



THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION ATLANTA CHAPTER

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Lunch with Chief Judge Camp of the Northern District of Georgia

Wednesday, January 24, 2007
12:00 PM
Kilpatrick Stockton
1100 Peachtree Street
27th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30309

The Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association invites you to join us for lunch with the **Honorable Jack T. Camp**, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, who will speak about his recent appointment as Chief Judge, as well as the relationship between the Judges of the Court and the attorneys who practice before it. Chief Judge Camp will address the Chapter at its first meeting and luncheon of the New Year on January 24th. Cost: \$20 for FBA members, \$30 for non-members. Please RSVP by January 22, 2007, to Carol Martin either by e-mail at cmartin@kilpatrickstockton.com or at (404) 815-6658.

2006 Military Commissions Act is Topic for Vance Forum

The FBA Young Lawyers Division of the Atlanta Chapter will host the annual Robert S. Vance Forum on the Bill of Rights, on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at Tull Auditorium at the Emory University School of Law. This year's topic is **"The Military Commissions**

Act of 2006: Does the Constitution Protect Terrorists?" A reception at 6:15 p.m. will precede the forum, which begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. **Paul Kish**, formerly of the Federal Defender's Office, is chairing the event. The Vance Forum planning Committee includes **Ashley Hurst, Steve Moore, Joe Osmer, BJay Pak, Anne Rector, Amy Weil** and **Kevin Weimer**.

November Installation Reception RECAP



The Reception and Installation of Chapter Officers and Executive Committee on November 2 was a grand success, and kicked off President **Amy Weil's** year of reign in high style. Held at the Capital City Club, this reception provided Chapter members and friends with fun, food, drink and the jazz sounds of the John Peek African-American Philharmonic Orchestra. The **Honorable Judge J.L. Edmondson**, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for

the Eleventh Circuit, administered the Oath to the Officers and Board. If the success of this party is any indication, this is going to be a GREAT year for the Atlanta Chapter!

For more photos, click on:

<http://web.mac.com/craigweil/iWeb/Site/FBA.html>

Up-coming events:

FEDERAL CRIMINAL PRACTICE SEMINAR - MAY 11, 2007

The Federal Bar Association is co-sponsoring the Fourth Annual Federal Criminal Practice Seminar with the ICLE at the Ga. State Bar Headquarters on May 11. **Judge Stanley F. Birch, Jr.**, of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals is slated to speak at lunchtime. Chapter Vice President **Jeff Berhold** is chairing this daylong event with **Danny Griffin** of Miller Martin. More information to follow in our next newsletter.

FEDERAL LABOR LAW SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 3, 2007

Administrative Law Judges from the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) will explain the dos and don'ts of federal labor practice during the Chapter's **3rd Annual Labor Law Symposium** on May 3, 2007. This CLE program should be of interest to government attorneys, human resources and labor relations specialists, as well as private labor and employment practitioners. More information will follow in future newsletters, or you may contact Joyce Kitchens at joyce@kitchensnew.com.

FORMER FBI DIRECTOR LOUIS FREEH TO SPEAK AT JUDGES' LUNCHEON

The Atlanta Chapter's most popular event, the annual Judges' Luncheon, will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The featured speaker is **former FBI Director Louis J. Freeh**, who while a special prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta prosecuted the mail bomber who killed Judge Robert Vance, and later served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Mary Edelstein** is chairing this event. Mark your calendars now.

Update on Chapter's Plans for the FBA Annual Convention in September

Planning for the FBA's 2007 National Convention, to be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis on September 5-8, 2007, is in high gear. The Convention Co-chairs are **Joyce Kitchens** and **Linda Amidon**, and Honorary Co-chairs are **Chief Judge Jack T. Camp** and **Senior Judge William C. O'Kelley, U.S. District Court**. The Convention Planning Committee includes: **Phil Savrin, Chris Parker, Kerri Gildow, Amy Weil, Eugenia Gates, Robin Sangston, Kevin Maxim, Kevin Weimer, Professor Ron Carlson, Larry Thompson, Bruce Edenfield, Kelleen Hubbs, Tom Lacy, Buddy Darden, Beryl Farris, Render Freeman, David Webster, Ann Rector, Jim Richardson, Adrian Berry, Joshua Belinfante, Marcia Staderker, Mary Edelstein, Carl Gilmore, Bret Hobson, Shermela Williams, David Worley, Eric Schroeder, Kembra**

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Smith, Matthew Richardson, Halsey Knapp, Robert Khayat and DeBrae Kennedy.

Under the direction of **Phil Savrin**, the Fundraising Committee to date has raised over \$87,000 for the event. Our goal is \$100,000. Contributors to date include:

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<i>Amy Weil</i>	\$500
<i>Gray Hedrick</i>	\$350
<i>Cherry Law Firm</i>	\$100

The theme for the convention, "**Atlanta, Then and Now**," will be highlighted by a southern-style reception at the Margaret Mitchell House on September 6th -- complete with BBQ, Rhett Butler, and a tour of the house with its unique photo collection of Martin Luther King, Jr., and family. A cocktail reception is

also planned for Friday evening at the High Museum of Art, where attendees will experience the "Now" and the wow of Atlanta. In addition to music, food and drinks in the beautiful Robinson Atrium, attendees will be able to view the permanent exhibit of the museum.

The CLE portion of the convention is being chaired by **Kerri Gildow** and **Chris Parker**, and will include two days of seminars covering such topics as appellate advocacy, class actions, the latest issues in Title VII litigation, ethics for government attorneys, and the ever-changing role of the corporate general counsel -- among other topics that impact federal practice.

The Convention's big event is always the Saturday Night Banquet and Swearing-in of Officers. Plans are still underway for this event, but rest assured it will be done in classic Atlanta style and tradition.

JOIN THE FBA ATLANTA CHAPTER; WE HAVE A LOT TO DO!!!

If you or your colleagues are interested in being a part of this exciting year, contact our Membership Chair, **David Bain**, at dbain@bain-law.com or at (404) 607-6892.

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If you have a comment about the Atlanta Chapter Newsletter, or would like to contribute to it, please contact our Communications Chair, **Linda Amidon**, at linda.amidon@fhwa.dot.gov.

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