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President's Message

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This issue of the *Advocate* marks my swan song as president of the New Orleans Chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition and thanks to the Board members who have served your Chapter with great distinction this past year. I believe that we have had a successful tenure and have met most, if not all, the goals we set in June of 2000.

Our Chapter membership has increased, presently boasting 1,165 members and retaining our position as the second largest chapter in the entire Federal Bar Association, second only to Washington, D.C. Among some of our accomplishments was the creation of a new chapter for the Middle District of Louisiana. Judge Polozola and other members of the Bench in Baton Rouge have been eager to establish their own chapter for several years, and we assisted them in achieving this goal.

The attendance at the Procrastinator's Seminar, the Malcolm Monroe Federal Practice Seminar and the Social Security Seminar was excellent. We received superb reviews of the Federal Judicial Reception held at the Windsor Court Hotel.

Together with National, we promoted and hosted the FBA National Litigation Conference. Our Young Lawyers Section, under the direction of Matt Moreland, conducted three very successful projects: volunteering at Ozanam Inn, instituting an after-school program on the Bill of Rights, and arranging for volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity. The Young Lawyers also conducted its own Lunch with the Court program, as well as hosting a cocktail party for prospective members at the Fifth Circuit in December.

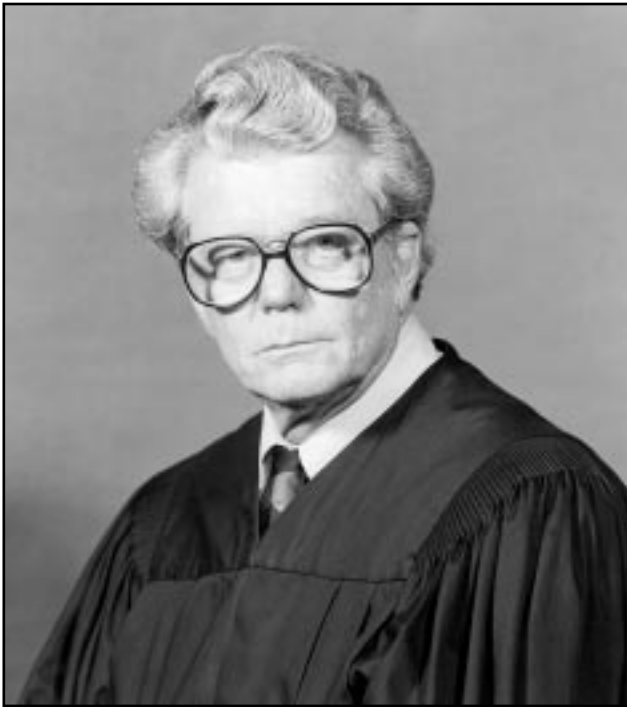
Our membership supported both the LSBA Jump Start Program for underprivileged children and a trip to Angola Penitentiary for Seventh and Eighth Grade students. We sponsored Loyola University's Moot Court team which successfully competed in the Thurgood Marshall competition in Washington, D.C.

Robyn Spalter, our Treasurer, had the distinct honor of being elected Deputy Secretary of the National organization and Past President, Ashley Belleau, was appointed one of two Fifth Circuit Vice-Presidents.

Our Annual Meeting was held on June 21st at Arnaud's Restaurant. We were proud to have nationally recognized speaker and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Rick Bragg, attend. Mr. Bragg is a national correspondent for the New York Times and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1996. A Neiman Fellow at Harvard University, Mr. Bragg is the author of a 1990 New York Times Notable Book of The Year, *All Over But The Shoutin'*. His talk was well received.

It has been an exciting and rewarding year for me as your president and a privilege to work with such an outstanding group of individuals.

Judge Heebe 35 Years of Service



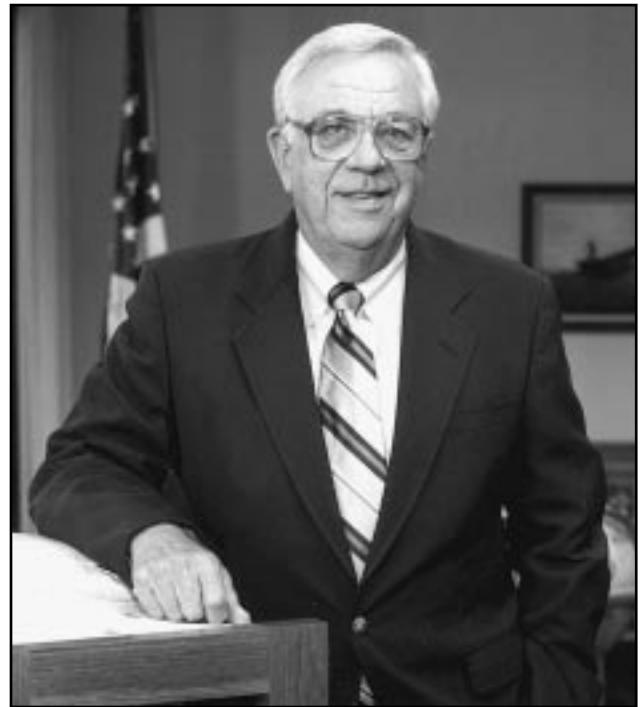
Judge Frederick J.R. Heebe celebrates his 35th Anniversary of service on the Bench for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana this year. Judge Heebe was appointed to the Bench by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. He became Chief Judge in 1972 and served in that capacity until 1992. Since that time, he has been an active Senior Judge.

Judge Heebe is a life-long resident of the New Orleans area, born in Gretna, Louisiana in 1922. His sense of duty and service to his country has been a life-long activity. He entered the Army in 1943 as a Private and was discharged in 1946 as a Captain. He was wounded in Okinawa for which he received the Purple Heart. After the war, Judge Heebe entered Tulane Law School and practiced law from 1949 to 1960. During that time, he was an attorney for the Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court's Office.

The Judge was elected to the First and Second Parish Councils in the 1950's and was Vice Chairman during both terms. He then was elected to the 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson in 1959 and served in that capacity until 1966, at which point he was appointed the Federal Bench.

The Federal Bar Association salutes Judge Heebe's distinguished service and commitment to justice.

Judge McNamara Takes Senior Status



Judge A.J. McNamara assumed Senior Judge status on June 9, 2001, after nearly 20 years of distinguished service as a Judge in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He was originally appointed to the Bench by President Ronald Reagan in June of 1982. He ascended to Chief Judge on March 1, 1999, and served in that capacity until his recent change to Senior status.

Judge McNamara was born in New Orleans in 1936 and graduated from Loyola Law School in 1968. He previously served his country as a signalman in the United States Naval Reserves, particularly in the submarine service, and then in active duty as an officer from 1959 to 1962 in the U.S. Minesweeper Fleet.

Judge McNamara's legal career commenced after law school with a clerkship to Judge Hebert Christenberry from 1966 to 1968. He then entered private practice from 1968 through 1982. During that time, his commitment to public service included election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in which he served from 1976 to 1980. He was appointed Special Counsel to Governor David C. Treen in which capacity he served from March 1981 through May 1982. Thereafter, he was appointed to the Federal Bench.

The Federal Bar Association thanks Judge McNamara for his many years of service and looks forward to many more to come as a Senior Judge.

Federal Bar Association Younger Lawyers' Division New Orleans Chapter

The Board of the Younger Lawyers Division would like to express its sincere appreciation to outgoing Chair Matthew B. Moreland for his tireless efforts and dedication in establishing the YLD Board and making its first year a success. Under Matt's leadership, the YLD has taken an active role in numerous programs designed to interest and educate younger lawyers and to benefit the bar and the public. During the past year, YLD members have: sponsored a series of lunches with the court, giving younger lawyers the opportunity to meet and talk with federal judges in an informal setting; worked on the host committee for the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference; volunteered as judges for law school moot court competitions; participated in the Teach for America program; hosted a highly successful Christmas party to recruit new members; and took on organizing the Malcolm Monroe Federal Practice Seminar. The Board looks forward to continuing its efforts to educate and encourage younger lawyers to serve the legal profession and the community.

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