, Jr., Nancy G. Edmunds, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith and Detroit Chapter/FBA President Joel M. Shere. (photo courtesy of the Legal Advertiser)

On October 7, 1991 the Detroit Chapter of the FBA presented the portrait of the late Honorable Ralph M. Freeman to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan at a special session of the Court attended by over 25 judges. Judge Freeman served as a district judge for more than 35 years and as Chief Judge of the District Court from 1967-1972. In making the presentation Chapter President Joel M. Shere, praised Judge Freeman for his fairness and impartiality. Mr. Shere stated, "Judge Freeman will be remembered by the Bar for his down-to-earthness and utter lack of pretension. For him being a judge was a calling to service." Chief Judge Cook accepted the portrait on behalf of the Court and Judge Damon J. Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals presented remarks at the ceremony. Judge Freeman's portrait will hang in Courtroom 716 at the U.S. Courthouse where Judge Freeman presided during his entire tenure on the bench.



## CHAPTER SUPPORTS SENATE RESOLUTION SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MICHIGAN JUDGES

The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association was requested by State Senator Virgil Smith, D-Detroit to support Senate Joint Resolution B to amend the State Constitution of 1963 to require a person to be admitted to the practice of law for at least five years to be qualified to serve as a Michigan trial judge, a judge of the Court of Appeals or a justice, of the Michigan Supreme Court. This proposed constitutional amendment to keep legal neophytes off the bench was supported by all of the Chapter Officers and Directors who responded to the Chapter President's request for their position on the proposal. The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to take action on the Resolution within a few weeks.

## LAWYER/TEACHER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Lawyer-Teacher Partnership Program pairs teachers with volunteer lawyers and judges to introduce basic concepts of our legal system to elementary school students to provide them with an early understanding of the rights and obligations of citizens under our system of justice. Presently more than 3,000 students are reached through 125 teacher-lawyer partnerships in several counties including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. The program grew out of a special recommendation of a State Bar Task Force on Crime Education and is funded in part by the Michigan State Bar. If you are interested in participating in the program, or have any questions about it, contact attorney Judith Greenbaum at (313)353-1022.

## REVISED FEDERAL PRACTICE MANUAL AVAILABLE

The 1991 revised FBA Federal Practice Manual is now available. It contains the practice procedures for each district judge, bankruptcy judge and magistrate-judge in the Eastern District. It is an indispensable manual for federal practitioners and should be included in every firm's law library.

Copies of the manual are available at \$45.00 per copy from the Federal Bar Association/Detroit Chapter. To obtain a copy of the Manual complete the enclosed order form and send it with your check payable to the Federal Bar Association/Detroit Chapter to: Kristen Mahecha, Butzel Long, 150 W. Jefferson, Suite 900, Detroit Mi. 48226 (313)225-7032.

The Chapter is indebted, to attorney Daniel Malone and his Committee for their tireless efforts in producing and revising the Practice Manual. (see order form in newsletter)

## M E M B E R S H I P

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS TO BOTH NATIONAL AND THE DETROIT CHAPTER/FBA MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DENNIS BARNES, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AT (313)965-9725 or DEE OSTERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT (313)548-3450

IF YOU ARE IN A FIRM, PLEASE CONSIDER INVOLVING OTHERS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION. IN THE ACTIVITIES OF, AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE DETROIT CHAPTER.



## McCREE AWARD TO BE PRESENTED AT CHAPTER LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 20, 1991

The second Wade H. McCree, Jr., Social Justice Award will be presented by the Detroit Chapter at a luncheon meeting on November 20, 1991, at the Detroit Renaissance Center, Riverfront Ballroom. The award will be presented to Ernest Goodman, a prominent Detroit attorney and long-time civil rights activist. The guest speaker at the McCree Award will be Otis M. Smith, former Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and General Counsel of General Motors.

The McCree Award was established in 1988 to be presented to individuals or organizations for significant contributions to the advancement of social justice in our community. The first McCree Awards were presented in 1990 to Congressman George W. Crockett, Jr., and former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dennis W. Archer.

Judge McCree served as a federal district judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, a judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and as Solicitor General of the United States from 1977-1981. In 1981 Judge McCree returned to Michigan and until his death in 1987, taught at the University of Michigan Law School as the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law.

For advance individual reservations for the November 20 McCree Award luncheon, or to reserve a table, contact Barbara Radke, secretary to U. S. Magistrate, Judge Virginia M. Morgan, at (313)226-4082. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

## PRO BONO ATTORNEYS NEEDED

Volunteer attorneys are needed for the Eastern District's Pro Bono civil assignment panel to handle prisoner civil rights and employment discrimination cases in which the plaintiff has filed in pro per. These

cases frequently raise meritorious issues but without representation by counsel they are difficult to resolve and justice may not be done.

Litigation expenses incurred by voluntary attorneys up to \$500 are reimbursable. Court reporter services may be available and professional liability insurance of One Million Dollars has been obtained for all pro bono attorneys, and their law firms.

These cases afford an excellent opportunity for younger lawyers to obtain federal court experience and an opportunity for all attorneys, regardless of the number of years in practice, to help the Court and parties to resolve important matters on a fair and equal basis.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer pro bono attorney, please fill out the attached Pro Bono Civil Assignment Application and return it to: John P. Mayer, Court Administrator, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 722 U. S. Courthouse, Detroit, Mi. 48226, (313)226-2120. If you have any questions, contact attorney Mark Brewer at (313)965-3464.

## C A L E N D A R

NOVEMBER 20, 1991

McCree Award Luncheon  
Detroit Renaissance  
Center - Riverfront  
Ballroom

DECEMBER 10 / 11, 1991

New Lawyers Seminar  
U. S. Courthouse  
Room 115

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1. To promote the sound administration of justice.
2. To enhance the professional growth and development of members of the legal profession.
3. To promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the federal legal profession.
4. To promote the welfare of attorneys and judges employed by the government of the United States.
5. To provide meaningful services for the welfare and benefit of the Association.
6. To provide quality education programs to the federal legal profession and the public.
7. To keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest.
8. To keep members informed of the affairs of the Association, to encourage their involvement in its activities, and to provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles.
9. To promote professional and social interaction among members of the federal legal profession.



## NEW LAWYERS SEMINAR SCHEDULE

The winter session of the New Lawyer's Seminar for newly admitted attorneys to the bar is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11, 1991 in Room 115 of the U.S.Courthouse. This is an extremely informative program in federal, civil and criminal practice. The instructors include federal judges and experienced federal court practitioners. The registration fee is \$75.00 which includes a reception on Tuesday and luncheon on Wednesday.

To reserve a place in the program fill out the registration form and send it with your check to: New Lawyer's Seminar, P.O.Box 71740, Madison Heights, Mi. 48071. For more information contact Co-Chairs Brian Figot at (313)855-6500 or Catherine Wenger (313)963-6420.

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1991 Practice Manual  
for the  
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Eastern District of Michigan

This up-to-date publication provides practical insight to the specific pretrial and trial procedural requirements and preferences of our District Court Judges, Bankruptcy Court Judges and Magistrates. It also contains helpful "tips" from the clerk's office. This "How-to" guide is a vital source of information for all those who practice in the District Courts, Eastern District of Michigan. The 1991 edition has been expanded to include civil and criminal chapters on all District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrates.

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The Federal Bar Association would like to express its appreciation to *Chief Judge Julian A. Cook, Jr.* and all the Judges, Magistrates, and their staffs for their continued cooperation and assistance in this publication.

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