



THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION ATLANTA CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2006



President's Message:

I would like to start by thanking all the members of the Vance Forum Committee for the wonderful job on the Forum for this year. In particular, I would like to single out the Committee chairs, Kevin Maxim and Joe Ozmer, for their exceptional effort. This Spring and Summer will be busy as you can tell from our chapter activities calendar. In addition to the April luncheon and the annual June luncheon honoring the Federal Judiciary, we will be hosting past FBA President Joyce Kitchens' Labor Law Symposium and conducting a membership drive event organized by our Membership chairman, John Beilema. If you would like to get more involved in the chapter's activities or have any suggestions for a luncheon or CLE, please contact any of the chapter officers, and we will try to make it happen. I look forward to seeing you all through at our upcoming events.

Best personal regards,

Tom Lacy

Save The Date For These Events:

April 26: Meet Judge Batten

Join us for lunch at the Commerce Club on Wednesday, April 26th at noon to meet The Honorable Timothy C. Batten, Sr., who recently joined the District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. For reservations, please contact Latonya Elam of King & Spalding at (404) 572-3096.

May 17: Labor Law Symposium

The Atlanta Chapter is presenting the 2nd Annual Federal Labor Law Symposium on May 17, 2006 at the Richard Russell Building. Senior District Judge William O'Kelley and Magistrate Judge Alan Baverman headline the list of speakers.

June 1: Judge Birch

Join us for lunch at the Commerce Club on Thursday, June 1st at noon to hear The Honorable Stanley Birch of the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

June 20: Judiciary Luncheon

The Atlanta Chapter is again hosting the luncheon in honor of all of our federal judges from the Eleventh Circuit and the Northern District of Georgia at the Commerce Club. The event is slated for June 20 at 12:00 noon.

Sept. 2007: National Convention

The Atlanta Chapter is hosting the 2007 national convention. If you would like to work on this project, please contact Joyce Kitchens or Linda Amidon, email joyce.kitchens@kitchensnew.com and Linda.amidon@fhwa.dot.gov.

Other Chapter News:

The Chapter hosted the annual Robert S. Vance Forum on the Bill of Rights on February 13. The topic was due process rights under eminent domain after *Kelo*. The decision has been hotly debated inside and outside legal circles. We were honored with the presence of Hon. Robert S. Vance, Jr., Circuit Judge for Alabama 10th Circuit, who shared insights on his late father and the significance of the Bill of Rights to jurists. Denis O'Hayer moderated a panel including State Sen. Jeff Chapman, Prof. William W. Buzbee of Emory University, Bert Gall of the Institute for Justice (counsel for the

property owner in *Kelo*), Susan Pruett of the Georgia Municipal Association, and James S. Stokes of The Georgia Conservancy. The event was recorded courtesy of Brown Reporting. For one of the limited number of DVDs, contact Kevin Maxim at (404) 885-3506.

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If you have a comment about the Atlanta Chapter Newsletter or would like to contribute to it, please contact chapter secretary, Jeffrey L. Berhold, at jeff@berhold.com.