

**THE MEMPHIS/MID-SOUTH CHAPTER OF
THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

Presents the

**2009 ANNUAL FEDERAL PRACTICE SEMINAR
ATTORNEY ADMISSION CEREMONY
AND JUDICIAL RECEPTION**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Judicial Reception 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

Cook Convention Center

7.0 General CLE Hours, 1.0 Hour Ethics

(TN Course ID 071540)

8:30-9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 **Welcoming Remarks**

9:15-10:30 **Recent Developments in Sixth Circuit Jurisprudence**

District Court Judge Hardy Mays will join the Western District's newest *Magistrate Judge Charmiane Claxton* and practitioner *Amy Pepke* to review significant recent opinions from the Sixth Circuit and the anticipated impact these decisions will have on future litigation.

10:30-10:45 **Break**

10:45-11:45 **Be careful what you wish for; practicing before the U.S. Supreme Court**

Tom Goldstein, Connie Lewis Lensing, & Rick Bennett. Two local attorneys, Lewis Lensing and Bennett, who have appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, will join a Supreme Court specialist (Goldstein) to discuss their experiences appearing and practicing before the U.S. Supreme Court.

11:45-1:00 **Lunch and Keynote Address**

Speaker -- *Tom Goldstein*

Tom Goldstein, Co-Chair of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld's U.S. Supreme Court Practice Group & founder of Scotusblog, which is dedicated to covering the U.S. Supreme Court and is one of the nation's top legal websites, will share some of his experiences as a seasoned Supreme Court practitioner.

1:00-2:15 **Ethics** --- *Mike McLaren*

Join Mike McLaren as he analyzes Hollywood's treatment of ethical situations and how that differs from the way things should be done. In this "Reel to Real" presentation, movie clips from "Michael Clayton", "Nothing but the Truth" (starring Judge Bernice Donald), "My Cousin Vinny" and others are critically reviewed from an ethics perspective.

2:15-3:30 **Break-out Sessions**

Proposed Changes to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and 56.

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26 and 56 are slated for revision. *Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo* will lead a panel of local practitioners including *Thomas Henderson and Billy Ryan* in a discussion of the existing summary judgment rules and standards and the proposed changes to Rule 56, as well as an examination of the changes proposed to Rule 26 and a discussion of the impact these revisions could have to federal practice.

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CJA Panel ---- Business Meeting

This is the annual session for CJA Panel Attorneys to meet with the Court, review the state of the program, and discuss possible changes for the coming year.

3:30-3:45 **Break**

3:45-5:00 **Judges Panel on Best Practices in Federal Court**

Our local federal district judges and magistrate judges will discuss their personal federal practice do's and don'ts. A box will also be provided throughout the day to collect questions for the judges to address during this session.

Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla
District Judge James D. Todd
District Judge Bernice B. Donald
District Judge Samuel H. Mays
District Judge J. Daniel Breen
District Judge S. Thomas Anderson
Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo
Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham
Magistrate Judge Edward G. Bryant
Magistrate Judge Charmiane G. Claxton

5:00-5:15 **Attorney Admissions Ceremony**

Any attorney seeking admission to the federal bar will find an [Application for Admission to the Bar](#) in the [Forms & Applications](#) section of the Court's website, www.tnwd.uscourts.gov. To participate in the ceremony, you must submit your application and admission fee to the Clerk's office by **October 2, 2009**, with a cover letter indicating your desire to be sworn in at the Federal Practice Seminar.

5:15 – 6:30 **Judicial Reception**

The FBA will host a reception for our local judges and attorneys immediately following the seminar. Join us for appetizers, wine, beer and soft drinks with live music provided by Memphis attorney and harpist extraordinaire, *Irma Merrill*.

Breakfast, lunch and the reception are all included in your registration fee.

Price: Federal Bar Association Members \$175
Non-Federal Bar Association Members \$225
Government Attorneys \$ 80
Judicial Law Clerks and CJA Attorneys No charge (registration still required)

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**Register by September 19, 2008, to assure your place at the seminar.
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