

# **Eastern District of California**

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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II. EASTERN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The Lawyer Representatives from Sacramento, Fresno and Bakersfield participated in the Open Doors to Federal Courts program held in each of their cities. This is a national outreach program designed to bring together high school students, teachers, judges, lawyers, court staff and others in the justice system to enhance the students' knowledge of the court and expose students in an interactive way to the many varied career opportunities affiliated with the federal court system. The program received terrific support from the Judges and Court staff and nearly 1000 participated in the event at the three locations in the Eastern District. The program took place on February 10, 2009 in Sacramento and on February 13<sup>th</sup> in Fresno.

The co-chairs of the Lawyers Representatives also serve on the Eastern District Judicial Advisory Committee and on the Eastern District Conference Planning Committee.

### III. EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The annual conference for the Eastern District of California took place on November 14-16, 2008 at the Napa Marriott, Napa, California. There were approximately 150 attendees. The conference began with a reception on Friday evening in the Grand Ballroom, at the Napa Marriott Hotel. The program started Saturday morning with a State of the District Report presented by Chief District Judge Anthony W. Ishii, and a State of the Circuit Report presented by Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt. Reports also were provided by United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott, Federal Defender Daniel Broderick, and the presidents of the Federal Bar Associations for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Chapters, Antonia Darling and Carl Rosemary McGuire, respectively.

The plenary session was entitled, "There Goes the Neighborhood: How Subprime Mortgages Wrecked the Housing Market and the Global Economy One Loan at a Time." It was presented by Ronald Greenspan of FTI Consulting, Inc.

After the plenary session, there were breakout sessions for civil, criminal and bankruptcy practice areas.

The topic of the civil program was "To Wed or Not to Wed: What is the Federal Question (The California Supreme Court's Decision on Same Sex Marriage)" with moderator Courtney G. Joslin of UC Davis School of Law and a panel consisting of Christopher E. Krueger, California Attorney General's Office, Kenneth Mennemeier of Mennemeier, Glassman & Stroud, LLP, Shannon Price Minter, National Center for Lesbian Rights and Teresa M. Stewart, City and County of San Francisco.

The criminal program, entitled "Preparing to Disarm: Mortgage Fraud and Applying Guideline Provisions and Case Law in Resolving Disputes on Loss," was presented by Kevin Baker a Special Agent with the FBI and Kevin Tate from the North Carolina Defender's Office.

The bankruptcy program was entitled, "Chapter 13: An Alternative to Forclosure" and was presented by Donna Parkinson, Parkinson Phinney, Tom Mouzes, Hauser & Mouzes and Hilton Ryder of McCormick Barstow, LLP..

Following the morning programs a luncheon was held. The luncheon speaker was Kathleen Sullivan of Quinn Emmanuel Urquhard Oliver & Hedges. Her presentation was entitled "Freeing the Grapes: Reflections on the Supreme Court's Wine District Shipping Decision."

Saturday evening, a dinner was held for conference attendees at Clos Pegase Winery, Calistoga. Attendees were treated to a special tour of the winery, which has a significant art collection, and dinner in a wine cave.

On Sunday morning there was a Bench Bar program entitled, "Hard Drives Playing Hide and Go Seek: What is Really on Your Computer After You Press Delete?" The speaker was Ovie Carroll from the Cybercrime Lab, Department of Justice Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section.

The conference then adjourned for most attendees, but the bankruptcy and civil bar held a second breakout sessions on Sunday morning for both civil/criminal and bankruptcy practitioners.

The topic of the civil/criminal program was, "NEW: Informational Session and Roundtable Discussion" and was designed for the attendees to learn about the Eastern District's heavy caseload and discuss ways the Bar may be able to assist the court.

The topic of the bankruptcy program was, "Chapter 11 for Individuals & Defenses for Individual Guarantors" with a panel consisting of Scott Belden of Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenleib & Kimball, LLP, Tom Willoughby of Feldstein Fitzgerald Willoughby & Pacuzzi, LLP and Jim Ganzer, Ganzer and Williams.

The 2009 Eastern District Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort & Spa, Monterey, California, on November 6-8, 2009. The 2010 Eastern District Conference will be held at the Ritz Carlton, Truckee, California on November 5-7, 2010.