Tuesday, May 8, 2007

7:30 AM Young Lawyers Breakfast With the Judges Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

7:30 AM Breakfast for Clerks of Court

8:45 AM Report From the Clerk of the Seventh Circuit Gina J. Agnello, Clerk of Court, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Announcements, Reports and Memorials Memorial for Honorable Thomas E. Fairchild, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit John S. Skilton (Heller Ehrman LLP)

9:15 AM - 10:05 AM Criminal Restitution As a Supplement to (or Substitute for) Civil Litigation

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM Break

Concurrent Programs

10:15 AM - 11:05 AM
- Civil Litigation: Patent Litigation Reform in the Courts and Congress
- (10:15 AM - 12:00 PM) Bankruptcy Program: Legal Developments, Ethics and Challenges to the Bar and Bench in a Climate of Dissatisfaction
- Criminal Breakout Session: Sentencing Post-Booker and the McNulty Memo

3:00 PM Meeting of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council

5:30 PM Judges’ Reception/Cocktails and Buffet at the Milwaukee Club (across the street from the Pfister) 706 N. Jefferson, Milwaukee, WI

Breakout Sessions
- District Court Breakout Sessions: Discussions between the bench and the bar of the Circuit’s several districts

12:00 PM Annual Meeting and Business Luncheon of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association

12:00 PM Annual Business Luncheon of the Judiciary

1:30 PM Judges’ Executive Session: Report of the Director of the Federal Judicial Center
Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein
Report of the Director of the Administrative Office
James C. Duff, Esq.
Introduction of Honorable Ann D. Montgomery, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, by Circuit Judge Kenneth F. Ripple to talk on Diversity in the Judiciary
Report of the Federal Judges Association
Update on Phase Two of the Seventh Circuit Jury Project
Honorable James F. Holderman and James R. Figliola

Social Events

Opening Reception: Sunday, May 6, 2007, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
This year’s opening reception will be held at Milwaukee’s new Discovery World Museum at Pier Wisconsin, which is located on Lake Michigan just a few blocks away from the Pfister Hotel. The party will kick off at 6:00 PM in the pilot House, which is located on the third floor of the Museum. The Museum’s Reiman Family Aquariums will be open to guests. We’ll also be entertained by musicians from the Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

Spouses’ Event: Monday, May 7, 2007, NOON
This year we are pleased to offer spouses lunch and a walking tour of the Milwaukee Art Museum with Laura Winsor, Curator of earlier European art. With a new expansion and renovation that combines art, architectural design and landscape design, the Milwaukee Art Museum is a must-see.

Young Lawyers’ Breakfast With the Judges: Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7:30 - 8:30 AM
Once again, the 7th Circuit Bar Association will provide those attorneys who have graduated from law school within the past 10 years the opportunity to interact in an informal and relaxed setting with many of the Seventh Circuit’s judges. This is an opportunity that shouldn’t be missed.

Annual Business Luncheon of the Judiciary
Message from the President

Please join us in Milwaukee for the 56th Joint Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit and Seventh Circuit Bar Association. The meeting kicks off Sunday night with an opening cocktail reception at the brand new Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin Center on Lake Michigan. In addition to good food, music, and conversation, we promise you two new aquariums, wonderful views of the lake, the city, and the Calatrava addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Monday night’s dinner will feature Circuit Justice John Paul Stevens who will provide his usual insightful comments. Solicitor General Paul Clement, a Cedarburg Wisconsin native, will provide the keynote address, and we’ll honor this year’s deserving recipient of the American Inn of Court Professionalism Award, Justice Janine Geske, Distinguished Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School.

Monday’s substantive program will provide a variety of viewpoints on media coverage of the courts; first with a discussion including journalists who have covered the Supreme Court for national newspapers (LA Times, Chicago Tribune, McClatchy Newspapers, USA Today), and then with a panel including some of the nation’s leading legal bloggers (“Alls hosp,” “How Appealing,” “Empirical Legal Studies,” “Prawfsblog,” “Conglomerate,” and the “Volkich College”). USA Today reporter Joan Biskupic starts the morning off and will share her insights on these same issues based on her many years covering the Supreme Court and her work on the biography of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

We’ll shift our focus in the afternoon and hear from 7th Circuit lawyers who have helped Iraq develop a constitution (Bradley Williams) and deal with the legal issues presented within the “Green Zone” of Baghdad (Jim Santelle).

We’ll then turn to a debate moderated by Chief Judge Frank Easterbrook between Judge Richard Posner and University of Chicago Professor Geoffrey Stone on “Constitutional Rights and Other Legal Issues in the War on Terror.” The debate will be followed by a panel on “Privacy, Evidence Gathering and the Seventh Circuit.”

Tuesday morning begins with the popular Young Lawyers Breakfast, which is an excellent opportunity for the judiciary and younger members of the Association to spend some time together in an informal setting.

Tuesday’s programming begins with a memorial tribute to former Chief Judge Thomas Fairchild, and then Court Gino Agnello’s annual and entertaining presentation on the work of the courts. Next up are programs on “Criminal Restitution as a Supplement to Forfeiture for Civil Litigation,” and separate breakouts on bankruptcy, criminal law issues, and intellectual property litigation. We’ll wrap up the programming with breakouts by districts focusing on current issues in the courts, including the role of pro se litigation, the effective use of local rules and practices, and e-discovery.

Spring in Milwaukee can be beautiful, we hope to see you here for an interesting and informative program.

Dan Conley, Quarles & Brady
President, Seventh Circuit Bar Association

Hotel Information

The Pfister Hotel, 424 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, Telephone (414) 273-8222.

To secure a group rate of $169 single or double, please call 1-800-472-4403. Please be sure to tell them you are with the 7th Circuit Bar Association to receive the group rate. The Group/Promo Code is 621945.

The cut off date for registration with the group rate is Monday, April 16, 2007.

Due to technological difficulties with the Pfister online registration system, we recommend that you not book your rooms online.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 6, 2007

6:00 PM Opening Reception at Discovery World
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Annual Luncheon
Chief Judge’s State of the Circuit Report
Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Luncheon Address: Perspectives on the Iraq Constitution
Brady C. Williamson, LaFollette Godfrey & Kahn

The Rule of Law in Iraq
James L. Sainelli, United States Department of Justice, Justice Atallah, U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq

Afternoon Break

Monday, May 7, 2007

7:45 AM Breakfast for Bankruptcy Judges
Breakfast for Magistrate Judges
Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and Dan Conley (Quarles & Brady), President, Seventh Circuit Bar Association

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM Opening Address: The Evolution of Media Coverage of the Supreme Court
Joan Biskupic, USA Today, Supreme Court reporter and author

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Traditional Media’s Coverage of the Supreme Court
Moderator: Mike Gousha, Distinguished Fellow in Law & Public Policy, Marquette University Law School
Panelists: Joan Biskupic (USA Today), David Savage (LA Times), Stephen Henderson (Washington Bureau of McClatchy Newspapers), Professor Jonathan Turley (George Washington Law School); Dean Joseph D. Kearney (Marquette University Law School)

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Morning Break

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM The “New” Media: Bloggers and Reporters
Moderator: Honorable Diane S. Sykes, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
Panelists: Professor Ann Althouse, University of Wisconsin Law School ("Althouse"); Howard Bashman, Law Offices of Howard Bashman ("Houston Basha"); Professor Jason Zeamanzki, Marquette University Law School ("Empirical Legal Studies"); Professor Richard Garnett, University of Notre Dame Law School ("Prawfsblog"); Professor Christine Hurt, University of Illinois College of Law ("Conglomerate"); and Professor Eugene Volokh, UCLA Law ("The Volokh Conspiracy")

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Spouses’ Event
Milwaukee Art Museum Tour and Lunch
Laurie Winters, Curator of Earlier European Art

Annual Reception

Annual Dinner
Insights from the Supreme Court

Annual Meeting

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