

**DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
LAWYER REPRESENTATIVES
2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT**

ARIZONA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On March 10, 2017, the Arizona District Conference was held in Tucson, Arizona. The District Conference included a full day of dynamic presentations, including three afternoon breakout sessions covering civil, criminal and bankruptcy law issues. All of the Lawyer Representatives played a significant role in both planning and participating in this year's District Conference. A satisfaction survey was sent out to the attendees, and the results of that survey indicated that the District Conference was well-regarded. The following agenda details the programs of the District Conference.

General Sessions

- 8:15 AM **Conflict of Interest Standards for Advocates and Officials**
- Kathleen Clark, Washington University in St. Louis
- 9:30 AM **Supreme Court Year in Review**
- John C. Eastman, Chapman University Fowler School of Law
- 10:45 AM **Community Policing and the New Realities for Law Enforcement—Grand Ballroom**
- Chief Chris Magnus, Tucson Police Department
 - Chief Sylvia M. Moir, Tempe Police Department
 - Mike Rankin, Tucson City Attorney
- NOON-1:30 **Lunch Program**
State of the District – Chief Judge Raner Collins
Presentation of The John M. Roll Award

Break-Out Sessions

CIVIL

- 1:45 -2:45 **You Blinded Me with Science! The Effective Selection, Preparation, and Use of Experts in Federal Litigation**
- Hon James A. Teilborg, United States District Court, District of Arizona
 - Chancellor & Dean David Faigman, UC Hastings College of Law
 - Ronald D. Mercaldo, The Mercaldo Law Firm
 - Peter Akmajian, The Udall Law Firm

3:00-4:00 **Trying a Federal Civil Case: What Judges Wish that Lawyers Knew and Remembered During Trial**

- Hon. Neil V. Wake, United States District Court, District of Arizona
- Hon. Douglas L. Rayes, United States District Court, District of Arizona
- David Marcus, James E. Rogers College of Law
- Barbara Bergman, James E. Rogers College of Law
- Patricia Lee Refo, Snell & Wilmer, LLP

CRIMINAL

1:45 -4:00 **The Evolution of Crimes and Violence: Insights and Application of *Johnson* and its Progeny**

- Hon. Kate Menendez, United States District Court, District of Minnesota
- Raquel Wilson, Director of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, U.S. Sentencing Commission
- Krissa Lanham, Assistant US Attorney, Appellate Division, Phoenix, AZ
- Ryan Moore, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Tucson, AZ

BANKRUPTCY

1:45 – 2:45 ***In re Boates*—Rejecting the Prepaid Legal Fee Contract**

Moderated by Jody Corrales, DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy

- Hon. Daniel P. Collins, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona
- Terry A. Dake, Terry A. Dake, Ltd., Chapter 7 Trustee
- Cody J. Jess, Schian Walker

3:00 – 4:00 ***In re Jevic*—Structured Dismissals: Effective Way to Resolve a Case or Just a Way to Avoid the Priority Scheme?**

Moderated by Lori Winkelman, Quarles & Brady

- Hon. Scott Gan, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona
- Lindsay Weber, Gallagher & Kennedy
- Elizabeth Fella, Quarles Brady

THE JOHN M. ROLL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

In 2011, the Annual District Award was renamed The John M. Roll Award for Distinguished Service in honor of the late Chief Judge Roll. At the District Conference, the Arizona Lawyer Representatives presented the award to Hon. Eileen W. Hollowell for her outstanding service and dedication to the administration of justice in the District of Arizona.

BENCH/BAR LUNCHESES

On November 2, 2016, and January 11, 2017, District Judges, Magistrate Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Lawyer Representatives attended bench/bar lunches to plan and discuss the 2017 District Conference, the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and other matters of interest important to the District.

On November 15, 2016, the bankruptcy Lawyer Representatives met with the Bankruptcy Judges to discuss Bankruptcy Court initiatives, including the overhaul of the Local Rules and issues affecting the bankruptcy bar.

CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGES CONFERENCE

In February 2017, Chief Judge Raner Collins and Lawyer Rep Co-Chair Hilary Barnes attended the conference in San Diego, California. Co-Chair Fred Petersen was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES CONFERENCE

All bankruptcy Lawyer Representatives attended the conference in Seattle in February 2017. In addition to planning and participating in the conference programs, the bankruptcy Lawyer Reps also met with Chief Bankruptcy Judge Collins and Bankruptcy Court Clerk George Prentice to discuss bench/bar issues in the Bankruptcy Court.

LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Fred Petersen and Hilary Barnes participated in monthly conference calls with the Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee to plan the 2017 Ninth Circuit Conference. In September 2016, they also attended the initial planning meeting in San Francisco.


NINTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

The Judicial Conference will be held on July 16-20 at the Marriot Marquis in San Francisco, California. The Arizona District Dinner will be held at Plouf on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Event planning is being finalized.

DISTRICT OF ARIZONA CO-CHAIRS FOR 2017-18

The 2017-18 Lawyer Representative Co-Chairs for the District of Arizona, who will sit on the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee, are Jody Corrales and Christina Covault.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of May 2017,


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Hilary L. Barnes, Co-Chair
Frederick J. Petersen, Co-Chair