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## Mayor Duggan to Address Gilman Luncheon

This year's Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Mayor Michael Duggan.

Mayor Duggan was elected as Mayor of Detroit on November 5, 2013, and took office on January 1, 2014. During his first year in office, he led the city through its bankruptcy proceedings. At his 2015 State of the City Address, Mayor Duggan reported that Detroit will end the year with a balanced budget for the first time since 2002.

Mayor Duggan has lived in the greater Detroit area nearly all of his life, and attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate studies and law school. Before his election in 2013, Mayor Duggan served in various elected and appointed roles in Wayne County. He first served in the Wayne County law department, then as deputy County Executive under Ed McNamara from 1987-2000. He was elected Wayne County prosecutor in 2000 and served until 2003. In 2004, Mayor Duggan became president and CEO of the struggling Detroit Medical Center, which was sold to Vanguard Health Systems in 2010.

The recipient of the Gilman Award will be honored at the luncheon. This year's recipient is Daniel Lemisch. The Gilman Award is given annually to an outstanding practitioner of criminal law who exemplifies the excellence, professionalism, and commitment to public service of Len Gilman, who was U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District

of Michigan at the time of his death in 1985. The selection is made by prior recipients of the Award, many of whom served with and knew Len.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information

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## President's Column

*Thomas M. Schehr*



Robin Williams once said: "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

This Spring has been a time to celebrate for our Chapter, as we are proud to announce our redesigned website at [www.fbamich.org](http://www.fbamich.org). The redesigned site presents a much more user-friendly experience for our membership. Among other things, the site has an updated calendar feature that makes it far easier for members to view upcoming programming. Our links make it more efficient to navigate the site. Most importantly, the redesigned site has vastly improved content that we hope will provide increased value to your Chapter membership. The Chapter has been recording many recent events and programs, and we have uploaded them to the website for members to view from the comfort of their offices and homes. If your busy practice prevents you from attending one of our programs -- such as iPad for Lawyers or a primer on removal jurisdiction -- you can simply log on to the website to watch it.

We have many people to thank for making our redesigned website a reality. Brian Figot, our wonderful Executive Director, provided his usual excellent work (not to mention a steady hand) on this important initiative. Our web-hosting company, ZenaComp, also provided meaningful assistance. Last, but certainly not least, I want to make special mention of the efforts of Computing Source in connection with the redesigned site. Computing Source donated \$25,000 in services to our Chapter this year, and we put those services to good use on the website project. Led by its President, Mark St. Peter, the good folks at Computing Source provided yeoman's work in redesigning the site and then provided the technical expertise to make it a reality. Special thanks to Tess Brady, Katie Schoen, Anthony Montalbano, Brian Ritter, Audrey Walker, Justin Robinson, Stephen King, Erik Schwartz, and Brandon Rowells from Computing Source for their outstanding work in connection with the redesigned website.

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Our new calendar ([www.fbamich.org/events](http://www.fbamich.org/events)) sets forth several exciting events for this Spring. Our Annual Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon is set for April 21 at the Westin Book Cadillac. The Gilman Award, named in honor of former U.S. Attorney Len Gilman, is given annually to a criminal law practitioner who has been an outstanding lawyer with a deep commitment to public service. This year's recipient, Daniel Lemisch of the U.S. Attorney's Office, is another deserving honoree.

Also on April 21, the Disability Benefits Committee will have its Third Annual Veteran's Benefits Seminar at the Levin Courthouse. The seminar will feature experts regarding Veteran's Treatment Courts, including Macomb County Circuit Judge Mark S. Switalski, 41B District Judge Carrie L. Fuca, 51st District Judge Jodine Debbrecht Switalski, and retired 54B District Judge David Jordan.

In May, we will focus on the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta, starting with the annual Law Day celebration at the Levin Courthouse on May 1. Next, the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference will be held in Detroit on May 13 through May 15, and this year's conference is open to attorneys. Our Chapter is proud to have been involved with the American Bar Foundation in securing Professor Thomas Ginsburg of the University of Chicago Law School as the luncheon speaker on May 13. Professor Ginsburg's discussion of the Magna Carta will be a preview of his presentation at the American Bar Association's 800th Anniversary Celebration in London, England in June. For more information about the Conference, please visit the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference Web Site ([http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/internet/judicial\\_conference/2015/index.html](http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/internet/judicial_conference/2015/index.html)).

We also hope to see you at our Bench-Bar Golf and Tennis Outing at the Detroit Golf Club on June 8. Last year's outing was our best yet, and this year's event at a new venue promises to be even more fun. To purchase a foursome or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Matt Lund ([lundm@pepperlaw.com](mailto:lundm@pepperlaw.com)) and Tifani Sadek ([tifani@sadeklegal.com](mailto:tifani@sadeklegal.com)).

On June 19, we are planning to hold a joint FBA/American Bar Foundation program on jury behavior at the Levin Courthouse, with details available soon.

Finally, the Chapter's Annual Dinner will be held on June 25 at the Westin Book Cadillac. The Chapter will be conferring the 8th annual Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard A. Friedman FBA Civility Award at the Annual Dinner. Last year's recipient was Eugene Driker, and we are looking forward to bestowing the award on another worthy recipient this year. To nominate a candidate for the Cook-Friedman Award, please send me an email at [tschehr@dykema.com](mailto:tschehr@dykema.com). To purchase a table for the Annual Dinner, please contact Lynda Hylenski ([linda\\_hylenski@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:linda_hylenski@mied.uscourts.gov)) or Mike Blalock ([mblalock@dykema.com](mailto:mblalock@dykema.com)).

## Gilman Award

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and to register for the luncheon, visit the Chapter website or contact Program Chair Saura James Sahu at [sahu@millercanfield.com](mailto:sahu@millercanfield.com) or 313-496-7646.

## Investiture of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford

On March 19, the day of her twenty-first wedding anniversary, family, friends, and current and former colleagues gathered at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse to celebrate the investiture ceremony of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford. Judge Stafford's ties to Detroit were apparent based on the strong turnout, and her tremendous contributions to the community and extraordinary career achievements were highlighted by those invited to speak. Judge Denise Page Hood, sitting in for Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen, opened the ceremony, followed by an invocation by Rev. Mr. Ronald McIntyre, Judge Stafford's uncle. After the invocation, Judge Stafford's daughter, Veronica, delivered a beautiful – and well-applauded – rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” on the flute.

Judge Hood then provided opening remarks, noting that she and her husband, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hood, III, first met Judge Stafford when she was a 14-year-old attending the Plymouth United Church youth group, and that they have remained close over time. Among other things, Judge Stafford helped Judge Hood with her first campaign for the 36th District Court, and she later appeared before Judge Hood in federal court as an Assistant U. S. Attorney. Now, their relationship has come full circle with Judge Stafford joining Judge Hood on the bench. Concluding her remarks, Judge Hood congratulated Judge Stafford and assured the audience that Judge Stafford will “serve the Court well,” because she is “fair, impartial and dedicated.”

Judge Victoria A. Roberts then administered the oath while Judge Stafford's mother, Shirley McIntyre, and sister, Linda Givens, held the Bible. Judge Stafford's husband, Carl, daughter, and son, Carl Jason Stafford, presented her robe. Wayne County Probate Judge Terrance A. Keith presented Judge Stafford a stole on behalf of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. Donning her robe, Judge Stafford joined the other Judges on the bench. Her high school friend, Christyne Lawson, M.D., then provided a moving a cappella performance of “The Greatest Love of All” by George Benson.

Judge Roberts spoke next. A longtime mentor and friend who first met Judge Stafford when she



was in law school, she recalled hiring Judge Stafford as a summer associate at Goodman, Eden, Millender and Bedrosian. After graduation, Judge Stafford became an associate at the firm, and several years later Judge Roberts hired her as her first law clerk. Judge Roberts reminisced about Judge Stafford's progression as an attorney and remarked that her "fabric" as a person ensures she will protect the rights of all who come before her: "her 'fabric' is woven of strength, integrity, perseverance, compassion, fairness, poise, polish, grit, motivation, resilience, intelligence, good humor, kindness, mercy, empathy, intellectual curiosity, sound judgment, even temperament, courage, patience; she is of rich blend of all of the qualities we should demand of judges."

Next, Judge Stafford's friend and former supervisor, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, expressed how much her office would miss Judge Stafford, jokingly suggesting that the office may have to "launch an investigation into the Court poaching the U.S. Attorney's top talent." Describing Judge Stafford as a "committed, intellectually-curious nerd who always over-prepares," McQuade said she was certain that Judge Stafford would be an "extraordinary judge, just like she was an extraordinary [AUSA]."

Judge Stafford's sister, Donna Givens, took the podium next. She joked that as a child she believed that her sister would be many things – a movie star, singer, songwriter, choreographer, veterinarian, advocate and diplomat – but that she never expected her to become a judge. She described her sister as a "free spirit" who was an "open-minded and joyful child." She concluded that, while it may not have been apparent to her when she was younger, those qualities actually make her sister an ideal judge, because "being a judge is not about judging people, it's about using judgment."

The two final speakers, Stephanie Dawkins Davis and Dawn Ison, both AUSAs, gave a tag-team performance explaining how the three of them had come to be known

as "the Supremes" within their office. They congratulated Judge Stafford for achieving her long-sought goal, noting that it was bittersweet because it marked the end of the Supremes' era. Nevertheless, they applauded her selection as a magistrate judge and told the audience what one could

expect from her: "a fair-minded and thoughtful jurist, a dedicated public servant, an unmatched work ethic, supreme attention to detail, a steady and even temperament, and respect for all having matters in her courtroom."

Judge Stafford began her remarks thanking all in attendance and expressing specific gratitude to those taking part in the ceremony as well as the District Judges for selecting her for this position. She echoed her sister's sentiment that becoming a lawyer was not her first choice as a child; rather, she "was going to be a star." In that spirit, she crafted a "Life of Elizabeth Stafford" screenplay for

the audience that navigated the course of her life, during which she acknowledged all of her family, friends and colleagues who helped her reach this point. Although there

are too many to mention, Judge Stafford thanked her husband of 21 years, their two children, and the rest of her family for their love and support; all of the attorneys at Goodman Eden for their guidance and training; Judge Roberts for her mentorship; her colleagues and bosses at the U.S. Attorney's Office for their friendship and the experience she received; and Judge Hood and Rev. Dr. Hood for their support.

On a day meant to celebrate her achievements, Judge Stafford, true to form, remained humble – thanking all who made her success

possible. Her screenplay, while not yet complete, was nevertheless well received by the audience. Although Judge Stafford admittedly can neither sing nor dance, she has achieved her goal of becoming a star in the eyes of both the Judges and the attorneys of this District, and everyone present wished her the best in this new endeavor.



*Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford speaking at her investiture on March 19.*

*Photo courtesy of Justin Milhouse.*



*Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford and her family.*

*Photo courtesy of Justin Milhouse.*



## Court Administrator/ Clerk of Court Dave Weaver

I am happy to report that the Eastern District has begun its implementation of the eJuror program. With eJuror, potential jurors have the option of responding to their jury questionnaire form/summons online. The system allows potential jurors to update their information, check for reporting dates, and request excuses or deferrals. If a potential juror does not want to or can't complete the forms online, paper forms are provided. The majority of federal trial courts have implemented eJuror and, within short timeframes, many have reported a 70% - 90% usage rate. eJuror helps to ensure that responses from potential jurors are complete and accurate, and it helps to save court resources in postage and in staff time spent processing paper questionnaires.

On a sad note, U.S. District Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff passed away on January 22, 2015, following a lengthy illness. I have always felt a unique bond with Judge Zatkoff, as he was Chief Judge when I was appointed as Court Administrator/Clerk of Court in July 1999. I arrived in the Eastern District less than a year prior to my appointment. Hoping to have the opportunity to apply for the position of Court Administrator someday, I had no idea the opportunity would present itself so quickly! So much for having a little time to establish myself and get to know the Court.

Given the responsibilities of our respective positions in the Court, Chief Judge Zatkoff and I were instantly joined at the hip, dealing daily with the challenges and intricacies of running a very large trial court. Judge Zatkoff became a confidant, a mentor, and a friend. He was always tough, but fair, and treated me with great respect, even early on when I had no idea what I was doing! In the years

following his term as Chief Judge, he remained supportive and frequently checked in to see how things were going. He would always ask if there was anything he could do to help, often supplying a bit of his unique sense of humor. Judge Zatkoff helped me get off to a great start on what has been a truly rewarding career in the Eastern District.

Remember, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at david\_weaver@mied.uscourts.gov.

## RISE Hosts Second Speed Judging Event

On March 11, the Chapter's RISE Committee hosted the Second Annual Speed Judging Event at the Levin Courthouse.

Building on the success of last year, this event was a rare opportunity for new lawyers to meet and get to know U.S. District Judges in a casual social setting. The event

gave several groups of new lawyers five minutes to chat with each judge before the gavel fell, prompting each group to rotate to a new table and meet a new judge.

During the course of the event, new lawyers had the unique opportunity to ask the judicial officers questions like: what is your favorite non-legal movie or book? After the final round, the participants joined the judges for lunch.

Eight judges of the Eastern District graciously volunteered their time to participate in this year's Speed Judging event: Judges Bernard A. Friedman, Mark A. Goldsmith, Denise Page Hood, David M. Lawson,

Matthew F. Leitman, Laurie J. Michelson, Stephen J. Murphy, and Arthur J. Tarnow. Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen also joined the participants for lunch.

With almost 30 new lawyers participating in this year's event, Speed Judging was a success for the second year in a row and the RISE Committee looks forward to making the event a yearly tradition.



*RISE Steering Committee members (front row, left to right) Katie Pullen, Bonsitu Kitaba, Susan Asam, Erin Behler, Christian Ohanian, (back row, left to right) Sean Cowley, Ben Sobczak, and Nathan Dupes at the March 11 Speed Judging event.*

*Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News Publishing LLC.*



## Bankruptcy Luncheon

On March 12, the Chapter's Bankruptcy Committee hosted a luncheon at the Atheneum Hotel where Bankruptcy Judge Mark A. Randon was the featured speaker. Approximately 95 attorneys turned out for a delectable luncheon and remarks from Judge Randon, who is the newest appointee to the Eastern District bankruptcy bench.

Having served as a bankruptcy judge for a year now, Judge Randon, who previously served as a federal magistrate judge and as judge at the 36th District Court, is the Eastern District's only African American bankruptcy judge. Judge Randon remarked on the need for increased diversity among the bankruptcy bar, and encouraged everyone to consider the critical role diversity has in fostering integrity in and respect for the legal system in general, and bankruptcy in particular.

Judge Randon then turned his comments to pointers for effective practice before the court and among counsel, focusing on basic elements of courtesy, preparedness and civility. Judge Randon complimented the bankruptcy bar and bench on the camaraderie among bankruptcy practitioners and expressed his satisfaction in his role as a bankruptcy judge. The attendees received the judge's impassioned and eloquent address with hearty applause.

The Bankruptcy Committee looks forward to many more opportunities to hear from our newest jurist.



*Judge Randon speaking at  
Bankruptcy luncheon.*

*Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal  
News Publishing LLC.*

Judge Gadola's nephew, John. And finally, the Judge's son, Michael, is a Michigan Court of Appeals judge, taking the bench just prior to his father's death. Given this long line of jurists, Judge Gadola would sometimes regale us with tales from his boyhood of his father receiving death threats and being protected by U.S. Marshals because of his rulings in connection with the Flint sit-down strikes. The Judge was adamant that his father would always follow the law no matter the personal dangers that could result.

After thirty years as a well-respected trial attorney in Genesee County and his activities in Republican politics, Paul V. Gadola, Jr., appeared ready to follow in the family's judicial footsteps. But confirmation of his 1988 appointment by President Ronald Reagan was anything but a sure thing. At that time, the Judge was very active on behalf of his friend, Congressman Jack Kemp, who was running for president against sitting Vice President George H.W. Bush. For this reason, there was concern that the Bushies in the Reagan Administration would try to block Judge Gadola's confirmation, or at least do nothing to see that it was done before Reagan's term ended.

Judge Gadola, however, held steadfast to his commitment to the congressman and continued activities on Kemp's behalf despite the potential harm to his own judicial aspirations. Stalled by the Bush supporters, and seemingly blocked by the opposing party, it appeared that his ambitions of becoming a judge would be thwarted. The apparent impasse was resolved, however, when Democratic Senator Donald Riegle, Jr., recognizing Gadola's fair mindedness and commitment to justice, stepped in to usher Gadola's nomination through the confirmation process.

When the call of his official appointment finally came through from President Reagan – in the days before cell phones – Judge Gadola was in the midst of a state court trial. With his request for a short adjournment denied, the trial judge forced Gadola to take the call from the President in a broom closet off the Courtroom. Given the lack of privacy, all those present in the courtroom were able to overhear Judge Gadola accept the nomination. Thus, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a federal jurist—after he completed the trial at hand.

Judge Gadola's comportment as a district judge was heavily influenced by his thirty years as a trial lawyer in Genesee County. His practice and clientele spanned the spectrum of legal needs in Flint, but no one ever accused him of working for a white-shoe firm. He was deeply committed to the people and the Bar of Flint, and was not

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## The Passing of Judge Paul V. Gadola, Jr. By David Gardey and Kevin Erskine\*

The Eastern District lost one of its finest this past year when retired U.S. District Judge Paul V. Gadola, Jr. passed away in December at the age of eighty-five. We both had the distinct honor and privilege of serving as law clerks to the Judge. His passing brought back many memories for us of a fair and distinguished jurist, with a fine sense of humor, who is surely watching out from above for his beloved Spartans. His long and eminent service as a judge and lawyer is matched by his dedication to his public policy and charitable work.

Being a judge was somewhat of a family business for the Gadolas. Judge Gadola's late brother Thomas was a probate judge in Genesee County. Their father Paul V. Gadola, Sr., was a Genesee County Circuit Judge, as is

## Judge Paul V. Gadola, Jr. *(from page 5)*

afraid to get down and get his hands dirty in a case.

He always recalled a handful of nights being awoken by a client wanting to be bailed out of jail and trying to get a judge to open the court on the weekend so that he could obtain a TRO. For these reasons, he never forgot the hectic schedules of attorneys and the necessary juggling of schedules required to accommodate the litigants.

Additionally, his experiences as a trial lawyer of having Genesee Circuit Court judges unthinkingly inserting themselves into the presentation of his cases had a direct influence on his philosophy to stay out of the way of the lawyers in his courtroom and allow them to try their own cases. For the attorneys, sometimes this worked for the better, sometimes for the worse, but always absent judicial interference.

The Judge served as a district judge in the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse in Detroit for eight years, until he moved back home to the Flint courthouse in 1996, remaining there until his retirement in 2009. Judge Gadola revitalized the Flint docket, ensuring that the district judge sitting in Flint was a part of the civil case draw for the Southern Division of the district. A quick Westlaw search shows the breadth of Judge Gadola's impact on the law as a jurist. There are some 1,337 opinions of the Judge on Westlaw, with a significant portion of them being published opinions.

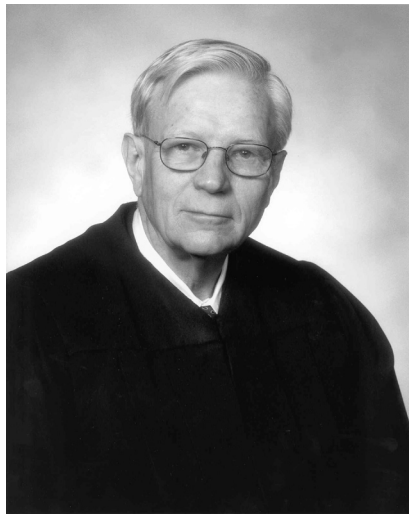
One of the more significant cases from the Judge's time on the bench was the trial of the Detroit Police Chief William Hart, who was convicted of embezzling \$2.3 million from the police department. At the time, it was the most significant corruption trial seen in the district. At sentencing, Judge Gadola significantly departed upward from the sentencing guidelines range and imposed the maximum ten year sentence of imprisonment on Chief Hart. The Judge recognized the tremendous impact that

corruption by the City's chief law enforcement official would have on the people of the City. In his opinion imposing the maximum sentence, Judge Gadola recognized that the

City of Detroit is a tortured city. It is at times almost under a state of siege by criminals, who have in many instances utterly no regard for human life, and who prey upon the good citizens of the community and devastate and destroy their neighborhoods. In the face of that situation this defendant, the top law enforcement officer of the City of Detroit, elected to use the Secret Service Fund, a fund dedicated by the people's representatives to be used to fight organized crime, to combat the narcotics traffickers whose operations are a cancer on the residential neighborhoods of Detroit, and to conduct undercover operations so vitally necessary to effective law enforcement, for his own corrupt purposes. Such conduct was more than reprehensible. It was absolutely shameful. The defendant took from the people of Detroit, so many of whom are poor and sadly in need themselves,

the public funds which were intended to be used for their protection and for improvement of the quality of their lives in a beleaguered city. . . . The dismal, monstrous and intolerable consequences of defendant's outrageous and heinous misconduct in the embezzlement of funds which had been dedicated by the people's representatives to the war against crime and criminal cannot be overestimated. Those consequences, under circumstances here presented, are so cruel and hurtful to the residents of this community that they alone warrant an upward departure.

*United States v. Hart*, 803 F. Supp. 53, 67, 69 (E.D.



*Judge Paul V. Gadola, Jr.*

# HANSON RENAISSANCE

## COURT REPORTERS & VIDEO

Mich. 1992). Needless to say, the Judge's decisions in all respects of the trial and sentence were affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

Correctly identified as a conservative, Reaganite judge, who was a faithful member of the Federalist Society and supporter of the Mackinac Center, Judge Gadola demonstrated the true meaning of liberty and justice for all through his life and his work. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Greater Flint and the Genesee County Chapter of the NAACP. Of a conservative-libertarian bent, the Judge bravely led the legal fight for open housing and equal accommodations in his hometown of Flint. He was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Flint Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, of which he was a founding member in 1963. Keeping in mind the justice that he fought for as a trial attorney, Judge Gadola always ensured that every defendant and every litigant in his courtroom received equal justice under the law, no matter their color or background.

Judge Gadola's public service was not limited to his two years in the Army and twenty years on the bench. He also was deeply committed to a great number of other causes to which he donated his time and talents, including serving as President of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation of Genesee County, Chairman of the March of Dimes, and Vice President of the Legal Aid Society for the county. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association, and he was a Director of the Court Historical Society.

Judge Gadola also always shared a personal concern for each and every member of his staff, especially his clerks. Sometimes this came in the form of offering his thoughts on a trial lawyer's performance in his courtroom, sharing his comments on a bench memo drafted for him, or ensuring that you were properly enjoying the holidays. He also taught us that St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday and federal judges are not allowed to work or conduct business on this crucial day. Instead, he impressed upon us that federal judges and their staffs were required to spend St. Patrick's Day every year carefully researching the varieties of Guinness Stout and Ale and ensuring that no federal crimes were being committed at the Gaelic League or the Old Shillelagh. He also considered it a personal insult if you didn't share a "wee nip of whisky" in his library, amongst the Christmas tree and train, on your last day before the mandatory Christmas break.

Finally, no memory of Judge Gadola would be complete without some remembrance of his zealous advocacy on behalf of the Michigan State Spartans and the Spartan Marching Band. During the week leading up to the Michigan-Michigan State football game every year, his chambers were decorated with green and white, including two State flags prominently displayed on the bench for

all litigants to see. To remind the Judge during rivalry week that he graduated from U of M Law School, whether you were a litigant or a staff member, would likely earn you a trip to the Flint Courthouse lock-up. The Judge's ubiquitous green blazer, stored since March 17, also made an appearance that week as well.

Aside from his loyalty to Michigan State University, including his long service with the Development Fund and Alumni Association, Judge Gadola served honorably for twenty years on the Board of Trustees of Mott Community College, another of his almae matres, including service as the Chairman of the Board for six years. In this service to Mott Community College, like so many other aspects of his career and public service, he remained loyal to all of those that helped him along the way.

Given this impressive legacy, upon his retirement in 2009, the Judge could rightly look back in pride on his twenty years of service to his country and his nearly fifty years of service to his community. Upon his passing, the Judge's sons, Paul V. Gadola, III, and Hon. Michael F. Gadola, can rightly be proud of their father's achievements and fine career on the bench and before the bar. Judge Gadola was a great patriot with a deep sense of fairness who was dedicated to the rule of law. He will be sorely missed by the bar and by his former clerks.

*\*David Gardey and Kevin Erskine are both Assistant United States Attorneys. David served as a law clerk to Judge Gadola from 1993 to 1995, and Kevin clerked for the Judge from 2006 until his retirement.*

## Chapter Hosts Rules Webinar

On February 11, the Chapter plowed new ground, hosting its first-ever webinar. The Rules & Civil Practice Committee presented "The 2015 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: What You Need to Know."

Dan Sharkey, Committee Co-Chair, led a discussion of key changes that, absent Congressional action to the contrary, will become effective on December 1, 2015. They include:

- shortening the time limits for service of the complaint and holding the initial scheduling conference;
- additions to the topics to be covered by the initial conference among counsel;
- factors to be analyzed when deciding the scope of permissible discovery;
- whether sanctions should be imposed for failure to produce discovery;
- allocation of expenses; and
- abrogation of the venerable Appendix of Forms.

The material was presented in a "lunch and learn" format and was well attended.



## John Van Camp Receives McCree Award

On February 26, the Chapter awarded its 23rd Wade H. McCree, Jr. Award for the Advancement of Social Justice to John Van Camp.

Wade H. McCree, Jr., a tireless advocate for social justice, was the first black U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the 6th Circuit and the second black Solicitor General of the United States. A list of Judge McCree's accomplishments and prior winners of the award bearing his name can be found at [www.fbamich.org/about-fba/awards](http://www.fbamich.org/about-fba/awards).

Assistant U. S. Attorney Susan DeClerq, co-chair of the Social Justice Committee, introduced Seth Lloyd, Chairman of Southwest Solutions' Board of Directors. He gave a heartfelt introduction to this year's honoree, John Van Camp.

John Van Camp is the President of Southwest Solutions. Southwest Solutions was founded in 1970 by Monsignor Clement Kern. Van Camp was there from the beginning, starting as an administrative assistant and becoming the president in 1981. Southwest Solutions' mission was to integrate the mentally ill into society by providing psychiatric counseling and medication. However, under the leadership of Van Camp, that mission has expanded to reintegrating the mentally ill and homeless population through a myriad of support services.

Southwest Solutions, comprised of a family of non-profits, began with 10 staff members and a budget of \$200,000. It now has a multi-million dollar budget and is responsible for \$120 million in housing development. In addition to mental health services, Southwest Solutions also provides and supports preschool programs, literacy programs, affordable housing and foreclosure prevention.

John Van Camp is no stranger to social justice. His mother organized the first integrated Cub Scout den in Macomb County. In 1954, his mother also led the Cub Scouts in a sit-in at a Romeo ice cream parlor that only served whites. Van Camp continues the sense of social

justice and equality instilled in him by his parents through his work at Southwest Solutions. The Chapter was proud to honor him at the McCree Luncheon.

Next up was Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen to introduce the keynote speaker Kevyn Orr, Detroit's recent Emergency Financial Manager. Unfortunately, Orr was called away at the last minute and was not able to attend the luncheon in person. Making the most of modern technology, Chief Judge Rosen called Orr on his cell phone and held it up to the microphone so he could make a few comments.

Orr commented that he met Judge McCree while Judge McCree served as a law professor at the University of

Michigan Law School. Orr described Judge McCree as gracious, approachable, and engaging. Orr then talked about what it meant to be involved in the historic bankruptcy of the City of Detroit. He noted several things he took away from the process, including an admiration for how the federal bankruptcy court, and particularly U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes, administered the fate of the City. He also marveled at the group of federal judges who were able to facilitate a complex agreement, referred to as the "Grand

Bargain," in such a relatively short amount of time.

Chief Judge Rosen was kind enough to round out the discussion on the Grand Bargain from his perspective as mediator. Judge Rosen talked about the dire circumstances of the City when the bankruptcy was filed. He set to work to facilitate the Grand Bargain, a complex agreement that would ultimately result in the elimination of a considerable amount of debt. To make it work, Judge Rosen successfully solicited substantial donations from charitable foundations. He was quick to give credit to his colleagues, including luncheon attendee Judge Sean F. Cox, who mediated the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Judge Rosen also acknowledged Judge Victoria A. Roberts, who was present at the luncheon, and Eugene Driker, a co-founder of Detroit law firm Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker.



*Award recipient John Van Camp (center) with Seth Lloyd (left) and Chapter President Thomas Schehr.*

*Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News Publishing LLC.*





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## Electronic Discovery Seminar

On February 10, the Chapter Litigation Technology Committee presented a seminar to over 60 attendees regarding e-discovery and the Court's Model Order relating to the discovery of electronic information.

Panelists presented survey results on e-discovery issues in the district and provided practice pointers on best practices for e-discovery, including the Rule 16 conference and discovery motions. The seminar also included a presentation and Q&A session with Judge David M. Lawson and Magistrate Judge Michael J. Hluchaniuk. Panelists included Committee chairs Daniel Quick (Dickinson Wright), Mark St. Peter (Computing Source), and J. Stott Matthews (Spectrum Forensics), and attorneys Megan McKnight (Plunkett Cooney), Dante Stella (Dykema), Scott Petz (Dickinson Wright), and Michelle Alamo (Dickinson Wright).

A video of the presentation is available on the Chapter website at [www.fbamich.org](http://www.fbamich.org)

## "Meet the Judges"

On Friday, January 23, the Chapter Criminal Law, Complex Litigation, and Labor & Employment Committees joined together to host a "Meet the Judges" panel in Room 115 of the Levin Courthouse. The Committees were delighted to have the enthusiastic participation of some of the newest members of our federal bench, Judges Matthew F. Leitman, Judith E. Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda V. Parker.

The roundtable presented a unique opportunity to collect practice tips, first-hand, from the

panelists on a number of topics, such as summary judgment motions, oral argument, and trial practice. Participants were able to gain valuable insight on how each judge viewed various practice issues such as discovery disputes, criminal sentencing, and settlement conferences. The judges

were open and candid with their feedback and guidance making the roundtable one that was not only informative but enjoyable and lively.

The Committees extend their appreciation to Executive Director Brian Figot, who helped with logistical and marketing support, and special thanks to our participating judges for providing a wealth of information on practicing in their respective courtrooms.



*Some of the newest members of our federal bench, Judges Judith E. Levy, Linda V. Parker, Laurie J. Michelson, and Matthew F. Leitman at the "Meet the Judges" event.*

*Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News Publishing LLC.*

On January 14, the RISE Committee hosted its second Power Lunch at the Levin Courthouse as part of a year-long series of "lunch-and-learn"

sessions featuring experienced federal practitioners speaking on a variety of selected topics in federal litigation practice. Professor Robert Sedler of Wayne State University Law School led the 45-minute-long presentation on "The Constitution and Presidential Power," which was attended by about 20 Chapter members. Following the presentation, attendees enjoyed a spirited question-and-answer session.

With years of litigation and teaching experience, and having published extensively in the area of constitutional law, Professor Sedler was able to share a wealth of information with the attendees.

Please watch for information about additional "lunch-and-learn" sessions hosted by the RISE Committee throughout 2015.



*On March 28, 2015, the Chapter was inducted into the Thomas M. Cooley Society due to it having reached a level of donation through the Chapter's support of CLEO and the Just the Beginning Foundation. Chapter Executive Director Brian D. Figot (pictured above with James D. Robb) attended the Cooley Donor Recognition Dinner where the Chapter was recognized.*

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# Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff Mentor, Leader, Patriot and Friend

By James T. Carroll, III\*

United States District Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff died on January 22, 2015. His impact on family, friends, colleagues, and his staff, as well as his contributions to the law and society, will endure for years and generations to come. In 2011, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary on the federal bench, his law clerks presented him with a book of letters they had written to him regarding the significant influence he had on their professional and personal lives. The title of that book, "Mentor, Leader, Patriot and Friend," was chosen to reflect that Judge Zatkoff was all of those things to so many. This article, together with an article that will appear in the next issue of "The Court Legacy," the Newsletter of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, will offer a look at why.

## Life Before Appointment to the Federal Bench

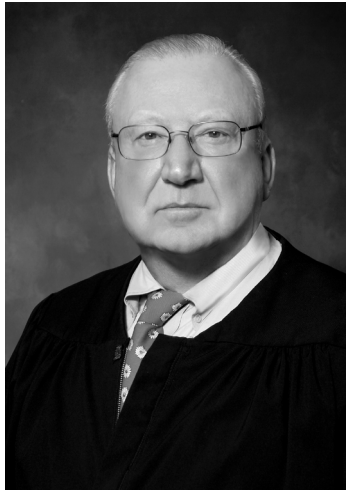
Lawrence P. Zatkoff's life story epitomized the American Dream. He was born in Detroit in 1939, the son of an automotive factory worker and a homemaker who had recently moved from Pennsylvania to escape a lifetime in the coal mines, where both of Judge Zatkoff's grandfathers had died. His mother cleaned other people's homes. His early youth coincided with World War II, and he grew up in the decade following the Great War. Although his future after high school portended a life as a factory worker, he applied to many colleges. Ultimately, he could not afford to go away to college. Instead, he lived at home and worked his way through the University of Detroit, where he earned a Bachelor of Sciences degree.

When he graduated from the University of Detroit, the Vietnam conflict was escalating, and he sought entry into the United States Marine Corps. He applied for admission to a program that trained recent college graduates as pilots. Due to a collapsed lung he suffered at age 19, his application was rejected. As a result, he went to work for Chrysler Corporation in their High Potential Management Training Program and began taking night classes at what was then the Detroit College of Law. Between his job at Chrysler Corporation, his law classes, and the time devoted to studying, he was putting in 90 hours a week. He managed all this while devoting time to his wife and family. Nonetheless, he finished third in his class, and he earned the highest score on the bar exam he took.

From and because of all those experiences, Judge

Zatkoff developed and cultivated a love of the United States. His future actions, pursuits and career choices reflected his desire to serve and give back to his country. In fact, the vast majority of his legal career was devoted to public service. He initially entered private practice in

1966 but, soon thereafter, chose to serve as an Assistant Prosecutor for Macomb County. After a year as an Assistant Prosecutor, he returned to private practice from 1968-78, when he primarily focused on representing school districts and municipalities and worked as the city attorney for Roseville for several years. From 1968-69, he taught classes at Detroit College of Law, and from 1969-72, he also served as an Associate Government Appeal Agent for the Selective Service Administration. In 1976, he unsuccessfully ran for United States Representative, but his campaign paved the way for his judicial appointment to the Macomb County Probate Court in 1978, which in turn led to appointments to the Macomb County Circuit Court in 1982 and the United States District Court in 1986.



*Judge Lawrence R. Zatkoff*

*Photo by John Meiu*

## Patriot

Judge Zatkoff was an extremely proud American and an unrelenting patriot, a man whose heart and soul bled red, white and blue. He was not a patriot simply in public or for show, he exuded patriotism at all times, both before he joined the federal bench and as a member of the Eastern District bench. At a recent ceremony honoring Judge Zatkoff, his daughter, Catherine, fondly recalled her childhood Saturday mornings in the early 1970s. On those mornings, he would first awaken Catherine and her siblings (Larry, Jr., Joe and Lizzy) with the sound of Stars and Stripes Forever and other patriotic music, then have them actually march around the house as the music shook the windows.

As set forth below, Judge Zatkoff also exhibited his patriotism throughout his career as a United States District Judge. As many of his former law clerks attested in 2011, no one could work for or with Judge Zatkoff without recognizing and appreciating his patriotic fervor and love of country.

## United States District Judge

Judge Zatkoff was appointed to the United States District Court by President Ronald Reagan on June 6, 1986. During his 28 year career on the federal bench, he presided over thousands of cases, including many high profile and controversial cases. He faithfully sat by designation for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and other district courts to assist those courts with overcrowded dockets to ensure that justice was accomplished according to the dictates of

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## **Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff** *(from page 11)*

our Constitution and the mandates of our legislature. He was everything he hoped he would be remembered for as a United States District Judge: he was fair, he was impartial, and he was efficient. He also was a leader on the Eastern District bench long before and well after he served as the Chief Judge. He served as a mentor to incoming district judges and his law clerks. He was professional, honest, and pragmatic, and he had a tremendous work ethic. And, importantly, he also was respectful to those with whom he worked and persons appearing before him.

### **A Leader of the Court and Chief Judge**

During his tenure as a federal district judge, he had the honor and, in his words, the privilege of holding several positions held by few other federal district judges. In the 1990s, he served for six years on the Judicial Conference's Committee on Judicial Security (later known as the Judicial Conference's Committee on Security, Space and Facilities), including several years as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Security. In 2001, then-Chief Judge Zatkoff was one of only 13 district judges nationwide (and the only one in the Sixth Circuit) elected to serve on the 26 member Judicial Conference, the principal policymaking body for the federal court system, a position he held for three years.

In the Eastern District, he served for five years as the Chief Judge of the court. During that time, he initiated a program that paved the way for the paperless filing of court papers and several programs for cost containment within the court (including the creation of a professional purchasing department for the court). At his recommendation, the Eastern District commenced allocating non-appropriated funds of the court to the Federal Bar Association and the Court Historical Society to aid in their educational and historical missions. He also oversaw a renovation project on the first floor of the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse. That renovation project created the high security, ceremonial courtroom now utilized by Judge Friedman and Room 115, a grand meeting room that is regularly used to conduct naturalization ceremonies. Judge Zatkoff believed it important that naturalization ceremonies be conducted in a manner befitting the importance and symbolism of becoming a citizen of the United States. Finally, in the wake of 9/11, Judge Zatkoff promoted the creation of an Employee Appreciation Day, an annual event that recognizes all employees, gives special recognition to employees who attain milestone anniversaries with the court, and at which the Chief Judge's Award is given to acknowledge and congratulate an employee for significant assistance to the court.

As Chief Judge, Judge Zatkoff also consistently exhibited a passionate interest in preserving and enhancing the history of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District

of Michigan. Most significantly, he spearheaded and oversaw the complete restoration of the "Chief Judge's Courtroom," a/k/a the Million Dollar Courtroom, in the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, he presided over and was instrumental in the creation and opening of the Court Historical Society's Museum, he began an oral history program that will preserve the court's history for many years to come, and he was instrumental in the preservation of the Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Port Huron, an internationally recognized, award-winning, 138-year old historical building that, but for his commitment, likely would have been closed and disposed of by GSA about a decade ago.

### **The Mentor**

Judge Zatkoff acted as a mentor to new members of the Eastern District bench from the late 1980s until the four new district judges were appointed in 2014.

Judge Zatkoff also was an invaluable mentor to his 30 law clerks. Almost every one of those law clerks now holds a position that, but for the experience of working for Judge Zatkoff, would not have been attainable. For most of us, the clerkship was not only our first real legal job, it was our first real job of any kind. Yet, from day one, he instilled confidence, granted autonomy and taught the virtues of professionalism and preparedness. Those were some pretty remarkable attributes and responsibilities for a bunch of booksmart schoolboys, each of whom walked into his chambers intimidated by his presence and authority—and each of whom was clueless about the practical nature of the legal system, the judicial system, and the practice of law. During our clerkships, however, each of us drew from Judge Zatkoff's guidance and examples and, as a result, entered the legal profession with an awareness and, usually, the ability to employ those same traits.

Judge Zatkoff's mentoring of his law clerks took several forms, each of which provided lessons that have guided us throughout our legal careers. In the words of Rob Carr: "While law school taught the basics of our legal system, Judge Zatkoff taught [us] how to be lawyers: to think critically, write clearly and simply, analyze facts and apply the law and, most importantly, to be honest and true to ourselves and others." Or, as Will Bloomfield wrote: "It was startling when I began my clerkship to see how much responsibility Judge Zatkoff entrusted to his clerks. He neither held our hands nor required us to slavishly sacrifice our creativity. Instead, he gave us assignments and deadlines and afforded us the opportunity to impress him with our work. Only if correction or specific instruction were needed did he offer it." These sentiments are shared by all of Judge Zatkoff's law clerks.

Finally, Mike Simoni aptly summarized: "what made the clerkship truly enjoyable was the confidence and trust Judge Zatkoff had in his clerks. Almost all of his law clerks were from local, that is, not top-ranked, law





## A Special Event

### WHEN

**Friday, May 1, 2015**  
**11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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**Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse**  
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- ◆ Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- ◆ Federal Defender Office
- ◆ Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- ◆ Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- ◆ National Labor Relations Board
- ◆ Ralph M. Freeman Memorial Library
- ◆ Secret Service
- ◆ United States Attorney's Office
- ◆ United States Bankruptcy Court
- ◆ United States District Court
- ◆ United States Marshals Service
- ◆ United States Pretrial Services Agency
- ◆ United States Probation Department
- ◆ Wayne County Sheriff's Department

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schools. Many of us had already experienced the frustration and disappointment of rejection by the big Detroit firms. Being selected for the clerkship and experiencing the confidence and trust Judge Zatkoff showed us begat a sense of confidence in us that was lacking before the clerkship, a confidence that forced and/or allowed us to become better lawyers.”

Thanks to Judge Zatkoff, his law clerks now enjoy careers they probably would not have attained but for their experience of clerking for him.

Judge Zatkoff also set the example of a courageous and independent thinker, and he communicated with straightforward simplicity and candor. One way Judge Zatkoff did so was through his commitment to the law and the United States Constitution. As Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra noted several years ago, Judge Zatkoff was a practicing and committed judicial conservative, a philosophy that can be very unpopular and difficult to adhere to while serving on the bench. Throughout his nearly 40 years on the bench, including the last 28 in federal court, Judge Zatkoff exercised an unfailing commitment to apply the law and uphold his Constitutional oath—even in cases where the practical and seemingly fair and just

result would have been popular and understandable, and even in cases where he himself wanted to grant the relief requested but perhaps not allowed by law—because that was what he swore to do.

### **Friend**

Judge Zatkoff also was a great friend to many members of the Eastern District bench, his law clerks and staff. As Judge Bernard A. Friedman and Judge Richard F. Suhrheinrich so personably revealed during their eulogies of their friend and colleague, the view of Judge Zatkoff from the outside did not necessarily match the view, or reality, of Judge Zatkoff within chambers or for many others who knew him personally.

He frequently exhibited thoughtfulness and concern for his colleagues, friends and his staff. In chambers, Judge Zatkoff always was the consummate professional, but he also treated his staff as friends, especially law clerks following their clerkship. One example of his thoughtfulness and generosity was a relatively recent tradition Judge Zatkoff started: inviting his staff to his house to watch the annual St. Clair Shores fireworks. He didn't have to do that and, truth be told, while the firework displays were respectable, the real treat was hanging out  
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## Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff *(from page 13)*

with the Judge and his wife, Kelly, in their home, with his family and some friends, the Judge enjoying a Smirnoff or two, Kelly having a glass of wine, and the law clerks drinking all of his beer. Every year, including last summer, everyone had a wonderful night, usually filled with amusing and surprising yarns by Judge Zatkoff.

Although not visible to the public or in the halls of the court and especially not in the courtroom, Judge Zatkoff had a terrific, albeit dry, sense of humor and a dynamic personality. Bill Hackel summed it up this way: "As we all know, the best part of being around the Judge was, well, being around the Judge. His wit, sarcasm and a droll sense of humor kept you on your toes. Think about how many times [as a senior clerk] you were asked by the junior clerk, 'was the Judge serious?'" As a senior clerk, the answer was always, "Oh, absolutely" just to watch the junior clerk's face go pale. There was almost no situation where the Judge wouldn't take the opportunity to inject some humor.

Sometimes, the humor was more subtle and lost on the masses, but gutbusting to his staff—and this often happened in the courtroom during trial. He had a habit of passing witty notes to his clerks, at times for seemingly no other reason than to humor himself and see if they could remain

straight-faced. In one case years ago, he was introducing his staff to the jury, as he always does. That staff included myself and the senior law clerk at the time, Paul Delacourt. With a straight face, Judge Zatkoff introduced us as "Paul Drink-A-Quart" and "Tom Collins." You just never knew when it was coming.

There were also the pranks that he enjoyed playing on his clerks like when he left an autographed baseball on my desk several years ago, a baseball inscribed, "To Jim Carroll" from "Babe Ruth," or like when he ordered a 3-foot stuffed shark and presented it to Matt Boucher, one of his last clerks who had made the mistake of confessing to the Judge that he had a fear of sharks.

Many of Judge Zatkoff's law clerks have spoken and written about him as a friend. As Jonathan Jorissen wrote to him—and he could have been speaking for any of Judge Zatkoff's clerks: "I never expected that I would leave my clerkship viewing my boss as a mentor and friend, but that is precisely what happened. The clerkship truly transcended the work." Finally, as Cameron Evans creatively set forth in an acrostic poem, utilizing the last "F" in Lawrence P. Zatkoff: "Friend, I had to save the best for last." Judge Zatkoff was a terrific friend to so many of us, and it is that friendship that we will miss the most.

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a member of the bench of the Eastern District of Michigan. As he frequently expressed to me, he had great respect for all members of the bench and the decisions they had to make regarding the issues and cases before them. At his 2011 Portrait Ceremony, Judge Zatkoff expressed those thoughts when addressing his colleagues, stating:

I am very happy and proud to be a Federal Judge, but I am more happy and proud to be a member of this particular bench because this bench has a culture and a custom that is very rare. It kind of typifies the culture of Detroit in the manufacturing business and business of getting things done. This is a bench that gets things done. They get the job done all the time, every time, and I'm very proud to be a member of this bench. . . .

And, thank you, colleagues, for permitting me to be part of your bench.

Lawrence P. Zatkoff had and he appreciated a remarkable and successful career as a United States District Court Judge. In the words of Robert Biskup, Judge Zatkoff's first law clerk, Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff was "truly a Judge's Judge," and his performance as a member of the Eastern District bench went well beyond that of the typical federal district judge. Without question, both his experience and his performance as a member of the Eastern District bench were extraordinary, in the literal sense of that word.

*\*James T. Carroll, III served as law clerk to Judge Zatkoff from 1994 to 1996 and was his career law clerk from 2004 until Judge Zatkoff's death.*

## Calendar of Events

**April 21**      **Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon**  
Westin Book Cadillac Hotel  
11:30 A.M.      Reception  
12:00 P.M.      Luncheon  
Speaker: Hon. Michael Duggan,  
Mayor of the City of Detroit  
Award Recipient: Daniel Lemisch

**April 21**      **Veterans' Treatment Courts Seminar**  
Levin Courthouse, Room 115  
Start time: 1:30 P.M.  
(after Gilman Luncheon)  
Seminar duration: 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours

**May 1**      **Law Day 2015: "Magna Carta 800:  
Symbol of Freedom Under Law"**  
Welcoming your staff, clients, and  
downtown neighbors to visit the Levin  
Courthouse and the Judges between  
11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.  
Live demonstrations, such as bomb-  
sniffing dogs, and tours of the  
Courthouse; "Ask the Lawyer"; hot  
dogs. It's becoming a tradition!  
Don't miss it this year.

**May 26**      **FBA Book Club Presents for Discussion:**  
*Blindfolds Off: Judges on How They  
Decide*, by Joel Cohen. The author  
provides a fascinating look at the  
judicial decision process.  
Levin Courthouse, Room 722, Noon  
Admission: Non-members \$5.00  
Lunch: Bring your own, or register in  
advance for the \$10 lunch provided

**June 8**      **Bench-Bar Social and Golf Outing  
at the Detroit Golf Club**  
In addition to the changed (and spec-  
tacular) venue and an 18-hole  
scramble, the Bench Bar Social will  
have tennis courts & a variety of

other activities.  
Dinner Only also an option.  
Detroit Golf Club  
(between the University District and  
Historic Palmer Park)  
Afternoon activities and dinner following

**June 25**      **Rutter Group Seminar:  
"Federal Practice 2015"**  
A must for practitioners who want a  
brief, in-depth and entertaining  
update on federal pretrial practice  
Panelists: Chief Judge Gerald E.  
Rosen, Judge David M. Lawson, and  
Thomas W. Cranmer of Miller  
Canfield PLC  
Registration: 1:30 P.M.  
Program: 2:00 - 5:15 P.M.  
Westin Book Cadillac Hotel

**June 25**      **The 36th Annual Dinner Featuring:  
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Officers and Board Members**  
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Westin Book Cadillac Hotel  
5:30 p.m. cocktails, dinner following

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*The 2015 Celebrating Our Diverse Bar event was held on March 5 at the London Chop House. The Chapter once again sponsored this event along with numerous other local special purpose bar associations. Among those enjoying the event were: Erica Moise of Stonewall Bar, David Winter of Detroit Metropolitan Bar, Wolverine Bar President Chantez Pattman Knowles, Jim Rosenfeld of Detroit Metropolitan Bar, Diane Margosian Paulsen of Armenian American Bar, Wayne County Probate Court Judge Terrance Keith of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, Armenian American Bar President Sevahn Merian, Rita White, Satyam Talati of South Asian Bar, and Elisa Angeli Palizzi from the FBA Chapter.*

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