

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

presents the

2011 ANNUAL FEDERAL PRACTICE SEMINAR

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Judicial Reception 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

University of Memphis Law School

1 North Front Street

Memphis, Tennessee

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

8:30 - 8:45 **Welcoming Remarks**

8:45 - 9:45 **Recent Developments in Sixth Circuit Jurisprudence**

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Julia S. Gibbons and United States District Court Judge Samuel H. Mays will review significant new decisions within the Sixth Circuit and discuss the impact these decisions will have on future litigation.

9:45 - 10:45 **Bankruptcy for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner**

Chief Judge David Kennedy of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee, *Jeb Bailey* of Butler, Snow, O'Mara Stevens & Cannada, PLLC, who represents creditors, and *Bettye Bedwell*, who practices primarily as a debtors' attorney, will provide information on judicial estoppel and other bankruptcy issues of interest to non-bankruptcy practitioners.

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:00 **A Morning with Linda Greenhouse**

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer *Linda Greenhouse*, who covered the Supreme Court for the New York Times for nearly twenty years, will discuss her perspectives on the Court then and now in a "fireside chat" format with *Jef Feibelman* of Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC.

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**

Student Lounge

1:00 - 2:00 **Trial Technology**

Frequent lecturers on a wide variety of technology-related topics, *Phillip Hampton*, President of LogicForce Consulting, LLC, and *Bill Ramsey*, a civil and criminal litigator who is a member of the Nashville firm Neal & Harwell, will provide technology tips useful in trial settings.

- 2:00 - 2:30 **Clerk's Corner**
Clerk of Court Tom Gould will address issues facing the Clerk's office, including the impact of expected budget cuts on the Court's operations.
- 2:30 - 3:45 **Break -Out Sessions:**
- Ethics of Contacting the Opposing Party's Current and Former Employees**
Professor Ernie Lidge of the University of Memphis School of Law, *Shea Wellford* of Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, and *Doug Janney*, a Nashville attorney who is president of the Tennessee Employment Lawyers Association, will discuss the ins and outs of Rule 4.2, including case law on contacting the opposing party's current and former employees.
(Wade Auditorium, First Floor)
- 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.
(Room 325)
- 3:45 - 4:00 Break
- 4:00 - 5:15 **Judges' Panel**
District judges and magistrate judges of the Western District of Tennessee will discuss a wide range of topics related to federal practice. Please use your registration form to identify questions and topics you'd like to see discussed.
- 5:15 - 5:30 **Attorney Admissions Ceremony**
At the close of the Judges' Panel, the Court will conduct an admissions ceremony for attorneys who wish to be admitted to the bar of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Application forms are available at <http://www.tnwd.uscourts.gov/pdf/content/BarAdmission.pdf> and should be submitted directly to the Clerk's office, with a cover letter addressed to Venita Griffin specifying that the applicant is seeking admission at the FBA Seminar.
- 5:30 - 6:15 **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 and live music.
(Law School Reading Room, Top Floor.)

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

| | On or before Oct. 12: | After Oct. 12: |
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| Federal Bar Association Members | [] \$175 | [] \$200 |
| Non-Federal Bar Association Members | [] \$225 | [] \$250 |
| Government Attorneys | [] \$ 80 | [] \$100 |
| Judicial Law Clerks and CJA Attorneys | [] No charge (registration still required) | |

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Please propose two questions or topics of interest that you'd like to see discussed by the judges' panel:

**Register by October 12, 2011 to assure your place at the seminar.
Late registration will be subject to availability.**

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