



Federal Bar Association

Northern District of Ohio Chapter

INTRODUCTION TO FEDERAL PRACTICE

Thursday, May 5, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

2.25 Hours of Ohio CLE Credit

(This seminar satisfies Local Rule 83.5)

CLE program approval pending by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

REGISTRATION FEES: \$70 FBA Member \$95 Non-Member

Registration online only: www.fba-ndohio.org

SEMINAR AGENDA

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome and Introduction
Chief Judge Patricia A. Gaughan
U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

9:20 Role of the Magistrate Judge
Magistrate Judge Amanda M. Knapp
U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

Magistrate Judge Knapp will review the role of the Magistrate Judge in the federal system and the benefits to the parties and the Court of consenting to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge in civil cases.

9:40 Court Programs, Accessing Court Information and Electronic Filing
Sandy Opacich, Clerk of Court
Michelle D. Sztul, Deputy-in-Charge (Cleveland)

The Clerk and Deputy-in-Charge will provide an overview of the Court, comment on recent developments, and describe the Court programs of interest to attorneys (the Civil Pro Bono Program, the Criminal Justice Act Plan, the Federal Court Panel of ADR Neutrals and the Northern Ohio Advisory Group). They will also provide an introduction to the Court's Website and describe the electronic filing system through which all attorneys must file and receive notice of filings.

10:30 Break

10:45 Local Rules and Practice
Sarah Nintcheff, Career Law Clerk to Chief Judge Patricia A. Gaughan
Ellen Siebenschuh, Career Law Clerk to Judge Pamela A. Barker

The law clerks will review key Local Rules related to attorney admissions, case assignments, discovery, motion practice and Alternative Dispute Resolution, with an emphasis upon the Differentiated Case Management Plan by which the Court manages its civil docket.

11:30 Electronic Courtrooms
James D. Jones
Courtroom Technology Coordinator
U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

The Court strives to provide litigants with the best facilities to conduct hearings and trials. Most courtrooms are now outfitted with electronic evidence presentation systems, video-conferencing capability, infrared headphones for hearing assistance and translation, real-time court reporting, telephone interpreting and "smart" counsel tables. This section of the program provides an overview and demonstration of these features.

11:50 Swearing-in Ceremony by Sandy Opacich, Clerk of Court

Participants who have completed the course and otherwise met the requirements of Local Rule 83.5, will be sworn in to practice in the Northern District of Ohio.

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