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Federal Bar Association Chapter to Honor Judges at State of the Court Luncheon

CLEVELAND, OHIO – The Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will hold its sixth annual “State of the Court” luncheon at 12 noon Monday, Sept. 19, at the Marriott Hotel on Public Square in downtown Cleveland. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

The Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, and the Honorable Marilyn Shea-Stonum, Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, will report on matters of interest to attorneys who practice before the federal courts. In addition, the Chapter will recognize the Honorable Randolph Baxter upon his retirement as Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Newly appointed judges will also be recognized, including:

- The Honorable Benita Y. Pearson, who serves as U.S. District Court Judge in Youngstown and is the first African-American woman to hold a U.S. District judgeship in Ohio;
- The Honorable Kathleen Burke, who serves as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Akron, replacing Magistrate Judge Benita Y. Pearson who moved to the U.S. District Court; and

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- The Honorable Jessica E. Price Smith, who serves as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in Cleveland, replacing Judge Randolph Baxter.

Tickets for the event are available by calling the Chapter's administrative office at 877-322-6364. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Sept. 12. The event has sold out for each of the last four years so early registration is recommended.

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