

Southern District of California

2009 LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Highlights of the Year

During 2008-2009, the Southern District of California welcomed Judge Michael M. Anello as its newest District Judge. Judge Anello was sworn in on October 10, 2008. This appointment resulted in the Southern District having its full compliment of sitting District Court judges for the first time in many years.

As a result of the downturn in the economy, bankruptcy filings increased dramatically, as did civil lawsuits regarding foreclosure proceedings filed by consumers in District Court.

The Southern District looks forward to the commencement of construction for the new San Diego United States Courthouse Annex, once appropriated funds are received by the General Services Administration.

The Lawyer Representatives presented timely and entertaining educational programs for the 2009 Southern District Conference in Newport Beach.

The "Open Doors to Federal Courts" program brought local high school students inside seven Southern District courtrooms to participate in a live mock trial on the sensitive balance between free speech and a defendants' right to a fair trial.

Milestones

The District Court celebrated the swearing in of Michael M. Anello on October 10, 2008. Judge Anello was nominated by the President on April 30 and confirmed by the Senate on September 29, 2008. Before his appointment, Judge Anello served the community as a San Diego County Superior Court trial judge, in the San Diego City Attorney's office and in private practice.

District Judge M. James Lorenz will assume senior status in October of this year.

Magistrate Judge Leo Papas announced he will retire on July 31, 2009, after eighteen years of service to the Southern District.

Bankruptcy Judge James W. Meyers also announced he will retire from the Bankruptcy Court in early 2010, after 30 years of service.

Lawyer Representatives

The Southern District has benefited from the active participation of 22 lawyer representatives this year. The representatives, and their years of service, are as follows:

Southern District of California Lawyer Representatives 2008-2009

Representative	Status
Margaret M. Mann <u>Co-Chair</u>	Third Year
John B. Scherling <u>Co-Chair</u>	Second Year
Randy S. Grossman	First Year
Alan Mansfield	First Year
Radmila Fulton	First Year
Steven Swinton	First Year
Meryl Maneker	First Year

David Blair-Loy	First Year – Alternate
Randall Kay	First Year – Alternate
Anne Perry	First Year - Alternate
David H. Bartick	Second Year
Monty McIntyre	Second Year
Andrea Kimball	Second Year
Charles V. Berwanger	Third Year
Nancee S. Schwartz	Third Year
Shirli Fabbri Weiss	Third Year
Mark C. Mazzarella	Third Year
William Grauer	Third Year
Patrick K. O'Toole	Third Year
Keith Rutman	Third Year
Steven Hubachek	First Year / Appellate Representative
David Schlesinger	First Year / Appellate Representative

District Conference: Balboa Bay Club

On May 1, 2009, the Court held its annual District Conference at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach, California. United States Attorney Karen Hewitt and Federal Defender Executive Director Reuben Cahn began the morning with the "State of the District" criminal update report.

The Conference then presented a panel discussion on "Judicial Influence: Its Scope And Management," featuring Superior Court Judge Herbert Hoffman as moderator, with panelists Chief Judge Irma Gonzalez, Mark Mazzarella, Monty McIntyre and Pat O'Toole. Issues pertaining to jury questionnaires and providing the jurors a positive experience with their service were explored.