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Federal Bar Association Chapter Sponsors Seminars and Annual State of the Court Luncheon

The Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will hold its twelfth annual "State of the Court" luncheon at 12 noon Monday, Oct. 2, at the Silver Grille, Tenth Floor of the Higbee Building (200 W. Prospect Ave.), in downtown Cleveland. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

The Honorable Patricia A. Gaughan, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, and the Honorable Russ Kendig, 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. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$55 for individuals and \$35 for government employees.

Immediately preceding the luncheon, the Chapter will sponsor two seminars:

- "Do I need An(other) Attorney? Criminal issues for Civil Practitioners" will be moderated by Christian Grostic from Kushner, Hamed & Grostic Co., and feature panelists John McCaffrey from Tucker Ellis; Jennifer Dowdell Armstrong from McDonald Hopkins; and Clare Moran from Synenberg, Coletta & Moran. Panelists will address what to do when, even in matters that begin as purely civil disputes, clients find themselves pulled into criminal investigations as witnesses, targets or defendants. Topics will include grand jury subpoenas, search warrants, interacting with the F.B.I. and U.S. Attorney's office during investigations, Fifth Amendment issues, and differences between individual and corporate clients.
- "Properly and Persuasively Presenting Expert Testimony in Federal Court" will be moderated by Michael Montgomery of Baker Hostetler and feature The Honorable James S. Gwin of the U.S. District Court-Northern District of Ohio; Carole Rendon from Baker Hostetler; and Karen Swanson Haan from the U.S. Attorney's Office-Northern District of Ohio. The panel will discuss recent developments and best practices in navigating the expert discovery process,

addressing challenges to the admissibility of an expert’s testimony, and effectively presenting complex expert testimony in a manner best suited to persuade juries.

The seminar and panel discussion will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Platinum Room (7th Floor), 1515 W. Third Street in downtown Cleveland. The course has been submitted for approval to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 2.0 total CLE hours of instruction. Cost for the seminar is \$50 for FBA members and \$115 for non-members.

Details and registration are available at fba-ndohio.org/ProgramCalendar or by calling 877-322-6364. The luncheon has sold out for each of the last 11 years, so early registration is recommended.

The Federal Bar Association – Northern District of Ohio is a professional organization for attorneys and members of the judiciary who practice in the federal system or have an interest in federal law. The FBA is committed to strengthening the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve. The Northern District of Ohio Chapter has more than 500 members. More information is available at fba-ndohio.org.

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