



DETROIT CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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HONORABLE MARVIN E. ASPEN TO ADDRESS RAKOW AWARDS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 2, 1993

The Detroit Chapter of the FBA is pleased to announce that United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, The Honorable Marvin E. Aspen will address the Chapter at its annual Rakow Awards Luncheon on Thursday, December 2, 1993. Judge Aspen will speak on how to effectively promote civility in litigation. For the past four years Judge Aspen has served on the Seventh Circuit Committee on Civility. That committee was the first to make a Federal circuit-wide inquiry and study of the matter. Judge Aspen, a renowned and frequent lecturer and trial advocacy instructor, will share his considerable knowledge on this important topic which includes proposed standards for judges and attorneys.

The luncheon will be held in the Riverfront Ballroom of the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Tickets for the luncheon, which begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m., can be obtained by calling Dan Malone/Elizabeth Claes at Butzel/Long, 225-7000, extension 7232.

A highlight of the Rakow Luncheon is the presentation by the Chapter of awards to five outstanding senior year law students selected by the Deans of the Michigan law schools. The Rakow Awards are made from a fund established by the Federal Bar Foundation in memory of the late Edward H. Rakow, a founding member of the Detroit Chapter. The Foundation is in need of additional funds to ensure that the Rakow Awards can be sustained at their current levels. Your tax deductible contributions can be made to the Detroit Chapter/Federal Bar Foundation and mailed to: Detroit Chapter/FBA, P.O. Box 71740, Madison Heights, Mi. 48071.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS - DETAILS INSIDE

Flint Section to "Roast" Judge Newblatt
Thursday, December 2, 1993, 5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chapter Reception Honoring
Judge Gilmore, Judge Woods and all Senior Judges
Thursday, December 16, 1993, 5:30 p.m.

New Lawyers Seminar
Scheduled for December 7/8, 1993

Bankruptcy Section Luncheon
Featuring The Honorable Ray Reynolds Graves
Monday, December 6, 1993 - Noon

REPORT ON NATIONAL MEETING: DETROIT CHAPTER AND PAST PRESIDENT HALLIDAY HONORED

In early October, Chapter President Ed Kronk and Immediate Past President/newly elected Sixth Circuit Officer Geneva Halliday attended the FBA National Meeting in New Orleans. Each year at the awards luncheon the national organization presents Chapter Activity Awards to one chapter in each of four groups. The Detroit Chapter is in Group I which includes all of the large Chapters around the country. The Chapter Activity Award recognizes outstanding work and accomplishments by one Chapter in each group. Based on its outstanding performance during the 1992--93 year, the Detroit Chapter was awarded the Group I Chapter Activity Award for 1993. Additionally, Geneva Halliday, under whose leadership the Chapter won the Activity Award, was singled out for a Special Recognition Award presented by FBA National President Malcolm Monroe for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Association. Congratulations to Geneva. Both awards will be hung in the attorney conference room in the Federal Courthouse.

The issue of increasing the portion of national FBA dues that is rebated to local chapters was on the agenda for the October meeting and generated spirited debate. Currently 15% of national dues are rebated to the locals. A resolution sponsored by the Detroit Chapter urged that the organization increase the rebate to 25%. Leadership of the national organization vigorously opposed the proposal, arguing that it would compel drastic reduction of national activities and programs. They proposed, as an alternative, that a "Chapter Activity Fund" be established to support activities by local chapters. Chapters could tap into the fund by applying in connection with specific programs. After lively discussion, the 25% proposal was defeated and the Chapter Activity Fund was passed. In response to pressure from the increased rebate proponents, it was agreed that the matter would be revisited next year. We are confident that the issue of increased rebates is not dead. Stay tuned.

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE SPECTOR ADDRESSES FLINT LUNCHEON

Continuing its tradition of active programming for bankruptcy practitioners, the Bankruptcy Section of the Detroit Chapter, in conjunction with the newly formed Flint Section, hosted a luncheon on Thursday, November 4, 1993. The Honorable Arthur J. Spector, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, addressed some 40 practitioners on "Preferential Classification of Educational Loan Debts in a Chapter 13 Plan". Judge Spector's remarks were well received and the luncheon provided an excellent exchange opportunity for bankruptcy practitioners in the Detroit and Flint areas.

For information on upcoming Bankruptcy Section activities, including the December 6, 1993 luncheon, featuring The Honorable Ray Reynolds Graves contact Julia Caroff (313)237-4776 or Michael Traison (313)963-6420. For information on Flint Section activities contact Geneva Halliday (313)237-4778, Tom Pabst (313)732-6792 or Steve Spender (313)230-14155.

JUDGES GILMORE AND WOODS AND ALL SENIOR JUDGES TO BE HONORED.

Inaugurating what we hope will become a tradition in this district, the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will host a reception on Thursday, December 16, 1993 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., in honor of the acceptance of senior status of the Honorable Horace W. Gilmore and the Honorable George E. Woods. The reception will also specially recognize and honor all of the senior judges in the district. A special memento of the occasion will be presented to all of the judges on behalf of the Detroit Chapter.

The reception will be held at the Detroit Club, 712 Cass Avenue, Detroit. Tickets for the reception, including hors d'oeuvres with a cash bar, are \$15.00 per person and may be obtained from Dee Osterman at (313)548-3450 or Geneva Halliday at (313)237-4778.

THE LEONARD R. GILMAN AWARD NOMINATIONS SOLICITED

The Leonard R. Gilman Award was established by the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in 1985 in memory of Leonard R. Gilman who, at the time of his death on February 12, 1985, was the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. The award is presented annually at a Chapter Luncheon to "an outstanding practitioner of criminal law" amplifying the qualities that "Lenny" possessed.

The following are the criteria to apply in selecting the Gilman Award recipient:

1. The recipient attorney should be significantly engaged in the practice of criminal law.

2. The Recipient should exemplify the qualities that distinguished Leonard R. Gilman. They include:

- a. Integrity.
The recipient should demonstrate throughout his/her career a high and consistent level of professional integrity.
- b. Fairness.
The recipient should demonstrate throughout his/her career a consistent sense of fair play in his/her dealings with the court and opposing counsel.
- c. Excellence.
The recipient should demonstrate a high level of competency and professional skills both in and out of the courtroom
- d. Zealous Advocacy.
The recipient should be a zealous advocate of his/her clients' interests, consistent with fair play and the

Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Selection Committee is chaired by the President of the Detroit Chapter of the FBA and composed of all past award recipients.

Please send your nominations for the Gilman Award recipient to: Ed Kronk, Butzel Long, 150 W. Jefferson - Suite 900, Detroit, Mi. 48226. All nominations must be received by March 1, 1994.

JUDGE NEWBLATT TO BE "ROASTED" IN FLINT

The Genesee County Bar Association and the newly formed Flint Section of the Detroit Chapter, FBA, are jointly sponsoring a "Roast" of Judge Stewart A. Newblatt to honor his taking senior status. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 1993 in the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in Flint. The reception, with a cash bar, will begin at 5:00 p.m., with dinner thereafter at 6:30 p.m. The program will follow dinner. Tickets are \$22.00 per person and can be obtained from Dee Osterman at (313)548-3450. Checks should be made payable to the Genesee County Bar Association. For further information contact Geneva Halliday (313)237-4778, Tom Pabst (313)732-6792 or Steve Spender (313)230-1415.

LOOKING AHEAD

On February 10, 1994 the Detroit Chapter of the FBA will sponsor a luncheon at which the Chapter's Wade McCree Award will be presented. The luncheon speaker will be the Honorable Dennis Archer, Mayor of Detroit.

On April 21, 1994 the Chapter will sponsor its annual Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon. See Nomination solicitation.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS TO BOTH THE NATIONAL FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE DETROIT CHAPTER/FBA, MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DEE OSTERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (313)548-3450 OR DENNIS M. BARNES, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR-PERSON (313)965-9725.

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

On December 2, 1993 at 12:00 Noon at the Riverfront Ballroom, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan, a special membership meeting of the FBA Foundation will be held. All members in good standing of the FBA Detroit Chapter are eligible to vote. The purposes of the meeting are to elect five (5) Trustees of the Foundation from among the members of the Executive Board of the FBA Detroit Chapter, and to transact any other necessary business.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association wishes to extend its appreciation to the following Sustaining Members for their extraordinary contributions toward the goals of the Detroit Chapter:

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NEW LAWYERS SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 7th & 8th AT THE COURTHOUSE

The FBA-Detroit Chapter, will once again be holding a seminar for new lawyers. This seminar is intended to bridge the gap between law school and practice in federal and state courts. The seminar faculty consists of judicial officers, attorneys and court personnel, well qualified to present the various subjects. The seminar will cost \$65.00 for FBA members and \$80.00 for non-members which includes course materials, a reception, luncheon, and two days of lectures.

You should plan to attend this seminar or send the new associates in your firm. At \$65.00 for members this seminar is a TRUE BARGAIN. Please fill out the registration form below. If you have any questions regarding the seminar you may contact Dee Osterman at 548-3450.

REGISTRATION FORM FBA NEW LAWYER'S SEMINAR

WHEN: December 7 & 8, 1993

LOCATION: Room 115
Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette
Detroit, Mi. 48226

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter

MAIL CHECK TO: New Lawyer's Seminar
P.O. Box 71740
Madison Heights, Mi. 48071

REGISTRATION FEE: \$65.00 member, \$80.00 non-members
(includes reception on Wednesday and
luncheon on Thursday)

NAME: _____ OFFICE PHONE NO.: _____

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{ }	I am an FBA member	\$65.00	
{ }	I am not an FBA member	\$80.00	
{ }	I would like to join the FBA	\$65.00	
	so that I can receive the	\$40.00	membership fee
	members' discount	\$105.00	TOTAL FOR BOTH

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