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President's Message by Mark Hatcher

As you browse the articles and links in this edition of *Impact*, I think you'll agree that the PAWB court and the Education Committee have outdone themselves by creating a very enriching and fun program for the upcoming Annual Conference. Adding to everything that they've developed, it's gratifying to also mention that the vast majority of NCBC's past 17 presidents have accepted our invitation to attend this milestone conference and to be recognized for their contributions to the betterment of bankruptcy clerks and the bankruptcy system overall. Over its 30 years, NCBC has continued to grow as an influential association, and it has done so by building on the foundation that was created and fostered throughout the terms of these respective presidents. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend the conference and join us not only for the outstanding educational program but also as we recognize and extend our appreciation for the contributions our past presidents have made.

On a different subject, now is your opportunity to carry on the tradition by running for one of the three open positions on the board. Candidate statements are due by March 15, and I encourage you to nominate yourself or some other committed person for a position. (See article by board secretary Trisha Harrington.) Regards, Mark

Membership Committee Update by Ken Hirz

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The membership campaign is in full swing and although membership dues are due by March 1st each year, we are continuing to reach out to new members through the efforts of the Circuit Liaisons and the Local Representatives. The new Circuit Liaisons were announced and identified in the last issue of the Impact. This article features the names of all 12 Circuit Liaisons and the 70 Local Representatives, representing the local bankruptcy courts throughout the country. As you can see from the accompanying list, we have 76% of all bankruptcy districts covered with an identified Local Representative that is assisting NCBC with membership renewals and encouraging new members to join their trade association. NCBC represents the bankruptcy community. Why not join an organization that has the independent voice necessary to help improve the bankruptcy community and provides a host of membership benefits?

We are still in need of a Local Representative in the following 22 districts. MA, PR, CT, NY-W, NY-N, WV-N, WV-S, LA-M, LA-W, TX-S, IN-N, IA-N, MN, MO-W, SD, AZ, CA-E, CA-C, Guam, ID, NMI, KS, If you are interested in participating as a Local Representative, please contact your Circuit Liaison.

TO JOIN NCBC http://ncbcimpact.org/membership.html

LETTER FROM E. Conner, Director, MCU, Judicial Administration Program (click here to read more) NCBC Members and the Haiti Justice System Relief Effort (click here to read more)

The NCBC Needs You by Laura Whitehead

The newly formed NCBC Circuit Liaisons held their first meeting by teleconference on November 9th under the guidance of Ken Hirz and John Horner. The main goals of the circuit liaison are to increase membership and enhance communication within the NCBC. The circuit liaisons will pass information regarding the NCBC along to the local representatives who will disseminate the information to court staff. If you have questions or concerns regarding the NCBC, but do not feel comfortable going to a board member, you can contact your local representative, who will take the issue up with the board. All eleven circuits have a circuit liaison; however; there are still several courts that do not have a local representative. The following courts need a local representative. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the circuit liaison.

1st Circuit:	Linda Spaight, Circuit Liaison 401-626-3121 Massachusetts, Puerto Rico
2 nd Circuit:	Becky Collette, Circuit Liaison 802-776-2014 Connecticut, New York Western, New York Northern
4 th Circuit:	Laura Whitehead, Circuit Liaison 252-206-5164 West Virginia Northern, West Virginia Southern
5 th Circuit:	Debbie Duke, Circuit Liaison 903-590-3223 Louisiana Middle, Louisiana Western, Texas Southern
7 th Circuit:	Ron Hayward, Circuit Liaison 217-492-5023 Indiana Northern
8th Circuit:	Beth Wilbanks, Circuit Liaison 515-284-6193 Iowa Northern, Minnesota, Missouri Western, South Dakota
9th Circuit:	Eddy Emmons, Circuit Liaison 415-268-2395 and Theola Ross, Circuit Liaison 206-370-5217 Arizona, California Eastern, California Central, Guam, Idaho, Northern Mariana Islands
10th Circuit:	Angie Martin, Circuit Liaison 405-609-5734 Kansas

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LOTS TO DO AND SEE WHILE YOU'RE VISITING PITTSBURGH, SITE OF THE 2010 NCBC CONFERENCE

Submitted by Western District of Pennsylvania's Conference Communication Committee

The NCBC 2010 annual conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, runs from Tuesday evening, June 29, beginning with the President's Reception, through noon on Friday, July 2.

Conference registration will begin on Monday, March 15.

While you're in town for the conference, we invite you to take advantage of discovering (or rediscovering, if that's the case) Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. There is so much to see and do in the area that you may want to plan to arrive the weekend before or stay the weekend following the conference. If you are looking for a quieter, more systematic visit of some of the area's attractions, the weekend before may be more suited for you. If you want a visit that exceeds "spectacular" and you love to be among the masses, come and stay for the weekend following the conference, when Pittsburgh will be celebrating with lots of fanfare and activity the July 4th holiday and the annual Three Rivers Regatta. To experience the area to its fullest, stay both weekends!

Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle (Downtown) has all the amenities and attractions you would expect of a major city, many of which are within the walker-friendly Golden Triangle. The conference's host hotel, the Westin Convention Center—Pittsburgh, is located in the heart of the Golden Triangle's Cultural District. Within walking distance are a number of cultural venues, including Heinz Hall for the Performing Arts, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Andy Warhol Museum, and Senator John Heinz History Center. We can recommend many other attractions and a number of fine restaurants, but you can check them out on the conference website, when it goes live in early March.

Along the outskirts of the walker-friendly Golden Triangle are several first-class hiking and biking trails. Bring your walking shoes or rent a bike to take in the scenery of the 4-mile Eliza Furnace Trail (aka the Jail Trail) less than a mile from the host hotel. This trail is the terminus of 150 miles of trails known as the Great Allegheny Passage, which stretches from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Maryland. The Jail Trail also crosses over the Monongahela River via the Hot Metal Bridge to Pittsburgh's South Side. The South Side features fine dining, shopping and entertainment. Just a short walk across one of the many bridges spanning the Allegheny River is the North Shore's Riverfront Park, where you can meet up with the Three Rivers Heritage Trail that runs through the park and along both sides of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. Riverfront Park and its surround offer a myriad of things to do. At nearby PNC Park you can take in some major league baseball action as the Pittsburgh Pirates make a home stand during the conference. Along the North Shore, bike and kayak rentals are available as well as the fun family venues of the Carnegie Science Center with Sports Works, the Children's Museum and the National Aviary.

Take a taxi or public transportation to a number of attractions for the young and old in the Pittsburgh area just ten to fifteen minutes away. The Carnegie Museum of Natural History in the city's Oakland section has recently updated its "Dinosaurs in Their Time" exhibit with two T. Rex posed as if they were fighting each other, or visit the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium in the Highland Park section. In Downtown Pittsburgh, hop on board the "T" (trolley) to Station Square and board a scenic climbing ride on the Duquesne or Monongahela incline where you can take in a panoramic view of the Three Rivers high atop Mount Washington.

2010 NCBC Conference by Janet Hunger, Western District of Pennsylvania (continued from Page

Rent a car or a motorcycle (or take your own) for an easy 2hour trip north on I-79 to the beautiful shores of Lake Erie in Erie, Pennsylvania. "Why Erie?" you may ask. Erie is not only "Pittsburgh's other shoreline" but also home of our Court's divisional office, and our court staff is eagerly awaiting your visit! Erie affords you the opportunity to experience the diversity of western Pennsylvania in a welcoming all-American small town with a bayfront view. But don't be fooled—Erie offers all the culture of a big city.

Erie is best known for its Presque Isle State Park, situated along the peninsula that extends into Lake Erie. Presque Isle draws four million visitors each year, and you will see why, with its natural year-round beauty and breathtaking sunsets and an abundance of recreational opportunities. The park boasts 7 miles of sandy guarded beaches, 21 miles of hiking trails, and 10 miles of paved surface that is popular with bicyclists, in-line skaters, joggers and walkers. Kayaks, canoes, pontoon boats, surreys and bike rentals are available in the peninsula's beautiful lagoon area. For the fishermen, the "big four" exist here: muskie, northern pike, large-mouth bass and steelhead trout. Be sure to pack your camera and all your favorite outdoor gear!

Young and old will enjoy nearby Waldameer Amusement Park, an Erie tradition located at the entrance to Presque Isle State Park. Roller coaster enthusiasts seek the exhilaration of the Ravine Flyer II comprised of over 3,000 feet of track, three giant drops, speeds over 60 MPH, beautiful views of Lake Erie, and a span over a 4-lane highway on a 165-foot arched bridge. Waldameer's giant Ferris wheel affords amazing views of the entire peninsula at Presque Isle State Park.

A much-sought-after destination for nature enthusiasts, educators, researchers and tourists, the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (or TREC for short) was designed and constructed using "green" technology—a first in the Pennsylvania State Park system. The \$31 million state-of-the-art facility offers a stunning 360-degree view from its 75-foot observation tower, 7,000 square feet of interactive exhibits, and nature presentations on the Big Green Screen (a 175-seat large-format theater).

For history buffs, the bay of Lake Erie is home to the beautiful Flagship Niagara (formerly known as the Brig Niagara), which was commanded by Oliver Hazard Perry in the victory of the Battle of Lake Erie. Erie also has three lighthouses, one of which is right on one of the sandy beaches of Presque Isle. Come and explore Erie's history as a Great Lakes city and port!



Indoor activity seekers will enjoy Erie's Millcreek Mall in the heart of town or Erie's Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort, which features nine water slides, a lazy river, adult and family whirlpools, a sports pool and a kids pool. Stay in one of the adjacent hotels or take Splash Lagoon's free shuttle to and from other hotels in the area, but be sure to enjoy any one of the many dining options and arcade games at Splash Lagoon.

There is much, much more to see and do in western Pennsylvania, stretching from Pittsburgh in the south to Erie in the north. Be sure to check out the conference website for additional information that you can use to help plan your trip. We hope you will plan to attend the 2010 NCBC Conference and have fun while you're here!

NCBC EDUCATIONAL 2010 IN PITTSBURGH by Sandy Smith

The NCBC conference offers a timely and relevant educational program designed to develop staff that serve in a variety of court roles. Our education program is designed exclusively for NCBC and focuses on topics directly related to improving bankruptcy court operations and administration.

Our opening plenary with Second City Communications drives innovation in our courts by taking customer knowledge, mixing it with the mental power of your team, and generating insight, ideas, and action. Note to Clerks and Chief Deputies, this is not a repeat of the Chicago FJC program but an entirely different presentation brought to the NCBC from Second City Communications. Our closing plenary speaker, Carmen Voillique, from Extreme Arts & Sciences, Inc, will teach all attendees how to reduce stress by changing the way we perceive our world. The Peer2Peer sharing session are improved by providing smaller sessions and soliciting topics pre-conference. Our successful court sharing session, Renaissance Expedition, expands with even more demos and sharing of ideas and technology from courts, the AO and the FJC. Also during the Renaissance Expedition, experts from the TSP, AO Retirement Branch, and professional financial planners will be available for one-on-one questions.

Detailed descriptions and learning objectives for each session may be found at the conference website:

http://www.pawb.uscourts.gov/ncbc/index.htm. Conference and hotel registration will open on March 15, 2010.

The NCBC education program also offers 28 small group breakout sessions. Here's list of breakout sessions by topic :

Michigan State University Certificate Program

Caseflow Management; Community Outreach - The CARE Program; Presenting Like a Pro - How Steve Jobs and Others Turn Presentations into Something Incredible While Getting Their Message Heard; Public Information, Media Relations and Management of the Court Community Communications.

Operations

Introduction to the Interactive Bankruptcy Online Tutorial (iBOT) and Bankruptcy eReference; Next Generation CM/ECF - Now What?; The Present and Future of Electronic Document Files; Writing Skills for Case Managers.

Human Resources

Applications for Human Resources Professionals; Human Resources Applications for Staff; New Human Resources Applications; Performance Management Update,

Information Technology

Court Website Design; Courtroom Technology Update; Web 2.0 and Social Media Policies in the Bankruptcy Courts.Activities.

Training

Everything You Need To Know About Designing and Delivering Effective Training in 90 Minutes; Judges' IT Program Update; Using Immersive Learning Simulations (aka Games) in Training and Organizational Development Activities.

Finance/Procurement

Finance, Procurement and Audit Panel.

Interpersonal Skills

Applying Basic Economic Concepts in Making Decisions; Ensuring Healthy Court Communication and Strong Teams; The Nuts and Bolts of Mentoring Partnerships; PEI and You; Your Next Move: Success Strategies for New Court Leaders at All Levels.

Retirement Planning

FERS Retirement Planning; Financial Planning Primer; Thrift Savings Plan Primer .

District Profile -Delaware

Delaware is one of the smallest federal districts geographically in the United States but has one of the largest chapter 11 caseloads, why? The State of Delaware over the years has developed a âcorporate cultureâ being the state of incorporation of over 60% of the âFortune 500â largest corporations. It has also established a separate âChancery Courtâ to deal exclusively with corporate litigation. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court is then a logical extension of this centuries old corporate tradition. The corporations are incorporated here, litigate here and are familiar with the large body of corporate law. Up until 1994 the Bankruptcy Court had one Judge, when its second Judge was appointed. BAPCPA added four more Judges in 2005. From 2000 to 2005 the District benefited from have 22 Visiting Judges who administered an average of 6-10 mega cases during their one year assignment here. In April, 2000 when the current Clerk of Court was appointed the Clerks Office employed a staff of 27. The current staff consists of 54 full time employees, 4 part time and 2 interns, a staffing level it has maintained for the last since 2007. Last year total filings for the District were 4657 of which 32% or 1491 were chapter 11 cases. 108 of the chapter 11 cases filed were classified as âmegaâ cases. In 2004 when the Court had over 15,000 pending adversaries, plus 16,000 filed during the next two years, it instituted a mandatory mediation process which reduced its pending adversaries a current level of 2995.

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

NCBC members David Bird (Clerk of Court - DE), Tim McGrath (Clerk of Court - EDPA) and Walter Stoertz (Chief Deputy - EDPA), participated in the 21st Annual Forum of the EDPA Bankruptcy Conference in Philadelphia on January 21 and 22, 2010. The annual forum, hosted at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, brings together lawyers, other professionals, and paraprofessionals who specialize in the practice of bankruptcy and creditors' rights law.

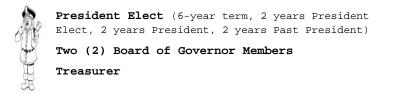
Carol Emerich, Deputy in Charge of the Reading, PA Division celebrated 35 years of service with the bankruptcy court.

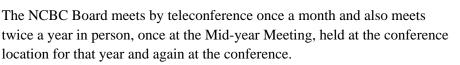
Western District of Pennsylvania

The Bankruptcy Court in the Western District of Pennsylvania is hosting the 2010 NCBC annual conference. Please mark your calendars for the event, which runs from Tuesday, June 29 through Friday, July 2. Please see the separate article in the Impact for more information about the conference.

A Call to Candidates by Trisha A. Harrington NCBC Secretary

A candidate solicitation letter has been sent via MemberClicks to all NCBC members. The positions open for the 2010/2012 NCBC Board are:





The NCBC Board works to make the organization better for all NCBC members. There have been several items in the past few years that the Board has addressed including credit for accrued sick leave at retirement and better and more affordable insurance coverage offered through Federal First. Serving on the NCBC Board is a very rewarding experience. I would encourage anyone to become a part of the board and have the opportunity to participate in and help make a difference in this organization.

Please submit a Declaration of Candidacy and Candidate Statement to <u>trisha_harrington@wawb.uscourts.gov</u> by Monday, March 15, 2010

Exploration at its finest... by Kathy Grzybowski

Seeking a spectacular array of dazzling demos and lush innovations? While paddling along the glistening shores of the 2010 NCBC Conference river banks, be sure to portage your goods through the Renaissance Expedition. Located within easy walking distance of other conference activities, the Pennsylvania Ballroom will provide the backdrop for



the confluence of three powerful forces: the courts, the AO, and the FJC as they present fresh ideas and innovative treasures. Volunteer to join this mighty team of exhibitors.

During the past four NCBC conferences, the information sharing plenary has provided an increasingly popular opportunity for the bankruptcy court community to share innovations and to collaborate with peers. If you've explored Discovery Cove, the Convergence Zone, Tech Trail, and

Innovation Bay you've experienced the wealth of offerings provided. The 2010 NCBC Conference will again present an innovation sharing event.

Continuing with the 2010 conference theme of Building a Bridge to the Future and incorporating the richness of Pittsburgh's rebirth since its industrial era, the sharing fair will be known as The Renaissance Expedition.

Please consider participating as a Renaissance Expedition exhibitor. Many explorers eagerly await your locally developed program or best practices that enhance your court's processes.

Visit the conference website located at www.ncbcimpact.org and click on Information Sharing Fair for more information.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE (continued from page one)

The Circuit Liaisons have met twice via teleconference over the past several months. The meetings have been very positive and uplifting as the liaisons share their recruitment successes and challenging experiences. There is considerable creativity and an interest in contributing to the organization. The board has found the input refreshing and plan to incorporate suggestions to make NCBC more responsive to its members. More on this to come. Meanwhile, the next teleconference will be scheduled in May, and the group plans to convene the first in-person meeting in conjunction with the annual conference in Pittsburgh on June 30th.

Membership is the backbone of any organization and NCBC prides itself on membership and participation. About half of the members attend the NCBC Annual Conference and we look forward to once again being with them at our upcoming conference in Pittsburgh. This event marks our 30th anniversary of NCBC and is certainly cause for celebration. NCBC will be inviting all past Presidents and preparing other events to commemorate our 30 years as an organization. We hope you will plan to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming in subsequent IMPACT articles. Conference registration will be facilitated by the use of the MemberClicks program.

> For more information feel free to contact Ken Hirz at <u>ken_hirz@ohnb.uscourts.gov</u>, or John Horner at john_horner@pawb.uscourts.gov.

SEE ATTACHED EXCEL LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES



The Benefits Committee wants to know.. what's on your mind?



The Benefits Committee wants to know......what's on your mind? Have a question about your federal benefits? Send them to our e-mailbox, we'll research them, ask the experts and provide an answer in the next issue of IMPACT. We hope our sample questions will help you think of your own questions and that you'll send them in!

- Q: I changed from one federal health insurance plan to another during open season and now would like to switch my dental plan and drop the vision plan. How do I go about doing that? Also, I have some minimal dental coverage through my regular health insurance plan, so, which plan pays first? And, what is the difference between FEDVIP and BENEFEDS?
- A: When you enroll in a FEDVIP (Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program) dental or vision plan, your enrollment automatically continues each year whether you change your health insurance plan or not. Open season for FEDVIP enrollment runs annually from the second Monday in November through the second Monday in December. Without a qualifying life event, you must wait until the next open season to make a change or cancel your coverage. Your coverage even continues into retirement. Retirement is not considered a qualifying life event and does not give you the opportunity to change or cancel your coverage. When you enroll in FEDVIP, you are asked if you have other insurance coverage. Your federal health insurance plan pays first; then your FEDVIP plan pays up to the plan's allowed amount. BENEFEDS is the official FEDVIP enrollment website for the FEDVIP program. Lots of detailed information is available at <u>www.benefeds.com</u>.

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Extreme Home Makeover Oklahoma Style! * Update – This aired on ABC on 3/14/10 *

Be sure to keep your eye on ABC's "Extreme Home Makeover" television series this season so you don't miss watching volunteers from the Western District of Oklahoma help to build a home in seven days!

The sponsoring builder, Ideal Homes of Norman, Oklahoma, asked Western District volunteers to help construct the home for a "much deserving family in central Oklahoma," said Angie Martin, U. S. Bankruptcy Court administrative analyst and NCBC member, as well as a close friend of Ideal Homes.

The call for workers was made to Angie, and with the help of Bankruptcy and District Court personnel plus one thousand other volunteers, help was on the way! "I worked the set 24/7 for the week," said Angie, "and several of our NCBC members in my office volunteered their time to work on the project." Only the weather decided not to cooperate, she said.



Front row, left to right: Tony Sossamon, Deanie Custer, Don Dage, Michael Bowers, Eunice Seibert, Angie Martin Back row, left to right: Penny Wallis, Susie Nettleton, Jan Donaldson, Barbara Montague, Stefanie Russell, Sheila Sewell, Debbie Bare and Alexis Franklin.



http://abc.go.com/shows/extreme-makeoverhome-edition/photo-details/skaggsfamily/403533

Here's Angie's description of the build:

Monday, February 1 - Ty Pennington issued the "Knock On The Door" and the fun, in the form of dirt work and preparation of the build area, began. Tents and facilities for the media and other workers went up following the knock. Then came the rain!

Tuesday, February 2 - Court personnel Barbara Montague, Debbie Bare and Stefanie Russell assisted in pulling down the dilapidated barn. Snow and sleet followed the plumbing and slab work!

Wednesday, February 3 - Working into the evening hours, walls were completed and doors and windows were installed. After insulation was finished, the rain showed up!

Thursday, February 4 - The home's exterior was completed and the inside walls were finished and prepped for texture. Lighting was installed and, again, came the rain!

Friday, February 5 - The day's schedule called for interior work, cabinetry, painting and the start of landscaping. Friday brought a few hours of sun but the weather turned cold!

Saturday, February 6 - Landscaping resumed and by midnight, the flooring and interior were complete. Builders were able to leave the site for the first time at 4:00 p.m. Again, it was cloudy and cold!

Sunday, February 7 - "Move The Bus" took place at 2:00 p.m., followed by rain!

Monday, February 8 - Media day was over, the last tents were removed from the site and the family could now enjoy their home! We ask you now, said Angie, "What can you do in seven days?"

Court staff agreed that the biggest obstacle was dealing with so much mud!

"The show will air either the end of March or in May as the season finale," said Angie. "We thank our Chief Judge Niles Jackson, Court Clerk Grant Price and Deputy Court Clerk Sheila Sewell for allowing us the opportunity!"

http://abc.go.com/watch/extreme-makeoverhome-edition/92244/251823/wagstaff-family



Seeking Nominations by Lee Ann Bennett

During the NCBC Conference in Pittsburgh, the NCBC will be honoring both individuals and groups who have achieved great things that have benefitted the courts and/or the NCBC. This is your opportunity to help us recognize those individuals or groups by submitting your nominations for awards to these individuals or groups.

Your nominations are sought for the following awards:

Outstanding Service Award: This award represents service provided to NCBC and/or the courts by an individual that goes beyond a single task or assignment. The award is usually presented for longer term efforts.

Outstanding Achievement Award: This award represents an achievement by a group that results in savings or changes which benefitted the court system as a whole.

Special Service Award: Represents service performed that is more limited in nature; this award tends to recognize one time efforts or assignments on behalf of NCBC or the courts

Administrative Excellence Award: An award for accomplishments that are more administrative in nature.

Outstanding Public Service Award: Represents service provided to the public that had a positive effect on a community by an individual or group.

Distinguished Service: An award to recognize retiring NCBC members and those individuals who are retiring who have had a long history with the NCBC and/or federal service that has had a positive impact on or made substantial contribution to the bankruptcy community.

Lee Ann Bennett (FLMB) is serving as Chair of the Awards Committee, and is joined on the committee by Milton Aguila (NYSB), John Horner (PAWB), Joe Nichols (NCEB), Rick Thompson (MDB), Debra Theriot (TXEB), Michael Brooks (TNWB), Kathy Lamuth (OHNB), Sharon Gardner (ILCB), Joanne Felt (WAWB) and Michael Bowers (OKWB).

Nominations must be received by Thursday, April 1, 2010, and may be submitted to the Chair by email (Leeann_Bennett@flmb.uscourts.gov) or by fax to her attention (813-301-5245).

When submitting a nomination, please include the following information:

The nominee's name and court

The award for which you are nominating them

The specific reasons/accomplishments you believe qualify him/her/them for the nomination



Editor's Note: I hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter and that it has proven to be resourceful to you as a member of the NCBC. I would be grateful to receive your comments on the newsletter, both on its content as well as on its structure, and ways to improve it further. We are also welcoming ideas on how to improve membership. All suggestions are welcome.

Happy reading!

Yvonne Cheroke

Correspondents:









Alyson Johnson Carol Thompson Laura Whitehead Leslie Taylor All newsletter requests should be submitted to the editor.

Ask The Editorial Committee

The NCBC Impact Editorial Committee is here to serve you. Additionally, this is our 'always open' invitation to share your questions, comments, and suggestions for articles that will provide helpful information to NCBC members. Material should be emailed to <u>Yvonne cheroke@nceb.uscourts.gov</u>.

This is your newsletter -- let your voice be heard!

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Circuit	District	Local Representative	Phone	e-mail	12/31/yr
	District of Columbia	Michael Wint	202-354-3188	michael_wint@dcb.uscourts.gov	2012
1st Circuit - Lind	a Spaight (RI)	Linda Spaight	401-626-3121	linda spaight@rib.uscourts.gov	2012
-	Maine	Sheila Dilios	207-780-3482 x242	sheila_dilios@meb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Massachusettes				2012
	New Hampshire	Kerri Mikolaities	603-222-2618	kerri mikolaities@nhb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Rhode Island	Kristen Batty	401-626-3133	kristen_batty@rib.uscourts.gov	2012
	Puerto Rico				2011

2nd Circuit - Becky Collette [VT]	Becky Collette	802-776-2014	becky collette@vtb.uscourts.gov	2012
Conneticut				2012
New York Eastern	Dwayne Cox [co-rep]	631-712-6289	dwayne_cox@nyeb.uscourts.gov	2011
New York Eastern	Donna Tenga [co-rep]	631-712-6265	donna tenga@nyeb.uscourts.gov	2012
New York Western				2011
New York Northern				2012
New York Southern	Laura Brundage	914-390-4071	laura brundage@nysb.uscourts.gov	2011
Vermont	Becky Collette	802-776-2014	becky_collette@vtb.uscourts.gov	2012

3rd Circuit - David	Bird [DE]	David Bird	302-252-2943	david bird@deb.uscourts.gov	2012
-	Delaware	Barbara Torres [co-rep]	302-252-2900 x5135	barbara_gray@deb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Delaware	Lora Johnson [co-rep]	302-252-2925 x3	lora_johnson@deb.uscourts.gov	2012
	New Jersey	Jeffrey Peirce	856-757-5485 x334	jeffrey_peirce@njb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Pennsylvania Eastern	Tim McGrath	215-408-4411	timothy_mcgrath@paeb.uscourts.gov	2012
	Pennsylvania Middle	Jackie Cherrybon	717-901-2821	jackie_cherrybon@pamb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Pennsylvania Western	Jan Hunger	412-644-4052	janet hunger@pawb.uscourts.gov	2012

4th Circuit - Laura Whitehead [NC-E]	Laura Whitehead	252-237-0248 x124	laura_whitehead@nceb.uscourts.gov	2012
Maryland	Tracey Matthews [co-rep]	410-962-3602	tracey matthews@mdb.uscourts.gov	2011
Maryland	Cherita Martin [co-rep]	410-962-3252	cherita martin@mdb.uscourts.gov	2012
North Carolina Eastern	Anne Moell	919-856-4752 x103	anne_moell@nceb.uscourts.gov	2011
North Carolina Middle	Debbie Payne	336-358-4008	debbie payne@ncmb.uscourts.gov	2012
North Carolina Western	Robin Felts	714-350-7531 x7531	robin_felts@ncwb.uscourts.gov	2011
South Carolina	Renee Surette	803-765-5048	renee_surette@scb.uscourts.gov	2012
Virginia Eastern	Sharon Williams	804-916-2434	sharon williams@vaeb.uscourts.gov	2011
Virginia Western	Carol Rickerson	540-857-2391 x133	carol_rickerson@vawb.uscourts.gov	2012
West Virginia Northern				2011
West Virginia Southern				2012

5th Circuit - Debbie	e Duke [TX-E]	Debbie Duke	903-590-3232	debbie_duke@txeb.uscourts.gov	2012
	Louisiana Eastern	Gaynell Donelan	504-589-7839	gaynell_donelon@laeb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Louisiana Middle				2012
	Louisiana Western				2011
	Mississippi Northern	Sandra Peoples	662-319-3550	sandra peoples@msnb.uscourts.gov	2012
	Mississippi Southern	Collette Derouen	228-563-1793	collette_derouen@mssb.uscourts.gov	2011
	Texas Eastern	Maria Sheppard	972-633-4730	maria_sheppard@txeb.uscourts.gov	2012

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California Central				2012

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MICHIGAN STATE



March 8, 2010

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The Judicial Administration Program was designed so that working professionals can develop their credentials at a pace and level of their choosing. The cornerstone of the program is the partner-provider relationship with organizations like NCBC and the "start where you are" approach to professional education that builds knowledge and skill through any of the following opportunities: (1) sixty contact hour noncredit certificate, which is the option NCBC offers; (2) credit-bearing certificate comprised of twelve academic credits; or (3) a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, Specialization in Judicial Administration.

In 2010, NCBC is offering two Judicial Administration Program courses: Caseflow

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We encourage your attendance and that of your staff at the 2010 (June 29 - July 2)

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NCBC Members and the Haiti Justice System Relief Effort

NCBC members have continuously expressed their concern about the devastating earthquake which took place in Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. The death toll in Haiti is estimated at more than 200,000 with tens of thousands more injured. The island's infrastructure, including hospitals, clinics and sewage systems has been severely damaged or destroyed, leading to ongoing and lifethreatening shortages of food, water and basic medical care". The Salvation Army, along with the assistance of FedEx, UPS and DHL, have delivered 2.6 million meals, nearly 3,000 tents and 8710 pounds of medical supplies for the people of Haiti.

While the basics of food, water, shelter and medical assistance are the primary concern right now, the quake has also had a serious impact on Haiti's institutions, including their court system. Jeffrey Apperson, President of the International Association for Court Administration as well as Clerk of the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Kentucky and a past president of NCBC, has been in constant contact with the president of the Supreme Court of Haiti who informed him that "while they have temporary space, they have no equipment, supplies or furniture to open court". Mr. Apperson is in touch with several organizations, including the ABA-ROLI, International Bar Association, International Judicial Relations Committee, and the UN regarding the coordination of relief for the courts of Haiti.

The court administration associations for the U.S. and Canada, which in addition to NCBC are FCCA, NACM and ACCA, have agreed to assist in fundraising for this effort in two phases. Phase one is to assist with immediate short term needs of the courts to deal with human rights conditions created by the inability of the courts to administer laws regarding detention and criminal justice in general. A fund has been established by the International Association for Court Administration that is not tax deductible, but ready to help with the short term need. The second phase is the long term reconstruction and training efforts. Foundations dedicated to this effort are being established that will provide for tax deductible donations. Each organization will receive a report concerning total donations, how they are used, and a record of donations by organization.

You can donate for immediate court needs in Haiti as follows:

1.) Send a check or money order (payable to IACA) to either Julia Ricketts, IACA Secretary, 601 West Broadway, Room 106, Louisville, KY 40202, USA ; or Noel Doherty, IACA Treasurer, Courts Service, Green Street Courthouse, Halston Street, Dublin 7, Ireland; or. (For record keeping purposes, you may wish to note "NCBC member" somewhere on your check or money order.)

2.) Bank wire transfer to:

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3.) IACA's donation link by way of Visa and MasterCard is:

https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=iaca&formId=72626

Further guidelines will be published regarding long term opportunities.

We have an opportunity to make a difference for our colleagues in Haiti. Updates via the NCBC website will be provided to NCBC members interested in helping the people of Haiti over the weeks ahead.

Please circulate this to others that might be inclined to donate.

Sincerely yours,

Mark L. Hatcher