

Save the Date

April 22, 2016

Historical Society: James Muehlberger
Whittaker Courthouse
Simulcast to Springfield and Jefferson City
12:00pm—1:30pm

May 18, 2016

FCAS Bench Bar Dialogue
Whittaker Courthouse
2nd Floor Training Room
12:00pm—1:30pm

June 2, 2016

Bankruptcy Bar Spring Social
5:00pm—7:00pm

June 3, 2016

Annual Koger Symposium
Whittaker Courthouse
Simulcast to Springfield and Jefferson City
9:00am—12:00pm

June 23, 2016

Federal Practitioners Summer Social
KCMBA
5:00pm—7:00pm

June 24, 2016

Annual D. Brook Bartlett Lectures
Whittaker Courthouse
Simulcast to Springfield and Jefferson City
AM and PM Sessions

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Ketchmark Investiture Ceremony



District Judge Roseann Ketchmark receives the oath from Chief District Judge Greg Kays with husband Dave Ketchmark and children (from left) Nick, Jill and Josh.

There was standing room only in the Whittaker Courthouse Jury Assembly Room on November 13, 2015, as the court's newest Article III Judge, Roseann Ketchmark, took her oath in front of all her friends and family.

Filled with heartfelt speeches, music and a family blessing from Father John Michalicka, the ceremony embraced the very essence of Judge Ketchmark.

Ketchmark shares her words as she takes on this new title with reverence and great esteem:

"I am humbled and honored by President Obama's appointment. The United States has the greatest judicial system in the world, and it is wonderful to be a part of it. All of us employed in the federal courthouse, whether it be in Kansas City, Springfield or Jefferson City, play an important role in advancing the ends of justice. We



Judge Ketchmark is enrobed by her daughter Jill and husband Dave (top) Judge Ketchmark's speakers (bottom)

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Ketchmark Investiture Ceremony (Cont'd)

*“We are all public servants.
Each day, what we do matters.”*

are all public servants. Each day, what we do matters. Whether our assignment is to process the massive amounts of documents and information that flow through the building, or make judicial rulings, or physically protect all who occupy the courthouse, what we do matters. We all share the burden and privilege of providing justice for the American people. That is the nobility of each of our jobs.”

The reception following the ceremony, personalized by the Judge herself, allowed for some well-deserved camaraderie with guests.



Investiture Snapshots

Judge Ketchmark and son Nick embrace after a moving speech (above)

Judge Ketchmark and family are blessed by uncle, Father John Michalicka (left center)

Judge Ketchmark with her family (left bottom)

Patriotic treats for dessert at the reception following the ceremony (right center)

Son, Josh, partakes in the variety of appetizers and snacks while guests enjoyed each other's company (right bottom)



16th Annual Bartlett Lectures Preview

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Dean and distinguished Professor Erwin Chemerinsky will be joined by American University Washington College of Law Professor Cynthia Jones for this year's Bartlett Lectures on June 24.

Harvard Alum Chemerinsky's areas of expertise include constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is also the founding Dean and Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law with a joint appointment in Political Science.

Previously, he taught at Duke Law School for four years, during which he won the Duke University Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award in 2006. Before that, he taught for 21 years at the University of Southern California School of Law. He has also taught at UCLA School of Law and DePaul University College of Law.

Professor Jones teaches courses on evidence, criminal law and procedure, and has authored publications on wrongful convictions, criminal discovery, criminal procedure, bail reform, and eliminating racial disparities in the criminal justice system. She also

serves as co-director of the law school's Criminal Justice Practice and Policy Institute. Each year the Professor Cynthia E. Jones Scholarship is awarded in her honor to an aspiring public defender.

Last year's survey requests have been answered: the ever popular Judges' Panel returns! Also, as per tradition, there will be a Federal Practitioner's Summer Social the night before. What better way to kick off summer!



Professor Cynthia Jones, American University Washington College of Law (left) and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, Professor of Law at University of California, Irvine School of Law (right)

U.S. Sentencing Commission Training



After attending a similar training through the court's Administrative Office, District Judge Stephen Bough felt the federal bar would be interested in a biennial comprehensive training on the U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) guidelines. He was right.

Close to 200 federal practitioners packed the Whittaker jury room for the day and a half USSC Introductory and Advanced Guideline Training on February 24 and 25.

The half day portion focused on an overview of guideline application and the basics of relevant conduct and criminal history lead by Raquel Wilson and Rusty Buress from the USSC Office of Education. The next day featured speakers from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, University of Missouri and a Judges' Panel made up of WDMO Chief Judge D. Gregory Kays along with Judge Bough and District Judge Dan Crabtree from the District of Kansas.



Attendees enjoyed a day and a half guideline training with USSC educators, a WDMO and Dkan Judges' Panel along with speakers from the U.S. Attorney's Office and Federal Public Defender's Office which also included a BBQ lunch from Jack Stacks

To view the recorded training and course materials, please [click here.](#)

Judge Maughmer Receives a Re-Entry Court Thank You

The Re-Entry Court team from the Western District's Probation and Pretrial Services Office presented Magistrate Judge John Maughmer with a plaque thanking him for his three years of service in the program on February 4, 2016.

The plaque read, "Thank you for your service. Your compassion and caring made a difference." Senior District Judge Ortrie Smith spoke on the origins of the Re-Entry Court program and the tremendous successes that have been experienced. He also thanked Judge Maughmer for a fantastic and professional job with the program.

The District extends its thanks to Judge Maughmer and the Re-Entry court team for their dedication!



From left: District Judge Stephen Bough, Magistrate Judge John Maughmer and Senior District Judge Ortrie Smith

Central Division CLE with the Federal Practice Committee



Participants learned of recent updates to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (above). A bench bar dialogue with WDMO's newest Judges took place soon after

On November 6, 2015, the Western District of Missouri hosted its Sixth Annual Central Division CLE with the Federal Practice Committee at the Christopher S. Bond U.S. Courthouse in Jefferson City. Over 70 attorneys and judges attended the event.

After opening remarks from Magistrate Judge Matt J. Whitworth, Larry Dessem, Timothy J. Heinsz Professor of Law at the University of Missouri, led a presentation emphasizing the recent changes and updates to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The keynote presentation, "A Conversation With The Bench," featured a question and answer panel with District Judges Douglas Harpool, Stephen Bough, and Roseann Ketchmark, the three most recent appointees to the Western District of Missouri bench. The judges answered questions about both their professional and personal lives. Andrew Hirth, Deputy General Counsel from the Missouri Attorney General's Office, served as moderator as questions were then taken from the attendees.

An "Ethics Roundtable Discussion," was then led by Heidi Doerhoff-Vollet of Cook Vetter Doerhoff & Landwehr, P.C. and featured three different ethical dilemmas attorneys face while practicing in the legal profession. Attendees broke into small groups and discussed their experiences and solutions to these scenarios and then shared their ideas with the entire group. Overall, the program was informative, entertaining and received very positive remarks from the attendees.



Magistrate Judge Matt Whitworth (three from right) leads an ethics roundtable discussion

Historical Society Honors Judge Sachs

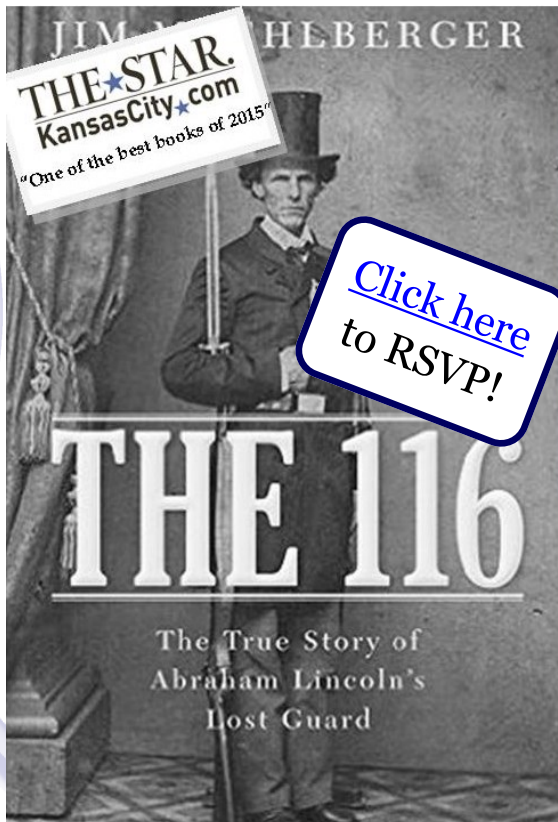
The 1951 Western District decision to desegregate the Swope Park swimming pool is considered one of the ten most significant decisions in the court's history. On February 25, the Historical Society for the Western District of Missouri co-sponsored a standing-room-only program at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library to highlight this landmark case.

Developed by Jeff Simon, partner at Husch Blackwell, the program included a distinguished panel assembled through the efforts of Simon and Adam Sachs. The panel included community activist Alvin Brooks, Professor David Achtenberg from UMKC, Thurgood Marshall, Jr. and Senior U.S. District Court Judge Howard F. Sachs. Marshall's father, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, filed the case in 1951 while Sachs was served as a law clerk to Albert Ridge, the U.S. District Judge who crafted the final order based, in part, on a draft prepared by Sachs.

The Court en banc used this auspicious occasion to present Judge Sachs with a Special Resolution of the Court recognizing his many contributions to the preservation of its history from statehood to the present and naming the local society "The Howard F. Sachs Chapter." An audience numbering over 600 people gave Sachs a sustained standing ovation.



Senior U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs and Family



**The Historical Society
for the
Western District of Missouri
Presents:**

Author, James P. Muehlberger

Friday, April 22, 2016

12:00pm—1:30pm

Whittaker Courthouse; 4th Floor

Lunch Provided—\$10 Donation Requested



Mr. Muehlberger, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, will be discussing and sharing excerpts from his book about the Frontier Guard, about 20 of whom were frontier lawyers from the Kansas City area, who defended President Lincoln from a kidnapping and assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War.

The 116 has been nominated for The Lincoln Prize, which is awarded to the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln!

Cynthia Norton New Bankruptcy Chief



Chief Bankruptcy Judge Cynthia A. Norton

Effective January 4, 2016, Bankruptcy Judge Cynthia A. Norton assumed the role as the first female Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Judge Norton was appointed to the bench on February 1, 2013. A Kansas native, Judge Norton attended the University of Kansas as an undergraduate and a law student where she served as an associate editor of the KU Law Review.

A frequent lecturer and author, Judge Norton is noted for her work on bankruptcy ethics issues, specializing in complex bankruptcy matters and litigation.

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NCBJ—2016 Next Generation Program

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and nomination
instructions
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The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) hosts its sixth Next Generation Program at the annual conference in San Francisco, October 26 - 29, 2016. A small group of up-and-coming bankruptcy attorneys have the unique opportunity to participate in this exciting program.

The program offers events solely for participants, including a private gathering with bankruptcy judges and senior practitioners, a networking reception of peers and senior practitioners and a reunion of the former Next Generation classes.



NCBJ

National Conference
of Bankruptcy Judges

9th Annual Koger Symposium Preview

Peter W. Bowie, former Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California and National Consumer Law Center attorney John Rao will share their experiences at this year's Frank W. Koger Bankruptcy Symposium slated for June 3.

Judge Bowie spent 27 years on the bench and currently leverages his vast experience in the courtroom to conduct mediation settlement conferences and contribute to the firm of Ballard Spahr LLP's mediation practice. As a skilled mediator, Judge Bowie has successfully resolved several vigorously contested, large fee application disputes and other significant cases.

Mr. Rao's focus is on consumer credit and bankruptcy issues. He serves as a panelist and instructor at numerous bankruptcy and consumer law trainings and conferences. He also serves as an expert witness in court cases and has testified before Congress on consumer matters.

Appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts, Mr. Rao recently served as a member of the Federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules from 2006 to 2012.

In addition to Judge Bowie and Mr. Rao, U.S. Trustee Dan Casamatta and Chapter 13 Trustee Rick Fink from the Trustee's office will join the expert panel discussions.

Duty to Investigate with The Hon. Peter Bowie & Preclusion and Estoppel Doctrines In and Out of Bankruptcy with John Rao



The Hon. Peter Bowie (left) and John Rao (right)

Spring 2016 Bankruptcy Court Eat & Greet Schedule

Bankruptcy Court Eat & Greet Spring 2016

March 31, 2016	Carthage (Southwestern Division) Click for Details
April 7, 2016	St. Joseph (St. Joseph Division) Click for Details
April 14, 2016	Springfield (Southern Division) Click for Details
April 25, 2016	Kansas City (Western Division) Click for Details
April 28, 2016	Jefferson City (Central Division) Click for Details

The Bankruptcy judges are once again pleased to announce their Spring Eat & Greet seminar schedule for all five Western District of Missouri divisions.

In addition to a free lunch and 1.2 hours of Missouri and Kansas CLE credit, attendees will receive case law and local rule updates, a Clerk's Office tips and tricks discussion, and an update from the Chapter 13 Trustee's Office.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP for the 2016 spring sessions. Also, if you missed a fall session, please [click here for a copy of the materials](#).

Prisoner Pro Se e-Filing

The Western District Prisoner Pro Se Department joined more than ten other district courts nationwide by implementing a prisoner electronic filing program with the Missouri Department of Corrections. The WDMO prisoner e-filing pilot program started in 2010 at Crossroads Correctional Center (CRCC), a medium and maximum security facility in Cameron, Missouri. Higher security prisoners tend to be more litigious, and CRCC provided a facility with enough prisoner-filed cases to measure the pros and cons of the e-filing program. After testing, the program was deemed a success. Two years later nine more prisons in the Western District were brought on board.

Implementation of this program involved working with the WDMO information technology department to provide document stamps with prison initials, scanners, printers and copy paper to each of the ten prisons involved in the e-file program.

Prison staff scan prisoners' pleadings after stamping them with the date and their initials. The information is then automatically emailed to two computers at the court. Email addresses are pre-programmed and restrict usage to only those addresses. The original pleadings are given back to the prisoners to physically mail to the court. Once the originals are received, they are checked against the emailed documents and docketed in CM/ECF. Prisoners at these facilities are required to use this e-filing program: documents received by the court that were not scanned are returned to the prisoner to be e-filed.

When a non-restricted document is filed in a prisoner's case, a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) is automatically emailed to the prison and a NEF is printed for the prisoner. The NEF provides the prisoner with the date the document was filed, the title and docket text of the document, the document number assigned to it and the



Pilot program at Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron, MO

parties who received electronic notice. If the NEF is for an order, it is printed out and attached to the NEF. This program benefits the court, the prisoners and the Department of Corrections. The prisoners benefit by receiving orders quickly, getting notification of case filings and watching the progress of their case without writing the court for a docket sheet. It also saves mail time when there is a due date (the pleadings are deemed filed as of the date of the scan). The Department of Corrections benefits by saving staff time and decreasing costs associated with security screening a large volume of incoming mail. The court saves money by reducing costs and staff time associated with scanning documents and mailing orders to prisoners.

The Western District continues to monitor this program and any other programs implemented in the future. This spring the Pro Se Department plans to visit a prison in Kansas and review the Kansas District Court's system.



Frank W. Koger Bankruptcy Symposium

Friday, June 3, 2016

Invitations emailed to all WDMO active attorneys approximately 6 weeks prior to the event.

D. Brook Bartlett Lectures

Friday, June 24, 2016

Invitations emailed to all WDMO active attorneys approximately 6 weeks prior to the event.

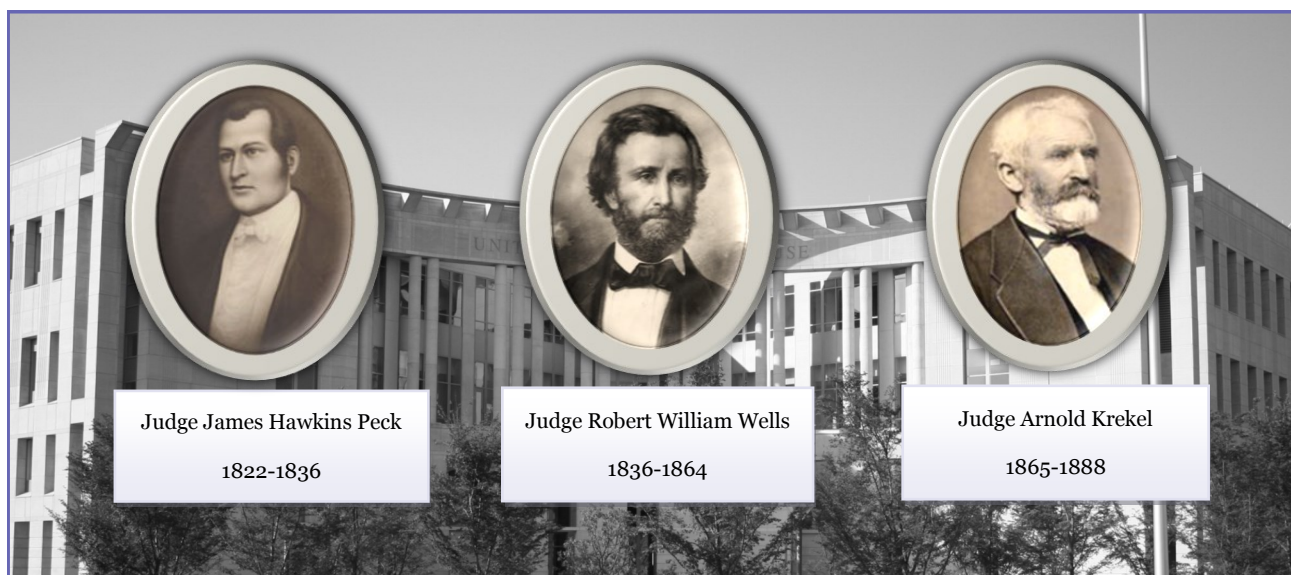
Heritage Exhibit at the Bond Court House

Spearheaded by Senior District Judge Nanette Laughrey, the Heritage Exhibit at the Bond Court House in Jefferson City (an extension of the Bell Room Exhibit at the Whittaker Courthouse) will highlight some of the nearly 200 years of case law that has been decided by the Judges of the Western District of Missouri.

The goal of the Heritage Exhibit is to inspire viewers by showing how the court's work reflected the difficult issues that grew out of the early years of statehood.

A portion of the exhibit will tell the fascinating story of how Judge James Peck traveled to Jefferson City by horseback to hear cases and how Judge Robert Wells was instrumental in the settlement of Jefferson City and also responsible for the design of the Missouri State seal. The exhibit will also highlight how Judge Arnold Krekel had the responsibility of seeing the state through the end of the U.S. Civil War and the reconstruction years.

The project is in the planning stages, however, once the work begins, it is expected to take approximately 22 weeks.



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