



FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - DETROIT CHAPTER

704 U.S. COURTHOUSE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

NEWSLETTER - April 1987

U.S. DISTRICT COURT BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan is observing the Bicentennial of the Constitution by means of a display in the lobby of the U.S. Courthouse from May 1, 1987 until November 1987. The Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's Committee on the Bicentennial is supporting the Court's activities.

At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, in Room 114 (right off the main lobby of the U.S. Courthouse) there will be a brief ceremony initiating the display. Chief Judge Philip Pratt, Court Bicentennial Committee Chair Judge Anna Diggs Taylor and others will participate. A reception will follow.

During the balance of the spring school term and during the fall, Federal Bar members will serve as tour guides for school groups scheduled to visit the Bicentennial display and tour the Courthouse. Although the FBA Bicentennial Committee has a nucleus of about 12 enthusiastic members, more volunteers will be welcome to assist at the May 1 celebration and to participate as tour guides during the months of May, June, September, October and November. If you are interested, please call Committee Chair Tom Cranmer at 646-2400.

CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES L. RYAN SPEAKER ON APRIL 29

Circuit Judge James L. Ryan will speak at the Detroit Chapter Luncheon on Wednesday, April 29. The Leonard Gilman Award will be presented to Paul D. Borman. Additional information follows in an article entitled "Leonard Gilman Award Luncheon."

DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance is almost a sell-out as this goes to press. If you still wish to make reservations, telephone Esther Munce at 331-5605.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Pursuant to the By-Laws, notice is given to the membership that the Annual Meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will be held in conjunction with the Dinner Dance on Friday, May 8, 1987, at the Lansdowne Restaurant. At the Annual Meeting, the election of officers pursuant to a slate proposed by the Nominating Committee will take place, and amendments to the By-Laws will be presented for adoption. The complete text of the proposed By-Laws is set forth in this issue of the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

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

Lee Stevens
Mark Grayell
Cass Singer
Robert Garvey
Gary Saretsky

Ellen Neering
DeLysle Henry
Mimi Genfreau
Richard Diehl

A hearty "Welcome Aboard!" to these new members who have joined one of the largest and most active FBA Chapters in the country. We are very pleased to count them among our members. As of mid-March, nearly 50 new members have joined our Chapter this season.

A reminder that in order to be a member of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, you must be and remain a member of the National Federal Bar Association. Please make sure your annual dues to the National Association are current.

If you have any questions on membership, need forms, and so forth, please contact Membership Committee Co-Chairperson Mark Brewer at 965-3464 or Anthony Adams at 224-3420.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Federal Bar Association Golf Outing which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 1987, at the Roseland Municipal Golf and Curling Club, Windsor. Tee times start at 12:30 p.m., cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Further details will be provided at a later date.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next issue of the Detroit Chapter Newsletter will be the May issue. Material for publication should be sent prior to April 30, 1987 to:

Thea Marie Sankiewicz
Raymond, Rupp, Wienberg,
Stone & Zuckerman, PC
755 West Big Beaver Road
Suite 1900
Troy, Michigan 48084

LEONARD GILMAN AWARD LUNCHEON

United States Court of Appeals Judge James L. Ryan is featured speaker at the Wednesday, April 29, 1987, Leonard Gilman Award Luncheon. Judge Ryan was named to the federal court post two years ago, after ten years as a Michigan Supreme Court Justice. He had been a Wayne County Circuit Judge and a prominent jurist, law professor, judicial school head and naval judge advocate.

The Leonard Gilman Award will be presented to a practicing attorney, who achieves extraordinary standards of legal ability and personal principles, in memorial honor of the popular and accomplished U.S. Attorney, Leonard Gilman.

Tables of eight (8) may be reserved

Members: \$16.00

Non-Members: \$20.00

Reception - Cash Bar 11:30 a.m.

Per Person

Held at: Riverfront Ballroom
Tower 400
Renaissance Center

Please mail reservation form and check to:

Esther G. Munce
Federal Bar Association - Detroit Chapter
704 U.S. Courthouse
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 331-5605

RESERVATION FORM

Leonard Gilman Award Luncheon
Wednesday, April 29, 1987

Reservations for

_____ at \$16.00 per person (FBA members)
_____ at \$20.00 per person (Non-FBA members)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make checks payable to: Detroit Chapter - Federal Bar Association

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MICHIGAN JUSTICES AND JUDGES

The Executive Board of the Detroit Chapter has approved a report of a special Committee on Judicial Experience Requirements. The Committee reviewed judicial qualification and experience requirements in nine states which are contained either in constitutions or statutes or both. They also noted the minimum five-year experience requirement for the position of United States Magistrate. The Committee's conclusion and recommendation was accepted by a very large majority of the Executive Board members present at the April 2, 1987 meeting. There were only two dissenting votes and those were based on the narrow principle that ours is a special-purpose organization which has historically not taken positions on areas outside federal courts and federal practice. A substantial majority of your Executive Board feel very strongly that both the quality and the perceived quality of the state judiciary is of vital interest to us as a professional association of lawyers. The report concluded:

"We believe and conclude the following minimum standards are necessary for justices and judges of the courts of record in Michigan.

1. At the time of the candidacy or appointment, be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.
2. Have been a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan or another state for at least five (5) years preceding the appointment or term.
3. Have engaged in the practice or teaching of law, or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States for at least five (5) years preceding the appointment or term.
4. Have never been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law for disciplinary reasons or unethical behavior.

We believe that an amendment to the Constitution of 1963 is necessary, as well as corresponding statutory amendment."

Chapter President John P. Mayer plans to communicate this Executive Board action to the State Bar of Michigan and to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees before his term expires on May 30, 1987.

FEE INCREASES
IN CIRCUIT, DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS

Using its authority under 28 USC §§ 1913, 1914(b) and 1930(b), the Judicial Conference of the United States has revised the miscellaneous fee schedule effective May 1, 1987. These revisions include increases to most of the existing fees, deletions of archaic and unnecessary items, and additional fees. The following list includes only those items most frequently paid. As this went to press, copies of the complete schedule were not yet available. However, the complete schedule will be posted in each Clerk's Office not later than May 1, 1987.

Court of Appeals

<u>Item</u>	<u>Increased From</u>	<u>To</u>
Docketing Appeal (*)	\$65	\$100
Record Search	\$ 2	\$ 15
Certification of Record	\$ 2	\$ 5
Tape Reproduction	\$2 + materials	\$ 15
Microfilm/fiche Coy	New Fee	\$ 3
Retrieval from Record Center	New Fee	\$ 25
Check Returned NSF	New Fee	\$ 25

District Court

Filing Paper (not in a case)	\$ 3	\$ 20
Record Search	\$ 2	\$ 15
Certification of Record	\$ 2	\$ 5
Tape Reproduction	\$2 + materials	\$ 15
Microfilm/fiche Copy	New Fee	\$ 3
Retrieval from Record Center	New Fee	\$ 25
Check Returned NSF	New Fee	\$ 25
Appeals from Magistrate (misdemeanor)	New Fee	\$ 25

Bankruptcy Court

Certification of Record	\$ 2	\$ 5
Tape Reproduction	\$2 + materials	\$ 15
Amendments to Schedules	\$10	\$ 20
Record Search	\$ 2	\$ 15
Filing Paper (not in a case)	\$ 3	\$ 20
Microfilm/fiche Copy	New Fee	\$ 3
Retrieval from Record Center	New Fee	\$ 25
Check Returned NSF	New Fee	\$ 25
Providing mailing labels	New Fee	\$ 5/page
Docketing Appeal (*)	New Fee	\$100

(*) These items do not include the statutory fees provided for in 28 USC §§ 1917 and 1930(c).

BY-LAWS OF THE DETROIT CHAPTER
OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I - Name and Constitution

This organization shall be known as the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The Constitution of the Federal Bar Association as it may be amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference insofar as it may be applicable to the business of this Chapter and shall prevail over these By-Laws in event of conflict therewith.

ARTICLE II - Objects

The objects of the Chapter shall be to further the objects of the Federal Bar Association as set forth in Article III of the Constitution:

- (a) to serve as the national representative of the federal legal profession.
- (b) to promote the sound administration of justice.
- (c) to enhance the professional growth and development of members of the federal legal profession.
- (d) to promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the federal legal profession.
- (e) to promote the welfare of attorneys and judges employed by the government of the United States.
- (f) to provide meaningful services for the welfare and benefit of the members of the Association.
- (g) to provide quality education programs to the federal legal profession and the public.
- (h) to keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest.
- (i) 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.
- (j) to promote professional and social interaction among members of the federal legal profession.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Active Membership:

Any person who possesses the qualifications for active membership in the Federal Bar Association as provided for in Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution of the Association and who resides, is employed or has an office in the State of Michigan, shall be eligible for active membership in the Detroit Chapter.

Section 2 Honorary Membership:

Any person eligible for honorary membership as provided for in Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Association may be elected to honorary membership in the Chapter by two-thirds vote of the Chapter members present at any regularly called meeting. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of the admission fees and annual Chapter dues, as well as national dues.

Section 3. Application for Membership:

Application for membership in this Chapter shall be made on a form approved by the National Council of the Association. Each application must be accompanied by the dues and admission fees required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association and the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Section 4. Voting:

Each active and honorary member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 5. Quorum:

Five (5) percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in this Chapter.

Section 6. Dues:

Dues owing to the Federal Bar Association nationally and to the Detroit Chapter shall be collected by the respective Treasurers of the Federal Bar Association and the Detroit Chapter. The Chapter share of National dues are automatically provided by By-Law 2 of the Association at the rate of \$7.50 for senior members and \$3.00 for junior and retired members and such amounts shall be collected by the Treasurer of the Detroit Chapter. In accordance with the provision in that By-Law, the Detroit Chapter has an additional amount of annual dues in the amount of \$10.00 for senior members and \$5.00 for junior members.

ARTICLE IV - Fiscal Year:

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall coincide with the fiscal year as determined by By-Law 2 of the Federal Bar Association, which presently commences October 1 and ends September 30, of the following year.

ARTICLE V - Officers:

Section 1. The officers shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter and shall be as follows and in the order named:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Executive Board Members

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Section 2.

Each officer elected shall assume the duties of his office on June 1, shall hold office for one year and shall perform such duties as designated by the Executive Board. No member serving in the capacity of President or Vice President shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the respective office. The outgoing President shall remain a member of the Executive Board for a period of one year following the expiration of his or her term of office as President.

Section 3.

The Executive Board shall consist of the said elective officers, the immediate past President of the Chapter, and fifteen (15) Executive Board members who shall be elected at large from the membership of the Chapter. The Executive Board members shall be elected to staggered terms of three years, with five members being elected each year.

Section 4. Nominations:

The Nominating Committee consisting of the President, President-Elect and past Presidents of the Detroit Chapter and such other members as designated by the President Elect, shall nominate at least one candidate for each upcoming vacant office and present such slate of candidates in writing to the general membership at the annual meeting. In addition to those nominations proposed by the nominating committee, any member may nominate candidates for the elective offices of the Chapter at the annual meeting.

Section 5. Elections:

The election of officers for all elective offices shall be by secret ballot or by voice vote. The election shall be held during the annual meeting. The officers elected shall commence their term of office on June 1 of each year and shall hold office for one year ending May 31.

Section 6. Removal from Office:

An officer may be removed from office for delinquency in attendance, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or for other causes in the manner prescribed in the Constitution of the Federal Bar Association.

Section 7. Vacancies in Office:

In case of death, resignation or removal of the President, the President-Elect shall succeed to office. In case of the death, resignation or removal of any other officer, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board, except for good cause.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings:

Section 1. Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the membership of the Chapter shall be held in the Spring of each year.

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Section 2. Additional or Special Meetings:

Additional meetings may be held at such day, hour and place as the President may designate. Special meetings shall be held as called by the President or a number of members equal to a quorum as provided by Article III, Section 5 hereof at a time and place designated by the calling party.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings:

Notice of the time, date and place of all meetings shall be mailed or otherwise given by the Secretary to each member in good standing at least five days prior to such meeting, unless the nature of the meeting is such that shorter notice cannot be avoided. If a special meeting, the notice shall specify the character of the business to be presented; no other business shall be conducted.

Section 4. Rules of Order:

The rules of order shall consist of (in the order stated):

- (a) The Constitution and By-Laws of the Federal Bar Association and this Chapter;
- (b) Standing Resolutions of the membership; and
- (c) Robert's Rule of Order, Revised.

Section 5. Amendment:

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or replaced and new By-Laws adopted by a majority of the members of this Chapter at a annual meeting if a quorum is present and ten days prior written notice of the purpose has been given to all members or at a special meeting upon the same conditions.

CERTIFIED as duly adopted on _____
at Detroit, Michigan.

SECRETARY

ATTESTED:

President

Chairman, By-Laws Committee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1987

4/29/87 Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon
Riverfront Ballroom, Renaissance Center
Speaker: U.S. Circuit Judge James L. Ryan

5/8/87 Annual Dinner Dance, Lansdowne

5/21/87 Executive Board Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Savoyard Club

5/29/87 Judge Thomas P. Thornton Portrait Dedication Ceremony
3:00 p.m., Room 861 U.S. Courthouse

6/8/87 - New Lawyers' Seminar, Room 115 U.S. Courthouse
6/9/87

7/1/87 Annual Golf Outing
Roseland Municipal Golf & Curling Club, Windsor

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