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Outgoing President's Message

By Peter B. King, Esq.



Those of you who attended the Chapter's Annual Luncheon on December 10 heard about our many reasons to be thankful. The primary purpose of the Annual Luncheon is to present awards for extraordinary service to the federal bar and to our Chapter. Another important task during the annual luncheon is to recognize our board and committee

members who committed their time and talent to successfully executing the Chapter's agenda. Our Chapter was fortunate to have a committed and motivated group in 2015, and through their collective efforts we achieved much. Not all of them received the special distinction that goes with our annual awards, but each and every one of our volunteers, who are listed on page 7, deserves much thanks and praise for their work in 2015.

In addition to recognizing distinguished service by our Chapter members, past and present, we implemented a new tradition this year of recognizing and thanking judges in the Tampa Division at memorable points in their service. In 2015, Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins (30 years) and Judge Mark A. Pizzo (20 years) celebrated significant milestones on the Middle District bench. I have always said that we are blessed in the Middle District with the very finest jurists in the country. We are certainly fortunate to have had the benefit of these two outstanding judges for so long. Judge Jenkins will be retiring in 2016 and will be dearly missed. We hope that Judge Pizzo will be with us for many years to come.

Since 1990, our Chapter has presented the George C. Carr Memorial Award, our signature award that recognizes excellence in federal practice and distinguished service to the Federal Bar Association. It is named for the late Chief Judge who embodied the common sense, integrity, and service that the award recognizes. Our list of impressive honorees grew this year with the addition of Joseph H. Varner, III. Joe is a past Chapter president widely recognized for his integrity and skills as an exceptional advocate.

Mentoring less-experienced attorneys has become a very important part of our Chapter's mission. Several years ago, Katherine Yanes launched the Chapter's formal mentoring system. The thriving program has established dozens of meaningful relationships among members of the federal bar, enhancing the professionalism of the lawyers practicing in the Middle District for generations to come.

Katherine's service as a mentor every year always results in glowing praise from her (sometimes multiple) mentees. In recognition of her commitment, Katherine was recognized as our 2015 Mentor of the Year.

Pro bono service has always been an integral aspect of our profession. Giving back to the community benefits both the disadvantaged litigant and the court system as a whole. Our Chapter decided this year to recognize significant contributions by Chapter members with the Pro Bono Award for Service and Excellence. Anne-Leigh Moe and Mike Matthews truly shone in their service this year. Anne-Leigh represented a pro se prisoner and achieved a remarkable result after committing a substantial amount of her time and working with other lawyers in and outside her firm. Mike has served as chair of our Chapter's Pro Bono committee for the past four years. He created the *Guide for Proceeding Without a Lawyer*, the pro se manual that has become a valuable resource throughout the Middle District. Mike also matched lawyers with disadvantaged litigants and personally handled several pro bono engagements, assisted by colleagues in his firm. We were proud to recognize Mike and Anne-Leigh's extraordinary contributions with our inaugural Pro Bono Award.

Another first for our Chapter this year is the President's Award, recognizing a board member who demonstrates extraordinary effort and accomplishment. Even among the deep pool of talent on our Board in 2015, Erin Jackson stood out through her remarkable commitment of time to key projects, including conceiving and co-chairing the program *Staying in the Game: Women, Leadership, and the Law*, and co-chairing the Eighth Annual Civil Seminar, both of which received rave reviews. As co-chair of our membership committee, Erin led the effort to achieve our 2015 goal of adding 100 new members to our Chapter. This is among the top growth rates of any chapter nationwide in 2015, and by far the biggest one-year growth in our Chapter. We are thankful for Erin's leadership and commitment to service to the bar.

The New Year holds much promise for our Chapter. I am very pleased to be handing the reins to Anne-Leigh Moe, our incoming president. Anne-Leigh has a great vision for our Chapter in 2016 and has assembled another great team to make the vision a reality. As I step aside, I would like to express again my thanks for the volunteer board and committee members, the Chapter members who support our programs, the law firms that sponsored our events, and the judges who have been so supportive of our work.

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Hears Oral Argument in Tampa

On November 17, 2015, for the first time in more than 15 years, the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral argument in Tampa, Florida. Circuit Judges Gerald B. Tjoflat, Charles R. Wilson, and Beverly B. Martin presided over an hour-long argument in the 17th floor Ceremonial Courtroom of the Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse, with more than sixty local judges, attorneys, and members of the public in attendance and several dozen more in an overflow room downstairs.

The case, *Gregory Paul Lawler vs. Bruce Chatman, GDCP Warden*, involved a prisoner's right to a writ of habeas corpus following his conviction and death sentence for the murder of a City of Atlanta police officer. The district court denied habeas relief, and in his appeal, Lawler argued that the performance of his trial counsel fell below the standards guaranteed by the Constitution because his attorneys failed to conduct a proper investigation, failed adequately to investigate or cross-examine witnesses, failed to present forensic evidence, and failed fully to investigate his mental health issues. Lawler further argued that the prosecution committed misconduct by directing a witness not to express an opinion about events that he thought explained the shooting. In a lively oral argument, the judges posed numerous questions to the parties about each of the issues on appeal.

After the argument, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted a luncheon and panel discussion with the Eleventh Circuit judges at Le Méridien hotel. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins moderated an active discussion with the panel on topics including how the Eleventh Circuit determines to hold special sessions in locations such as Tampa, how the Court decides whether to hold oral argument, the best way to prepare for oral argument, considerations in drafting majority and dissenting opinions, whether the Eleventh Circuit should have more circuit judges, the use of video conferencing for argument, and professional conduct. More than 150 people attended the luncheon and panel discussion.

Three weeks after the argument, the Eleventh Circuit panel issued a 15-page unpublished opinion, affirming the district court. *Lawler v. Warden*, No. 14–12389, 2015 WL 8526402 (11th Cir. Dec. 10, 2015).



Circuit Judges Charles R. Wilson, Gerald B. Tjoflat, and Beverly B. Martin (from left to right) spoke at a luncheon and panel discussion immediately following the oral argument at the Le Méridien hotel downtown. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins (right) moderated the discussion.

In Pictures



The Tampa Bay Chapter hosted another of its signature events, the Eighth Annual Civil Seminar, on October 29, 2015. The seminar not only included an afternoon of informative CLE sessions, but also included a judicial roundtable session and membership reception.



One of the Chapter's programming highlights for 2015 was the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals' agreement to host oral argument at the Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse on November 17, 2015. The night before oral argument, members of the Board, as well as District Judges Kovachevich and Scriven, and Magistrate Judges Jenkins and Porcelli, accompanied Circuit Judges Tjoflat, Wilson, and Martin to Bern's Steakhouse.

In Pictures Continued



In another Middle District of Florida tradition, Judge Kovachevich hosted her annual tour of the Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse on October 28, 2015 as part of the Chapter's 2015 Brown Bag Luncheon Series. The event is always well-attended, and this year resulted in Chapter President Peter B. King having a behind-the-scenes look at Courthouse accommodations.



Circuit Judge Charles R. Wilson responds to a question from the audience.



Circuit Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat addresses an audience member while Circuit Judge Charles R. Wilson looks on.

Middle District Holds Panel Discussion On BCCI Trial

On September 22, 2015, the History, Education, and Public Outreach Subcommittee of the Bench Bar Fund Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida held an event to highlight the June 2015 publication of Professor James M. Denham's book *Fifty Years of Justice*. The book draws on extensive research and oral histories to recount the first fifty years of the Middle District of Florida.

At the September event, the history subcommittee chose one trial from among the many significant and exciting trials and cases examined in Professor Denham's book: the trial of the BCCI money laundering case. The choice was timely as well as historic. Not only did the BCCI case involve one of the largest money-laundering prosecutions ever, but also the events underlying the case are the subject of the forthcoming major motion picture movie *The Infiltrator* due for release in 2016.

A panel of real-life participants assembled to discuss the trial that took place over six months in 1990: Senior U.S. District Judge Wm. Terrell Hodges, who presided; Robert Mazur, the undercover U.S. Customs agent at the heart of the operation and the government's star witness; and Tampa trial lawyer Bennie Lazzara, Jr., who represented one of the defendants.

Adding further to the event was its setting—the old federal courthouse in Tampa, which has been remodeled as Le Méridien Tampa, a boutique hotel. The participants and guests met in the Courthouse Ballroom, which last served as the courtroom for Senior U.S. District Judge William J. Castagna. The audience of approximately 150, comprising many judges and lawyers, enjoyed the panel discussion and a lunch sponsored by the lawyers of the Bar of the Court through its Bench Bar Fund. No public funds were used in the event.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony E. Porcelli welcomed the attendees on behalf of the history subcommittee. Judge Porcelli recounted how the BCCI panel discussion fit into the series of events and exhibits celebrating the history of the Middle District. One such notable event was the two-day 50th anniversary celebration in October 2012, featuring presentations by judges, lawyers, and law students. Another was the historical committee's work installing exhibits in the lobbies and public spaces of the courthouses in the district.

Judge Porcelli then introduced the author of the book, Professor Denham, a history professor and Director of the Lawton M. Chiles Jr. Center for Florida History at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Professor Denham described the formation of the Middle District from territory formerly part of the Northern and Southern Districts of Florida. In expounding on the history of the Court, Professor Denham showed a number of photographs of judges of the court.

Judge Porcelli then turned the program over to Larry Dougherty, a bar representative on the history subcommittee who served as moderator for the panel discussion. Mr. Dougherty suggested to the attendees that the true facts of the BCCI trial

would overshadow any fictionalized serial shown on HBO or Netflix. Mr. Dougherty provided the audience with short biographies of Judge Hodges, Mr. Mazur, and Mr. Lazzara. Mr. Dougherty then introduced Mr. Mazur, the former Customs agent, to provide an overview of the case.

Mr. Mazur, who had a highly decorated 27-year career as a federal agent, began his overview by playing a four-minute NBC News story on the BCCI case, available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bx1u-TP3Ouc>. In the segment, NBC anchor Tom Brokaw described how the seventh-largest privately held financial institution in the world, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), was laundering drug money in transactions linked to former Panamanian Gen. Manuel Noriega. Numerous bank officers and the bank itself were indicted. Suspects linked to transactions in Europe and South America were lured to a mass arrest in Tampa on the pretext that Mr. Mazur, known undercover by the name "Bob Musella," was marrying a woman who was in fact also an undercover Customs agent.

Mr. Mazur then gave the audience more details of the operation. Besides seizing millions of dollars, the agents also took control of more than a ton of cocaine located during the operation, Mr. Mazur said. He described how teams of Customs agents helped him prepare for more than a year for his undercover role, by fleshing out his false identity. Mr. Mazur also received psychological training to prepare himself for the disorienting and nerve-racking challenges of playing a criminal and associating with corrupt bankers and dangerous drug kingpins. As Mr. Mazur wine and dined the suspects in Miami, Washington, and Paris, microphones hidden under Mr. Mazur's designer suits and in his Renwick briefcase were picking up conversations captured on tape.

The panel discussion began with the first question going to Judge Hodges. Judge Hodges recounted how, in addition to the normal demands of a federal criminal trial, the BCCI case imposed unique challenges due to its focus on high-rolling bank and drug crime. Judge Hodges described how a juror took phone numbers from an address book in evidence and actually placed telephone calls to the number attributed to a drug kingpin in Colombia. The person who answered told the juror never to call back. After inquiry, Judge Hodges dismissed that juror from the panel.

Judge Hodges also complimented Mr. Mazur's testimony at trial, noting that the agent had mastered the hundreds of hours of recorded conversations and testified for eleven weeks with confidence and precision. Judge Hodges presided over the trial in a first-floor courtroom that is now the location of Le Méridien's restaurant and café.

Mr. Lazzara represented the defendant, Akbar Bilgrami. He agreed that the defense had a difficult task at trial. The fact that other banks might have been seeking the same type of business was not a sufficient defense of BCCI and its officers. Mr. Lazzara noted that his client and other defendants had never been charged with a crime before. During the trial, several of the defendants took apartments near the courthouse for themselves and their families,

and Mr. Lazzara recalled visiting them in the morning before court. Mr. Lazzara recalled attacking Mr. Mazur's testimony on cross-examination, yet also knowing as the questioning proceeded that, to borrow boxing terminology, his side was "behind on points."

Mr. Mazur noted that the demands of the case did not lessen once arrests were made. To prepare himself for trial, he spent weeks in a hotel room reviewing and transcribing the audiotapes until he was well-versed in all of them. Mr. Mazur also described the burden of the case on his family—both in terms of his long absences while undercover, and also the stress of keeping his family safe once it became known that a Colombian drug lord had put a half-million-dollar price on his head. Mr. Mazur recounted spotting a suspicious truck parked near his residence one night. He hid his family and crept up on the truck with a weapon to surprise the occupant of the truck. Only then did Mr. Mazur learn that the

man was there for an entirely innocent reason—monitoring alligator movement as part of a conservation project.

Mr. Mazur noted that actor Bryan Cranston, the star of the hit AMC series *Breaking Bad*, will portray him in *The Infiltrator*. The movie will also star John Leguizamo, Diane Kruger, and Benjamin Bratt.

Judge Porcelli brought the event to a close, thanking the panel members for their contributions and suggesting that audience members learn more about the many historic trials and cases in the Middle District by reviewing *Fifty Years of Justice* for themselves.

Professor Denham's book is available on amazon.com at <http://www.amazon.com/Fifty-Years-Justice-District-Quincentennial/dp/0813060494> and also from the University Press of Florida at <http://upf.com/book.asp?id=DENHA001>.



U.S. District Judge Terry Hodges and Bennie Lazzara, Jr. discuss the BCCI trial.



U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony E. Porcelli was one of the organizers of the BCCI Panel.



The BCCI Panel was well-attended by local practitioners.

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2015 Annual State of the District Luncheon

On December 10, 2015, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its annual State of the District luncheon at the University Club in downtown Tampa. The event is a highlight of the Chapter's annual programming and is well-attended by local practitioners and the judiciary. One of the highlights of the Luncheon is the opportunity for attendees to hear an in-person update on the state of the Middle District of Florida. This year, attendees heard updates from Chief Judge Steven D. Merryday, Chief Bankruptcy Judge Michael G. Williamson, Public Defender Donna Elm, and U.S. Attorney A. Lee Bentley. The message that came across from each of the speakers was similar: the Middle District continues to be one of the busiest districts in the nation and is fortunate to have a highly professional contingent of lawyers.

In addition to the update on the state of the district, the Luncheon is also an opportunity to honor members of the Tampa Bay Chapter who have provided exceptional service and effort. This year, the Chapter made the following awards:

Mentor of the Year

Pro Bono Award for Service and Excellence

President's Award

George C. Carr Award

Katherine Yanes

Mike Matthews and Anne-Leigh Moe

Erin G. Jackson

Joseph H. Varner, III

Finally, the Tampa Bay Chapter also instituted a new tradition at the 2015 Luncheon of recognizing members of our judiciary for significant milestones in their service on the bench. This year, the Tampa Bay Chapter honored the milestone anniversaries of Magistrate Judge Mark A. Pizzo (20 years on the bench) and Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins (30 years on the bench).



Peter B. King presents the President's Award to Erin Jackson.



Katherine Yanes presents the Pro Bono Award to Mike Matthews.



Peter B. King accepts an outgoing token of appreciation from incoming President Anne-Leigh Moe.

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Visit www.federalbartampa.org for more details.

February 10: Judicial Reception for Magistrate Judge Julie Sneed and Magistrate Judge Mac McCoy. See website for details.

February 12 – Swearing in ceremony for new admittees to the federal court. Sam. M. Gibbons United States Courthouse.

February 19: Chambers Lunch – Judge Covington’s chambers. See website for details.

February 19: Symposium-Discussion: Corporate Criminal Liability 2.0. See flyer below for details.

February 25: Staying in the Game – A Call to Action. University Club, 11:45 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. See website for details.

March 31 – Swearing in ceremony for new admittees to the federal court. Sam. M. Gibbons United States Courthouse.

April 28: Judicial Reception for Magistrate Judge Jenkins.

June 1 – 3: Sentencing Guidelines Seminar.

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LUNCHEON AND CLE
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Gindi Eckel Vincent
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*3.0 hours Florida Bar CLE credit anticipated.

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Symposium-Discussion: Corporate Criminal Liability 2.0

Stetson University College of Law – Gulfport, Florida

Friday, February 19, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In the past few years the prosecution of corporate criminality has changed dramatically in the United States with an increase in Deferred Prosecution (DPA) and Non-Prosecution Agreements (NPA), and most recently a “new” Department of Justice Memo, the “Yates Memo” that outlines the playbook for prosecuting corporate criminality.

This Symposium/Discussion will consider the current state of corporate criminal liability from corporate, criminal, white collar, political, and international perspectives; looking at what does corporate criminal liability 2.0 look like, and more importantly what should it look like.

Join us on February 19, 2016 starting at 10 a.m. at Stetson University College of Law- Gulfport to listen to the voices of academics and scholars from around the world in a discussion with practitioners. Lunch will be provided. To be a part of this conversation, register at: <https://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=1801380&MethodId=0&EventSessionId=&startnewreg=1>

If you have questions, contact Professor Ellen S. Podgor, Gary R. Trombley Family White-Collar Crime Research Professor and Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law – epodgor@law.stetson.edu

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Retired (Fully Retired from the Practice of Law)	<input type="radio"/> \$165	<input type="radio"/> \$165

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Member Admitted to Practice 6-10 Years	<input type="radio"/> \$165	<input type="radio"/> \$140
Member Admitted to Practice 11+ Years	<input type="radio"/> \$210	<input type="radio"/> \$170
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