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Federal Bar Association Chapter to Honor Civil Rights Leader with “Pillar of Justice” Award

CLEVELAND, OHIO – The legal community of Northern Ohio will honor Judge Nathaniel Jones, retired from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, with the “Pillar of Justice Award” when the Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association holds its ninth annual “State of the Court” luncheon at noon Monday, Sept. 8, at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel on Public Square in downtown Cleveland. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

Judge Jones will be honored for his long and outstanding career as a jurist and civil rights leader. From 1979-2002, he served as judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, as Assistant General Counsel to President Lyndon Johnson’s National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, and as general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

An internationally renowned civil rights activist, Judge Jones played an important role in ending apartheid in South Africa. He conferred with the late Nelson Mandela when he was released from prison in 1990 and helped drafters of South Africa’s new constitution and laws. He has worked with numerous community organizations, including serving on the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, the Board of Directors of KnowledgeWorks Foundation, and the Advisory Board of the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights. He is honorary co-chair and board member of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

“This year marked an important anniversary in civil rights legislation, as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act,” said Jason Hill, president of the FBA-Northern District of Ohio Chapter. “Because so much of the battle for civil rights played out in our federal courts, we wanted to honor one of our very own whose

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service and dedication to the cause has inspired all of us. We are so pleased to have this opportunity to honor Judge Jones with the Pillar of Justice Award.”

In addition to bestowing the award, the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, and the Honorable Pat E. Morgenstern-Clerren, 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. Prior to the luncheon, the Chapter will host a seminar on issues of importance to federal practitioners, with continuing legal education credits available to attorneys who participate. The seminar will cover:

- “Risk Versus Reward: The New Pros and Cons of Arbitration Agreements and Class Action Waivers,” featuring John Gerak of Ogletree Deakins and Jason R. Bristol of Cohen, Rosenthal & Kramer
- “In-House Counsel Forum: How Outside Law Firms Get Noticed and Hired,” featuring Carolyn E. Cheverine, Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel (Industrial Sector), Eaton Corporation; Tim Clancy, Group General Counsel (Healthcare), STERIS Corporation; David Lamb, Vice President and General Counsel, The Scott Fetzer Company; David R. Sheil, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, Jeld-Wen Inc.; and Brian Ramm of Ulmer & Berne (moderator)
- “Technology in the Courtroom: Views from the Bench about What Works and What Doesn’t,” featuring The Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., U.S. District Court - Northern District of Ohio; The Honorable Jack Zouhary and The Honorable Benita Y. Pearson, U.S. District Court - Northern District of Ohio; Linda Weber, Senior Litigation Consultant, Visual Evidence; and Lori Riga, Officer of the Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Ohio (moderator)

The seminar will be held from 8:25- 11:45 a.m. at the Renaissance. Details and registration for both events are available at www.fba-ndohio.org/ProgramCalendar.

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