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## President's Welcome

*By Tara Norgard*

Twelve years ago, I walked into my first FBA event just days after having landed here from where I started my career in another city. The thing I remember most is this: the feeling of being welcomed. People who did not know my name—but recognized me as new to this community—reached out and made me feel like I belonged. By the end of that event, I was a member of the committee that was planning the annual seminar. I'm not even sure I was asked. I was just brought into the fold. Then I started going to the monthly lunches, usually by myself because, like me, my



Tara Norgard

firm was new and there wasn't an established group in the habit of attending. I'd take a deep breath at the threshold of the Palomino, walk into the noon hour gatherings, and look around the room for an empty chair. Without fail (and to my great relief), I was invited to sit, introduced to others, and made part of the conversation. My experience is not unique. If you are reading

this, chances are that someone reached out to you at some point in your career, brought you to a lunch, invited you to speak at an event, or even just asked you about your practice as you waited in line for a name tag. What

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## "The Law Affects Everyday People in Their Most Important Affairs": Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright

*By Adine S. Momoh*

On February 18, 2016, Wilhelmina M. Wright took the oath of office to become the 35th U.S. District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim administered the oath to Judge Wright in a private ceremony, and a public investiture ceremony was held at the Landmark Center on July 18, 2016. Judge Wright was nominated by President Barack Obama on April 15, 2015, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on January 19, 2016. She fills

the vacancy created when Judge Michael J. Davis took senior status.

### Roots in Norfolk, Virginia

Judge Wright was aware of the law at a young age. She was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. When Judge Wright was in school, Norfolk, Virginia was in the process of ending its resistance to desegregation. She saw her mother maneuver through a process in which schools in Norfolk had to comply with a court

order allowing for desegregation in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Both of her parents were first-generation college graduates. As professors at Norfolk State University, Judge Wright's mother and father wanted Judge Wright and her brother William (now a retired investment banker in New York) to have a high-quality education.

It was no surprise that seeing her parents as her biggest role models, Judge Wright initially wanted to be a teach-

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Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright is sworn in as the 35th U.S. District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

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er. She majored in literature at Yale University, graduating with honors in 1986. After graduation, she considered becoming a literature professor at an Ivy League institution or becoming a civil rights attorney to help make sure everyone had access to higher education. The law won. While in law school, Judge Wright was a member of the Women Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association and the Civil Rights Liberties Law Review. She received her juris doctor from Harvard Law School in 1989.

### **Mentors, Champions, and Sponsors**

After law school, Judge Wright clerked for the Honorable Damon J. Keith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Wright saw clerking as an opportunity to complement her legal education. She looked for judges who had experience in education and civil rights law. As she narrowed her search, she learned more about Judge Keith and his prior practice as a civil rights lawyer in Michigan. As a judge, he had presided over several integration and desegregation cases as well as employment cases. While clerking for him, Judge Keith impressed upon Judge Wright and her co-clerks that the law affects everyday

people in their most important affairs. This value continues to inform her work to this day. Judge Wright strives to treat all people who enter her courtroom with dignity and respect. She strives to write with a level of clarity so that her opinions and decisions do not need to be translated by an attorney. She stated, “The case truly belongs to the parties, and I write my opinions with this thought in mind.” Judge Wright considers Judge Keith to not only be a key mentor of hers, but also a member of her extended family.

After her clerkship, Judge Wright practiced with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLP (now Hogan Lovells). In the education and litigation practice groups, she primarily represented school districts across the nation seeking to enhance educational opportunities for public school students. While at Hogan, Judge Wright practiced closely with Allen Snyder, a partner who became an informal and formal mentor to her. He took an interest in her career and her practice. Judge Wright credits Allen for strengthening her self confidence and making her a better lawyer. He demanded high standards with regard to her work, and Judge Wright tries to replicate this with the law clerks that she works with now as a judge. She noted, “The role of a mentor

is to ensure that when there is a better course of action one should take, that there is a way to talk about how to pursue that better course of action next time and to instill confidence in the lawyer through imputed wisdom in that person’s development.”

### **Passion for Public Service**

Judge Wright practiced at Hogan for four years before moving to Minnesota and joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 1995 as an Assistant United States Attorney. Because she previously represented school districts, her transition to the public sector was quite natural. In her words, she “was looking at a different side of the Code.” As a member of the Criminal Division, she represented the United States in complex economic fraud cases and violent crime cases in the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She was awarded the U.S. Department of Justice Special Achievement Award in 1997 and the U.S. Department of Justice Director’s Award for Public Service in 2000.

In 2000, Judge Wright was appointed as a trial judge on the Ramsey County District Court in Saint Paul. While on the Ramsey County bench, she served as a member of the Minnesota Courts Public Trust and Confidence Work Group and the Minnesota State Bar Association Task Force on the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct. In 2002, Judge Wright was appointed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals and was a member of the Minnesota Judicial Council. She served on the Minnesota Court of Appeals until Governor Mark Dayton appointed her to the Minnesota Supreme Court in 2012. She served on the Minnesota Supreme Court until her appointment to the federal court bench in 2016.

### **Re-Joining the Federal Court Family**

Judge Wright joyfully recounted, “It is great to be back in the federal court family.” That said, she was quick to say that her roots from the judicial side are only a few blocks away in

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## The Humility and Compassion of a Foot Soldier: Judge Michael J. Davis Receives Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award

By Sahr A.M. Brima

Named after the renowned federal district judge from Dallas, Texas, the national FBA's Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award was created to honor an attorney or judge whose exemplary works of service and leadership promote the advancement of civil and human rights amongst us. Judge Hughes was a pioneer in the fight for civil rights, due process, equal protection, and the rights of women. Former recipients of the award include the Honorable Damon J. Keith, Circuit Judge at the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. This year, the national FBA chose to recognize Judge Michael J. Davis of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. While this award comes as no surprise to those who are aware of Judge Davis's prolific track record, the Judge does not consider himself worthy of it. Referring to Judge Damon Keith and other past recipients, Judge Davis states, "You've got the titans of this nation's civil rights movement receiving this award. I'm astounded that I'm even mentioned."



Sarah T. Hughes Award Recipient Judge Michael J. Davis

What is truly astounding, however, is that Judge Davis became the first African-American district judge for the District of Minnesota in 1994, and in 2008 became the first such chief judge. In his tenure as Chief Judge from 2008 through 2015, Chief Judge Davis led a large number of projects that reflect what his friend and colleague, Judge Donovan W. Frank, describes as an "unparalleled commitment to the advancement of civil and human rights." In a letter nominating Judge Davis, Minnesota Chapter President-elect Tara Norgard stated, "In just the last few years alone, in the areas of civil rights, due process, and equal protection, Chief Judge Davis has led the formation of the *Pro Se* Project; created a series of programs around the International Lawyers Without Rights Project; brought together hundreds of lawyers, judges, and members of the community in celebration of Dred and Harriet Scott; and brought the Freedom Riders to Minnesota, along with a series of programs dedicated to honoring the courage and sacrifices of those who led that charge. He spearheaded a yearlong series of multi-faceted events and seminars dedicated to women in the law and women and judges of color; brought the story of Justice Thurgood Marshall and the reconstruction amendments, among other important history lessons, to hundreds of high school students in the Twin Cities through the Open Doors program; and initiated programs and exhibits such as The Asian Pacific Legal Experience in America: Opportunity, Economics, Racism, and Hope and the Native American Treaty Rights Project: Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government of the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations. Any one of these programs is remarkable in its own right. The sum of these recent efforts is humbling."

The work of Judge Davis for the cause of equality for all spans many years. Judge Pamela Alexander, who has been a friend and colleague of Judge Davis for over 40 years, attests to his "dedication to the rights of others and his passion for equal access to justice for all." In 1984, she and Judge Davis formed the first Equal Justice Committee on the Hennepin County District Court to look into equal access and justice issues on the county court. As co-chairs, they implemented bias training and sexual harassment training for judges and staff. In 1990, Judge Davis went on to be the Editorial Chair of the Minnesota Racial Bias Task Force, which was formed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to look into how Minnesota courts were treating communities of color in the court system and make recommendations for change. Judge Alexander served on that Task Force and remarks that Judge Davis was largely responsible for the comprehensive and influential Final Report the Task Force issued in 1993.

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Ramsey County. In her first few months on the bench, Judge Wright shared with the audience during the FBA Minnesota Chapter's monthly lunch in May 2016 important values that she and her colleagues cherish:

1. **Remember the audience.** The case belongs to the parties, not to the attorneys and not to the judge. Attorneys must understand each side to the case, not just their respective positions.
2. **Collegiality matters.** Zealous advocacy on behalf of one's client is not an excuse to lose collegiality and respect for the system.
3. **Respect the rule of law.** Formal proceedings demonstrate respect for the rule of law and trust in our justice system. Parties should not have to worry about favoritism, inside information, or bias.
4. **Strive for clarity.** Attorneys and judges must cultivate clarity rather than undue complexity in oral and written advocacy.
5. **Justice is timely.** Attorneys must respect the services they provide and the parties they serve. The bench and bar must endeavor to attain this goal.

All of these values go back to the lesson that Judge Keith taught her earlier on in her career: "The law affects everyday people in their most important affairs."

#### **Life Outside of Court and Community Involvement**

Justice Wright is married to her husband Dan, an executive at Ecolab in St. Paul, who has supported her and been her biggest champion. And they have a daughter Kathryn, who will soon be entering college. Judge Wright is active in the community, having previously served on the boards of various organizations, including the Girl Scout Council of Saint Croix Valley, Mardag Foundation, William Mitchell College of Law Board of Trustees, and the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA. She currently serves on the Saint Paul Academy and Summit School Board of Trustees and the Yale University Council. She is also a

member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, and the National Association of Women Judges.

#### **Conclusion**

Having a broad experience as a trial court judge and appellate court judge, Judge Wright sees herself as one of the last "generalists," which suits her intellectual curiosity just fine. As a little girl, Judge Wright dreamt of having a career where she could help the disadvantaged. As a judge (first a trial court judge and now as the newest district court judge on the Minnesota federal court bench), she has been able to turn that dream into a reality. Judge Wright is a firm believer that attorneys should strive for excellence and always remember that "the law affects everyday people in their most important affairs." Excellence and zealous advocacy must be tempered by concerns of cost and efficiency. She stated, "The courts have to be accessible." Keeping this in mind, Judge Wright remembers the mentors, champions, and sponsors who helped her earlier on in her career and taught her how to be a better lawyer, better teacher, and better role model. She hopes that senior lawyers engage in activities that promote newer attorneys and create opportunities for newer attorneys to be advocates and great members of the legal community.

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Another close friend and prominent Minnesota attorney, William H. Manning, recalls observing Judge Davis as a trial lawyer and taking inspiration from his ability to stand in the shoes of his clients and give them a voice. Mr. Manning states that, before being elevated to the bench, Judge Davis was well known throughout all of the communities of color in Minnesota from 1974 to 1984. "There was a time in our country's history where individuals of color did not necessarily trust the public defender's office. Mike gained enormous credibility at the Neighborhood Justice Center and the Legal Rights Center with all communities of color and then assisted in that trust being extended to the public defender's office for another five years." Mr. Manning further remarks that, during his tenure on the state court bench, Judge Davis was known as a trial lawyer's judge who "was always compassionate in his sentencing, but never hesitated in his empathy for victims."

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Indeed, Judge Davis is widely known and admired for, among many great qualities, his compassion. From his own staff to the litigants that enter his courtroom and the numerous lawyers that benefit from his mentorship, nearly everyone he encounters comes away feeling affirmed, listened to, and cared about. Even human rights legend, former President Nelson Mandela, did not fail to discern this quality during his visit to Minnesota, calling Judge Davis a “compassionate judge.” The role of compassion in the fight for civil rights is not lost on Judge Davis, who firmly believes that “[c]ompassion is a component of the law and the work that judicial officers are involved in. It is one of the components that make up a fair, just decision.”

Judge Davis began his fight for human and civil rights as a poverty lawyer and carried it into one of the highest judicial offices in the country. Yet, even after concluding his term as Chief Judge and assuming senior status, Judge Davis remains steadfast in his conviction of equal justice for all.

He believes his work to be as important today as “why we have to drink water.” He explains that “the law can be unjust, and injustice tears at my heart.” Judge Davis largely credits his deceased mother for this, because she was “a strong advocate for equality and basic decency to all human beings.” When asked how he achieved the accomplishments that he is being honored for, Judge Davis deferred praise to his colleagues and replied, “It’s an ongoing struggle for civil and human rights. We have come a long distance and have a long ways to go. Fortunately, we have many partners in seeking racial equality here and across the country. I’m just a foot soldier. The former recipients of this award are the generals.”

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starts with an invitation, an introduction, or an outreached hand is impactful. Relationships are built that way. Skills are taught. The quality of our practice is enhanced. Communities become even stronger.

Minnesota’s tradition in this regard is deep and strong. We were the first FBA Chapter in the nation to write our commitment to diversity and inclusion into the charter of our organization. Our leaders took that charge to the national FBA, which followed Minnesota’s lead. Never complacent, each year we ask how we can build on a commitment to inclusion that is at our very core, and keep it relevant to our bench and bar and the clients and community we serve. It is my goal to work with each one of you this year to build on that tradition. And people are already hard at work to create meaningful opportunities for us all to continue to cultivate the rich heritage of the highest standards for the practice and adjudication of law and collegiality and inclusion in the profession.

Although we are what we are because people like you do these things as a matter of course, I find that law-

yers, and sometimes judges too, like lists. So here is a short one in case it is helpful in thinking about how we can continue to build our Chapter, and its strong tradition of inclusion, in the year to come:

### **Come to our monthly lunches—and bring someone new.**

Each month we gather to socialize and learn. Judge Nelson and Joel Schroeder have already lined up headliner speakers who will teach us, challenge us, and allow us to laugh along the way. Andy Luger, our District’s United States Attorney, will begin our year with an issue that is at the forefront of our legal and greater community: Islamophobia in Minnesota. The rest of the season’s lineup can be found online at <http://www.fedbar.org/minnesota.html>. Mark these dates on your calendar and invite someone who might appreciate the opportunity to meet new people and learn something new about federal practice.

### **Join our work.**

The work of the Minnesota FBA is as diverse as our community itself.

Practice area groups, such as Intellectual Property, White Collar, and Mass Tort/MDL/Class Action, work hard to create meaningful educational opportunities for us all. The annual federal seminar brings us together with nationally renowned judges, practitioners, and educators for a day of CLE courses that is second to none. Each year our grant committee solicits applications from organizations throughout Minnesota and recommends a plan for allocating our charitable dollars in ways they can best serve the federal community. The newsletter you are reading is created by our members who work tirelessly to keep you informed about federal practice in our District and the people who make this such an exceptional place to practice law. Our Diversity Committee leads our community—and our nation—in helping us respect and celebrate our differences. One of our new programs this year has been dubbed “The Vintage.” It builds off of Magistrate Judge Keyes’s idea that the senior leadership in our community has much to offer those who are coming to the practice of law anew. All of this is made possible by people like you who share your time and talent. A complete list of our Chapter’s committees, and how you can join, can

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be found on our website at <http://www.fedbar.org/minnesota.html>.

### **Do a figure eight.**

Legend has it that Judge Doty used to tell younger lawyers in his law firm to move around a room full of people in a “figure eight.” For those of us who like to have a plan, and may not know everyone in the room, this is guidance that does not go out of style. The figure eight path through a room means you will never let yourself hide in a corner and you don’t have to wonder how to walk through a room as a newcomer. Chances are you won’t get far before you find a friend—old or new—so be sure not to start your figure eight directly on the heels of a person in front of you.

### **Teach and learn.**

The programming our Chapter offers is the best in the nation. Our bench is renowned around the world, and our bar strives every day to meet its expectations. As a result, the adjudication and practice in our district is a standard-bearer — and respected around the globe. We are a community that is privileged to hold high standards as our norm and to ensure those standards are shared. Our lunches, seminars, CLEs, and practice groups depend on your participation as speakers and audience. Reach out to any of our committee chairs or to me if there are any areas that you would like to see addressed in the coming years.

### **Thank our bench.**

Each of our full-time judges residing in Minnesota—Eighth Circuit, District Court, Magistrate, Bankruptcy—as well as our U.S. Attorney and Federal Defender, and other members of our federal family, serve on our Chapter’s Board. These are not just names that are convenient to list. These are people

who are active participants and colleagues. There is no simpler way to say it than this: our Chapter would not be what it is without the partnership of our bench.

This is our bar association. It has thrived because people like you are a part of it—and you have invited others into the fold along the way to cultivate the quality, integrity, and collegiality of our profession and the community we serve. We are the guardians of those values that have been handed down from our past generations, and it is our responsibility to share those values in the present and pass them along for the future. We have so much to learn from each other. I look forward to working with each one of you in the year ahead.

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## **Three Minnesota Attorneys Elected to Positions at the National FBA**

*By Pete McElligott*

On July 1, 2016, polls closed for the Federal Bar Association’s 2017 national elections. New National Officers, Directors, and Vice Presidents for the Circuits were chosen. After the ballots were counted, three Minnesota attorneys emerged victorious: Vildan A. Teske, David A. Goodwin, and Adine S. Momoh.

Ms. Teske was elected to the position of Group 2 Director. She is an attorney at Teske, Micko, Katz, Kitzer & Rochel, PLLP, who represents consumers in complex and class-action litigation. Ms. Teske has been actively involved in the FBA for over twenty-one years. She has held a number of national leadership positions, including serving on the National Council. She was selected to be the first recipient of the national FBA’s Robyn J. Spalter Outstanding Achievement Award in 2013. She has also been named a Fellow of the FBA Foundation. Her achievements in the Minnesota Chapter include founding the Chapter’s New Lawyers Committee in 1996, creating the Newer Lawyers Brown Bag Lunch with judges, and serving on the Chapter’s board of directors. She currently serves as the Chapter’s Co-Vice President of Diversity. Ms. Teske is “grateful for everyone’s support in the Minnesota Chapter,” and she looks “forward to working with the other national FBA leaders to strengthen our association by providing even more opportunities for member engagement.”

Mr. Goodwin won the position of Group 4 Director. He is an attorney at Gustafson Gluek PLLC, who practices complex class action litigation. Mr. Goodwin has been an active member of the FBA since 2008 at the national and chapter level.



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Vildan A. Teske

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## Barriers to Voting by Persons with Disabilities

By Professor Elizabeth R. Schiltz

*“The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different.”*

—President Lyndon B. Johnson, at the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

People with disabilities face many significant barriers to voting: practical matters of physical accessibility of voting machines, informal (and sometimes illegal) gatekeeping mechanisms by election officials or caregivers, and some legal barriers. There are an estimated 56 million persons with disabilities in the United States; surveys indicate that this population is up to 21% less likely to vote than potential voters without disabilities.<sup>1</sup> With the aging of the population, a growing number of potential voters will acquire both cognitive and physical disabilities and encounter these same barriers.

Progress is being made toward eliminating some of the barriers, particularly the obstacles of access to polling stations and voting machines by people with disabilities. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 provides that “[a]ny voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter’s choice other than [the person’s employer or union representative].”<sup>2</sup> Both Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973<sup>3</sup> and the Americans with Disabilities Act<sup>4</sup> prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities in voting. The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984<sup>5</sup> requires polling places in federal elections to be accessible to people with physical disabilities. The Help America Vote Act of 2002<sup>6</sup> mandates that voters with disabilities be given access to voting machines that permit them to cast votes without assistance,

and provided significant federal funding for technology and physical adaptations to increase accessibility.

Persons with cognitive disabilities face additional barriers to voting. The U.S. Constitution provides that the right of a citizen of the U.S. to vote cannot be denied by the federal government or by any state on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude,<sup>7</sup> sex,<sup>8</sup> or age, provided the voter is at least eighteen.<sup>9</sup> Otherwise, the Constitution gives states the power to set qualifications for voting.<sup>10</sup> The federal Voting Rights Act specifically permits states to deny the right to vote to people for two reasons: “by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity.”<sup>11</sup> And, indeed, forty states exercise that authority with respect to people with mental incapacity.<sup>12</sup> In thirty-eight of these states, the restriction is enshrined in the state’s constitution; seven of these constitutions retain the offensive and demeaning language of times in which they were enacted, referring to “idiots or insane persons.”<sup>13</sup>

Minnesota law on this issue illustrates recent challenges to state laws that establish guardianship as a proxy for mental incapacity justifying disenfranchisement. Minnesota’s constitution provides that “a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent” may not vote.<sup>14</sup> Minnesota’s voting law<sup>15</sup> and guardianship laws,<sup>16</sup> on the other hand, both specifically provide that people under guardianship retain the right to vote unless under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the ward’s right to vote. In *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Ritchie*,<sup>17</sup> United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank found that, “[n]otwithstanding the state constitution’s apparent categorical ban on the rights of persons ‘under guardianship’ to vote, a ward is presumed to retain the right to vote as set forth by Minnesota statute. . . . Thus,

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<sup>1</sup> Rabia Belt, *Contemporary Voting Rights Controversies Through the Lens of Disability*, 68 STAN. L. REV. 101, 104 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 10508 (2016).

<sup>3</sup> 29 U.S.C. §§ 701–961 (2016).

<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101(a)(3), 12102(1), 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii) (2016).

<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101–07.

<sup>6</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. CONST. amend. XV, § 1.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* amend. XIX, § 1.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* amend. XXVI, § 1.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* art. I, § 4.

<sup>11</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-6(a)(3)(B) (2016).

<sup>12</sup> For a detailed description of the specific language of the various constitutional and statutory provisions restricting the right to vote for those with cognitive impairments, see Sally Balch Hurme and Paul S. Appelbaum, *Defining and Assessing Capacity to Vote: The Effect of Mental Impairment on the Rights of Voters*, 38

MCGEORGE L. REV. 931, 934–45 (2007). See also Kay Schriener, Lisa Ochs, & Todd Shields, *Democratic Dilemmas: Notes on the ADA and Voting Rights of People with Cognitive and Emotional Impairments*, 21 BERKLEY J. EMP. & LAB. L. 437 (2000); Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law & Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, *Chart of State Laws Affecting the Voting Rights of People with Mental Disabilities* (Aug. 29, 2012), [http://www.bazelon.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=-Hs7F\\_Ohfgg%3d&tabid=543](http://www.bazelon.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=-Hs7F_Ohfgg%3d&tabid=543) (updating *Democratic Dilemmas*).

<sup>13</sup> Ryan Kelley, *Toward an Unconditional Right to Vote for Persons with Mental Disabilities: Reconciling State Law with Constitutional Guarantees*, 30 BOSTON THIRD WORLD L.J. 359, 372–73 (2010).

<sup>14</sup> MINN. CONST. art. VII, § 1.

<sup>15</sup> Minn. Stat. § 201.014, subd. 2(b) (2014).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* §§ 524.5-310, 524.5-120(14).

<sup>17</sup> 890 F. Supp. 2d 1106 (D. Minn. 2012).

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the constitutional prohibition against voting based on guardianship status applies only when there has been an individualized judicial finding of incapacity to vote.”<sup>18</sup> The court carefully examined the procedures for guardianship in Minnesota, finding that the procedural protections built into the process for making such an individualized judicial finding of incapacity to vote satisfied the requirements of the Due Process Clause.<sup>19</sup>

Similar challenges in other states<sup>20</sup> reflect an emerging consensus that laws categorically disenfranchising persons under guardianship, without considering the individual’s ability to comprehend the nature and act of voting, are neither constitutionally defensible nor compatible with evolving trends toward empowering people with cognitive disabilities to the extent feasible. In 2007, the American Bar Association used the occasion of a symposium on “Facilitating Voting as People Age: Implications of Cognitive Impairment” to release a set of recommendations reflecting this consensus.<sup>21</sup>

Despite these legal reforms, many voting barriers persist. The federal laws guaranteeing access to voting machines are not readily enforceable through private rights of action. The accessibility technology put in place under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 is increasingly outdated, and additional funding is not always available for repairs or replacements. In addition, persons with cognitive impairments often encounter informal private barriers to voting imposed without regard to legal standards. Voter registration or the right to vote may be denied by officials making incorrect assumptions about a person’s capacity or the legal significance of a guardianship. Service providers or family members might make assumptions about a person’s capacity to vote or interest in voting, affecting decisions about whether to educate the person about voting or assist them with voting.

The Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC), a statewide program of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, is addressing both the formal and informal barriers to voting through a number of projects. Its staff engages in education and outreach efforts to people with disabilities, through self-advocacy groups, school programs for students transitioning out of school and into adulthood, and training for people working with people with disabilities. As it did on the day of Minnesota’s primary election, the MDLC will staff a Disability Law Center Voting Hotline on Tuesday, November 8—the day of the general election. During the hours that polls are open (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.), voting-related questions will be answered at 1-800-292-4150.

MDLC is also working with the Minnesota Secretary of State to conduct a survey of the accessibility of polling places in Minnesota. On the day of the primary, a team of fifty volunteers from MDLC, Target Corporation, Thrivent, Optum, and United Health Group visited 125 voting sites

throughout the state, surveying compliance with the legal accessibility mandates. United Health Group is assisting with processing and analyzing the data.

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A one-hour CLE program on “Barriers to Voting by Persons with Disabilities” will be offered on October 4. This program is a collaboration between the Diversity Committee of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Disability Justice Resource Center, and the Office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota. Confirmed panelists as of the date of this publication include United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank, Secretary of State Steve Simon, and the author. The panel will be moderated by Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau. The program will take place in the Century Room of the Minneapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels (90 South Seventh Street, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, Minnesota) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a reception to follow from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please watch for opportunities to register. One hour of Elimination of Bias credit will be applied for.

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<sup>18</sup> *Id.* at 1117 (citing Minn. Stat. §§ 201.014, subd. 2(b), 524.5-313 (c)(8)).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> See *Mo. Prot. & Advocacy Servs., Inc. v. Carnahan*, 499 F.3d 803, 806 (8th Cir. 2007); *Doe v. Rowe*, 156 F. Supp. 2d 35 (D. Me. 2001); Sally B. Hurme & Paul S. Appelbaum, *Defining and Assessing Capacity to Vote: The Effect of Mental Impairment on the Rights of Voters*, 38 MCGEORGE L. REV. 931, 951–56 (2007).

<sup>21</sup> Am. Bar Ass’n Comm’n on Law & Aging, Standing Comm. on Election Law, Comm. on Mental and Physical Disability Law, *Recommendation and Report* (Aug. 13, 2007), [http://www.abanet.org/aging/docs/Voting\\_Rec\\_FINAL\\_approved.doc](http://www.abanet.org/aging/docs/Voting_Rec_FINAL_approved.doc).

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## Law School Outreach Committee Kicks Off Fall with a Surly Social



Left to right: Alex Olson, Carlson Caspers; committee member Nick Datzov, Fredrikson & Byron; committee member Devon Driscoll, Vice President of the University of Minnesota FBA Law Student Division; co-chair of the FBA-Minnesota Law School Outreach Committee Paige Stradley, Merchant & Gould; Blake Soper, Vice President of the University of Minnesota FBA Law Student Division; and Rachel Cardwell, President of the University of Minnesota FBA Law Student Division. Photo by Karin Ciano.

In keeping with its annual tradition, the Minnesota Chapter's Law School Outreach Committee celebrated a new FBA year and the start of fall semester with a fall kickoff social on August 11, 2016, at Surly Brewpub in Minneapolis. The social gave committee members and incoming Law Student Division leadership an opportunity to meet, socialize, and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

If you are interested in joining the Law School Outreach Committee, please contact  
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## District of Minnesota Hosts Delegates from Kosovo Bar Association

*By João da Fonseca*

On Friday, May 13, 2016, Chief Judge John R. Tunheim and members of the Minnesota federal and state judiciary and bar hosted representatives from the Kosovo Bar Association (KBA) in the United States Courthouse in Minneapolis. The visit was made possible by the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI), which is working toward strengthening and developing the competency of legal entities in Kosovo in partnership with the Balkan Regional Rule of Law Network, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Open World Leadership Center. During his brief address to the group, Chief Judge Tunheim stated that this program was a true exchange because both the KBA and American bar organizations benefited from the collaboration. Chief Judge Tunheim also presented gifts to program participants and organizers.

The Republic of Kosovo, a disputed territory torn by war and ethnic conflicts, recently gained independence from Serbia in 2008. Nebojsa Vlajic, an attorney in private practice in Zvecan, Kosovo, explained that he has lived in the same city but in



Front row, left to right: Mike Tritippo, Nebojsa Vlajic, Chief Judge Tunheim, Rebecca Rhode Fisher, Albulena Ukimeraj, Denisa Fekollari, and Judge Paul R. Scoggin.

Back row, left to right: Isamedin Dedinca, Tim Groshens, Merita Stubllamini, and Courtney Ernstson.

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five different countries—alluding to the constant change of control over the Kosovo territory. Mr. Vlajic practices in the area of criminal law, including defense of war crimes. While in Minnesota, he had the opportunity to observe a trial in Ramsey County district court as well as a federal sentencing hearing. Isamedin Dedinca, Vice President of the KBA, shared that during his visit with the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) he learned the importance of developing different programs and was able to identify the needs of the KBA. Mr. Dedinca said that they will continue to collaborate with the American Bar Association and the MSBA in strengthening the Kosovo legal system.



Above: Chief Judge Tunheim presents a gift to Ms. Stublla-Emini, President of the KBA regional branch in Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

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Right: Mr. Tritippo, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Vlajic, and Patrick McCoy. Mr. McCoy and his wife, Jayne Barnard McCoy, hosted Mr. Vlajic during his stay in Minnesota.



## Pro Bono Spotlight: Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson, P.A.

*By Nate Louwagie*

Six years ago, the shareholders at Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson decided to organize the way that the firm handled pro bono cases and appointed Jack Moore as the Chair of the firm's pro bono program. Today, the firm has a thriving pro bono practice that includes representing clients in marital dissolution, domestic abuse, landlord/tenant, and death benefits opportunities. In spearheading the effort to grow this practice, Mr. Moore sends emails to the entire firm when he is made aware of certain pro bono cases and encourages individual attorneys when he believes they are particularly suited to help in a specific case.

As a result of this practice, a number of attorneys at Lind Jensen have gained reputations for the types of pro

bono work that they do. By way of just two examples, William Davidson has handled a number of criminal appeals as a Minnesota Appellate Public Defender, and Amber Garry obtained asylum for a mother and her two children through her work with The Advocates for Human Rights.

Additionally, Eric Steinhoff and Lauren D'Cruz were able to help resolve a death benefits dispute that they received through the *Pro Se* Project. They represented a client whose partner had passed away, and their client's partner's ex-wife filed a lawsuit. Both parties were appointed a *Pro Se* Project attorney. Mr. Steinhoff and Ms. D'Cruz filed a motion to dismiss on res judicata grounds, and the plaintiff voluntarily dropped her case.

This case is illustrative of the value of the *Pro Se* Project. Both *pro se* litigants felt heard, and the lawyers were able to help them resolve the dispute without requiring the court to expend many of its resources. Both Mr. Steinhoff and Ms. D'Cruz have helped a number of other clients through their pro bono work. Mr. Steinhoff has focused mostly on assisting clients in civil litigation, while Ms. D'Cruz has helped her clients obtain criminal expungements.

Since Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson asked Mr. Moore to lead their pro bono practice, they have been able to help more pro bono clients than ever before. Mr. Moore does not simply

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refer cases to others at the firm, however. He has also represented a number of low-income clients in a variety of matters. Recently, Mr. Moore obtained a temporary restraining order blocking a landlord's attempt to evict a mother and her two young children from their house. Mr. Moore was able to get the eviction stayed and the

landlord calmed down, so that the landlord eventually agreed to sell the house to Mr. Moore's client.

Over the past six years, twenty-one Lind Jensen attorneys have handled over ninety pro bono matters on behalf of the disadvantaged. Pro bono practice has become a point of pride for the

attorneys at Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson, and their public service has helped make the justice system more accessible to many people throughout our community.

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*Nate Louwagie practices patent law at Carlson Caspers.*

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Group 4 Director  
David A. Goodwin

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el. He has served in various leadership roles at the national level, as board member and chair of the Young Lawyers Division ("YLD"). In the Minnesota Chapter, Mr. Goodwin works extensively with both the Federal Practice Seminar Planning Committee and the *Pro Se* Project.

Mr. Goodwin is "pleased and humbled to win the election to the FBA Board," and is determined

"to continue fostering collaboration with the YLD, the Law Student Division, and the broader FBA in order to help sustain FBA membership growth."

Ms. Momoh was elected to a second term as an Eighth Circuit Vice President of the FBA. She is a trial attorney in the complex business and commercial litigation division at Stinson Leonard Street LLP. Ms. Momoh is deeply involved in the FBA on both the national and chapter levels. On the national level, she is the incoming Vice President of the FBA's Younger Lawyers Division and the Director of the

Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. At the chapter level, she is a director on the Minnesota Chapter's board of directors, as well as the incoming Vice President of Membership. As Vice

President of Membership, Ms. Momoh aims "not only to help the Eighth Circuit grow, but more importantly, to find ways to increase membership involvement from (and enhance the membership experience of) law students, new lawyers, and affinity/diverse lawyers in this circuit." Ms. Momoh hopes to accomplish this goal with collaboration and resilience, "one day at a time."



Eighth Circuit Vice President  
Adine S. Momoh

The FBA is in good hands with its three Minnesota representatives.

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*Pete McElligott is an attorney with the law firm Anthony Ostlund Baer & Louwagie, P.A.*

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## Season Pass Registration Open for 2016—2017 Monthly Luncheon Series

On Thursday, August 18, all members of the FBA Minnesota Chapter should have received an email inviting them to become a Season Pass Holder for the 2016—2017 Monthly Luncheon Series held at the Minneapolis Club. The Season Pass is available to FBA members only and guarantees a seat at monthly lunches. The topics for the upcoming luncheons are the following:

- **October 5:** "The Other William Mitchell," presented by Thomas H. Boyd, Winthrop & Weinstine.

- **November 9:** "The Legacy of the Nuremburg Trial," presented by Gregory L. Peterson, Phillips Lytle LLP. *Cosponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Counsel of Minnesota and the Dakotas and The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History*

*Roundtable.*

- **December 7:** A Welcome and Introduction to Magistrate Judge Kate Menendez.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel Schroeder, Co-Vice President of Monthly Meetings, at [jschroeder@bestlaw.com](mailto:jschroeder@bestlaw.com) or 612-854-5814.

## CLERK'S CORNER

### New Event in ECF for Requesting Certificates of Good Standing

*By Tricia Pepin and Lou Jean Gleason*

Certificates of good standing should now be requested online through ECF. This new event can be found under the "Utilities" menu in ECF and is called "Certificate of Good Standing." The fee for each certificate of good standing is \$18, and you will be directed to the Pay.gov payment screen for payment. Multiple certificates of good standing can be requested at the same time in the ECF

event. The certificate(s) of good standing will be emailed directly to the requesting attorney (or a different recipient, if specified) within one to two business days. This new event will allow attorneys to obtain certificates of good standing much faster and more efficiently than the old method. For more information, please visit the Attorney Information page on our website at [http://](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/Attorney-Information.shtml)

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The Clerk's Corner is provided by Tricia Pepin, Chief Deputy Clerk, and Lou Jean Gleason, Operations Manager, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. If you have a question or topic you would like addressed in the Clerk's Corner, please contact Tricia at [tricia\\_pepin@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:tricia_pepin@mnd.uscourts.gov).

### 42nd Annual Federal Practice Seminar and Mason Memorial Luncheon a Success



Above, left to right: Kelly Laudon, Chief Judge John R. Tunheim, Judge Joan N. Ericksen, Dean Strang, Judge Michael J. Davis, and Dan Hedlund.

Right, left to right: Kelly Laudon, Dean Strang, and Dan Hedlund.

On June 21, 2016, the Minnesota Chapter hosted its annual Federal Practice Seminar and Mason Memorial Luncheon. Dean Strang, one of the attorneys whose representation of Steven Avery was documented in the Netflix series *Making a Murderer*, was the featured speaker at the luncheon.



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## Minnesota Chapter Thanks Members Who Served in 2015—2016

The Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association would like to recognize and thank the following members for their service and leadership in the 2015–16 year. The Chapter also wishes to thank the members of the bench of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit. The dedication and service of these individuals is vital to the ongoing success of our Chapter. Thank you for your time, talent, and support!

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*Newer Lawyers Luncheon:  
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Noon  
Federal Courthouse,  
Minneapolis

### October 4, 2016

*CLE: Barriers to Voting by  
Persons with Disabilities*  
4:00 p.m.  
Faegre Baker Daniels,  
Minneapolis

### October 5, 2016

*Monthly Luncheon*  
Noon  
Minneapolis Club

### October 17, 2016

*Stein Lecture: U.S.  
Supreme Court Justice  
Sonia Sotomayor*  
4:00 p.m.  
Northrop Auditorium

### October 18, 2016

*Hispanic Experience Pro-  
gram, co-sponsored with  
the Minnesota Hispanic  
Bar Association (private  
event)*

### October 28, 2016

*Newer Lawyers Luncheon:  
Judge Donovan W. Frank*  
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  
Federal Courthouse,  
St. Paul

### November 9, 2016

*Monthly Luncheon*  
Noon  
Minneapolis Club

### November 16, 2016

*Newer Lawyers Luncheon:  
Magistrate Judge Menen-  
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Noon  
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### December 7, 2016

*Monthly Luncheon*  
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The Minnesota Chapter of the FBA utilizes an online registration system for the monthly Minneapolis Club luncheons. A registration link will be sent to you via e-mail for each luncheon. One feature of the system is the automatic calendar entry; just click "Add to Calendar" from the registration system or your confirmation e-mail. Registration coordinators have the option to register multiple attendees in a single registration. Also, Season Pass Holders must register for each luncheon online to select their meal choice and confirm their attendance.

If you have any questions about the registration system, please e-mail **Joel Schroeder** at [jschroeder@bestlawcom](mailto:jschroeder@bestlawcom).

# Federal Bar Association Application for Membership

The Federal Bar Association offers an unmatched array of opportunities and services to enhance your connections to the judiciary, the legal profession, and your peers within the legal community. Our mission is to strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and the needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary, and the public they serve.

## Advocacy

The opportunity to make a change and improve the federal legal system through grassroots work in over 90 FBA chapters and a strong national advocacy.

## Networking

Connect with a network of federal practitioners extending across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

## Leadership

Governance positions within the association help shape the FBA's future and make an impact on the growth of the federal legal community.

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### Applicant Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (e.g. Jr.) \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Attorney At Law, Partner, Assistant U.S. Attorney) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Bar Admission and Law School Information (required)

**U.S.** Court of Record: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/District: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Admission: / /

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**Students** Law School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/District: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation: / /

### Authorization Statement

*By signing this application, I hereby apply for membership in the Federal Bar Association and agree to conform to its Constitution and Bylaws and to the rules and regulations prescribed by its Board of Directors. I declare that the information contained herein is true and complete. I understand that any false statements made on this application will lead to rejection of my application or the immediate termination of my membership. I also understand that by providing my fax number and e-mail address, I hereby consent to receive faxes and e-mail messages sent by or on behalf of the Federal Bar Association, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Building Corporation.*

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature must be included for membership to be activated)

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**Federal Bar Association**

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|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
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 One year only option .....  \$20

All first, second and third year student memberships include an additional free year of membership starting from your date of graduation.

**Dues Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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