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Newsletter for the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Washington

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Save September 9th as the Date!!
U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement to be
the Keynote Speaker at the Eastern District
Conference and CLE.

This year, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington is celebrating its 100th year. A very special day-long District Conference has been set for Friday, September 9, 2005. This is one you shouldn't miss!

Our featured guest is the Solicitor General of the United States, Paul D. Clement. The Solicitor General appears regularly on behalf of the United States and argues cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Clement's visit to our conference is particularly timely given the recent and ongoing attention to the Court and its makeup. Mr. Clement is known for delivering very timely addresses on the eve of the Court's new term on "The First Monday in October."

The conference will also feature a very special look back at this District's 100 year history with lots of storytelling from special invited old-timers and other guests.

The conference will be held at the Davenport Hotel, runs all day on September 9, with a hosted reception immediately following. As usual, Federal Bar Association members will receive free CLE credits in exchange for their annual \$35.00 membership dues.

Look for further details in this newsletter, and mark your calendar for the District Conference and CLE for September 9, 2005. **Use the registration form on the back of this newsletter to register for the District Conference and CLE today!**

Federal Bar Dues for 2005 are only \$35;
Your Federal Bar Dues are Due!

Have you paid your 2005 Federal Bar dues yet? If not, please fill out the form on the back of this issue of The Federalist, and get them paid NOW! Your dues are only \$35 per year, and that's one of the best deals in the entire district!

Where else can you belong to any bar association for only \$35 per year? Where else are you entitled to a free CLE on federal court issues and topics? Your payment of your 2005 dues entitles you to all the benefits of membership, including the right to attend the Annual District Conference and CLE at no charge to you.

Be sure and fill out the form on the reverse side of this newsletter and send in your 2005 dues payment of \$35. Pay your dues today!

Watch FedBar.com for Updates

At last, we are updating the website! Be watching FedBar.com, the official website of the Federal Bar Association for the Eastern District of Washington. Changes are being made this month to update the website and to keep you current!

Celebrating 100 years as the Eastern
District of Washington!

This is our 100th anniversary of the formation of the Eastern District of Washington. So much has changed in our world in that period of time. However, the independent judicial branch of government as one of the bulwarks of freedom in this country remains strong today here in Eastern Washington.

In honor and tribute to this 100th anniversary, the Federal Bar Association and the U.S. District Court has put together a wonderful historical video retrospective of federal practice here in Eastern Washington. Narrated by veteran Spokane reporter, Bob Briley, and showing wonderful interviews with many of the District Judges and others from the Court, this is a fascinating work that all will enjoy.

This video presentation was shown at the recent 9th Circuit Judicial Conference here in Spokane, and will be shown again at the Eastern District Conference and CLE on September 9th.

Spokane and the Eastern District of
Washington Shown Brightly in Hosting the
2005 9th Circuit Judicial Conference!
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's Visit was a
Highlight at the Conference!

Everyone attending the recent 2005 9th Circuit Judicial Conference here in Spokane exclaimed at the beauty of this area and they all had a wonderful time visiting our District!

It all began on Sunday evening, July 17, with a special outdoor presentation by the Spokane Symphony in the Lilac Bowl at the Riverfront Park. The Court, your Federal Bar Association, and several donors from the Spokane and Eastern Washington legal community came together to provide this concert for the 9th Circuit Judicial Conference attendees and the public. The summer weather was beautiful, the music was splendid, and our Eastern Washington hospitality was appreciated. Many attending the conference, including 9th Circuit Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, repeatedly commented during the Conference how wonderful Spokane was as a venue for the Conference, and what a perfect opening this concert was to a week of stimulating meetings and presentations.

Certainly one of the highlights of the Conference was the visit by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She attended the entire 4 day conference, and only snuck out once for a special afternoon of fly fishing with Judge Whaley, his daughter, and Spokesman Review Outdoors reporter Rich Landers. Did you see that incredible picture of Justice O'Connor in her fly fishing gear in the paper and read the article about her fishing exploits?

On Thursday morning, July 21, Justice O'Connor spoke to the Conference at a general session entitled "Conversation with the Justice." With her impending retirement from the Supreme Court

and the announcement of President Bush's nomination of Judge John Roberts to replace her, Justice O'Connor candidly recounted what it has meant for women to be accepted in the legal profession during her career. When she began her legal career as a graduate of the Stanford Law School many years ago, law firms only offered her secretarial positions. Less than 3% of law graduates at that time were women compared to well over 50% of the law graduates today. Just to get her "foot in the door," Justice O'Connor had to persuade a County Prosecutor to let her work for free for nearly a year and to let her share a secretary's desk before she was hired as a paid employee and prosecutor. The rest is history culminating in President Ronald Reagan taking the unprecedented move of appointing her as the first female Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

During her presentation, she also spoke of the importance of maintaining an independent judiciary in our constitutional form of government and why it is important for the Court to not be affected by some of today's criticisms of the bench coming from some members of the legislative branch. She gave great insights into the inner workings and practical realities of the Supreme Court where she has often been a pivotal vote, sometimes carrying the majority and sometimes with a dissenting opinion.

Without a doubt, Justice O'Connor is leaving an incredible lasting legacy of service to the judiciary and record of advancement to the legal profession. We thank her for her service to the Court and to this Country.

Highlights of the Upcoming Eastern District Conference and CLE set for September 9, 2005

Mark your calendar today and plan on attending the annual District Conference and CLE on September 9, 2005 at Spokane's Davenport Hotel. Remember that your payment of your Federal Bar Association dues of \$35 provides you with free admission to the Conference and a full day of CLE. Additionally, this year's Conference will include a special luncheon and CLE cosponsored with the Spokane County Bar Association. The luncheon is a

separate ticketed event not included in the regular registration for the conference, and reservations are required. The tentative schedule for the all day District Conference and CLE includes:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, The Davenport Hotel
- 9:00 a.m. State of the Court with Chief Judge Robert Whaley.
- 9:20 a.m. Comments from District Executive Jim Larsen
- 9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: Should the 9th Circuit Be Split?
- 10:45 a.m. "The First Monday in October" Keynote Address by U.S. Solicitor General Paul D. Clement, a discussion on the upcoming term of the Supreme Court and other issues affecting the Judiciary, with a question and answer session to follow.
- Noon Joint SCBA/FBA Luncheon and Panel of Federal and State Court Judges: Crisis in the Jails: Is the Cost of Incarceration and the Availability of Jail Space an Impediment to the Administration of Justice?
- 1:30 p.m. Video: Celebrating 100 years of Justice in the Eastern District of Washington, with narrative from the Bench and members of the Bar.
- 2:15 p.m. Highlights of the new Bankruptcy Laws for non-bankruptcy attorneys: Secrets on What Every Lawyer Should Know
- 3:15 p.m. Federal Criminal Sentencing after Booker, Blakely, Fan Fan and other recent decisions.
- 4:30 p.m. Federal Bar Association and District Conference Hosted Reception

CLE Credit will be applied for with the WSBA.

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