

2016 MEMPHIS/MID-SOUTH CHAPTER OF THE
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FEDERAL PRACTICE SEMINAR



Friday, October 28, 2016
University of Memphis
Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
1 North Front Street
Memphis, TN 38103

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
United States District Judge S. Thomas Anderson
FBA Memphis/Mid-South Chapter President Earl Houston

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **The Supreme Court and the Presidential Election of 2016**
Lee Epstein, Washington University School of Law Professor

Professor Epstein will discuss the potential effects of the elections of 2016 on the U.S. Supreme Court, including possible new appointees and doctrinal change in several salient areas of the law.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **How to Magically Win on Appeal**
Judge Ronald Gilman, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Judge Gilman will address general appellate principles, including new statistics on the likelihood of being affirmed or reversed on appeal. He will then discuss several key elements of effective brief writing, followed by pointers on “how to wow” at oral argument. Due to his interest in magic, Judge Gilman intends to keep the audience alert with a few examples of the connection between hocus pocus and the appellate process.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Keynote Address: Why Can't They Earn A Living? – Legal Obstacles to Pay for College Athletes and Going Pro Out of High School**

Michael McCann, Sports Illustrated Legal Analyst and Writer and University of New Hampshire School of Law Professor

Professor McCann will discuss the legality of NCAA restrictions on compensation for college athletes and age/eligibility requirements restricting college athletes from freely playing in professional leagues. He will also take audience Q&A on a variety of sports law topics.

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Bankruptcy For The Non-Bankruptcy Lawyer: What You Need to Know To Stay Out Of Trouble**

Breakout sessions United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge David Kennedy
United States Bankruptcy Judges Jennie Latta and Paulette Delk

The nation's uniform bankruptcy laws intersect nearly all other fields of jurisprudence. Knowing a few bankruptcy fundamentals and problem areas may save your client and also keep you out of trouble. Judges Kennedy, Latta, and Delk will provide a general overview of the practice of bankruptcy law in the Western District of Tennessee from the perspectives of all sides of a case.

CJA Panel Breakout Session: Annual CJA Training Session

Clerk of Court for the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Thomas M. Gould

Tom Gould will conduct a training session with CJA Panel attendees designed to ensure they are familiar with the latest information for effective representation of clients through the program.

1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **Civil Law Breakout Panel: Update on Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**

Breakout sessions Unites States Senior District Judge Jon Phipps McCalla
Jeana Littrell, Federal Express Corporation
William B. Ryan, Donati Law, PLLC

Panelists from the bench, the plaintiff's bar, and the defendant's bar will share their perspectives on the impact of the amended Federal Civil Rules on federal pretrial and trial practice.

Criminal Law Breakout Panel: *Johnson* and other Sentencing Issues

Tyrone Paylor, Federal Public Defender's Office, Western District of TN
Kevin Ritz, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of TN
Moderator, André Wharton, The Wharton Law Firm

Panelists from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Public Defender's Office will discuss evolving criminal sentencing issues in the wake of *Johnson v. United States* and related cases, including *Welch*, *Mathis*, *Beckles*, and more. Time will be allotted for audience Q&A.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Using Technology to Improve Your Law Practice

Bill Ramsey, Neal & Harwell, Nashville, TN
Phillip Hampton, LogicForce Consulting, LLC, Nashville, TN

Technology has never played a bigger role in the practice of law than now. From mobile technology, office productivity apps, and gadgets to automation, litigation technology, cybersecurity concerns, and artificial intelligence, the current technology landscape presents a wide array of opportunities for attorneys. Bill, a tech-savvy lawyer, and Phil, a legal tech entrepreneur, demonstrate the latest and greatest tech gadgets, apps, and advice to help you improve your law practice.

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Judges Panel

District, Bankruptcy, and Magistrate Judges of the W.D. of Tennessee will discuss a wide range of topics related to federal practice and professionalism.

Seminar attendees can submit questions for the panel before the seminar or through 12 p.m. the date of the seminar to midsouthfba@gmail.com

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judicial Reception

The FBA will host a reception for our judges and attorneys immediately following the seminar. Join us for appetizers, wine, beer, and soft drinks.

This program has been submitted for approval of 6.0 hours of CLE credit in Tennessee, including
3.5 hours of General Credit and 2.5 Hours of Dual Credit

The FBA will submit CLE hours for Tennessee.

Attendees are responsible for submitting CLE credit to other jurisdictions.

Price (includes breakfast, lunch, and reception):

- \$190.00 Private Attys. – FBA Members
- \$90.00 Govt. Attys. – FBA Members
- \$250.00 Private Attys. Non-Members
- \$100.00 Govt. Attys. - Non-Members
- FREE for CJA Panel Members
- FREE for Judicial Law Clerks
- FREE for FBA Law Student Chapter Members

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 21, 2016