



FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO CHAPTER

INTRODUCTION TO FEDERAL PRACTICE

Friday, February 24, 2012

2.25 Hours of Ohio CLE Credit

(An application for accreditation as an approved CLE program has been submitted to the Supreme Court of Ohio)
(This seminar satisfies Local Rule 83.5)

Immediately following this program, participants will be sworn-in to practice before the Northern District of Ohio. Please visit the Court's Web site, www.ohnd.uscourts.gov, to obtain a copy of the Application for Admission to Practice.

SEMINAR AGENDA

8:00am Registration

8:30 Welcome and Introduction

Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.
U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

8:50 Role of the Magistrate Judge

Magistrate Judge Nancy Vecchiarelli
U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

Magistrate Judge Vecchiarelli 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.

9:10 Court Programs, Accessing Court Information and Electronic Filing

Geri M. Smith, Esq.
Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, ND Ohio

The Clerk of Court 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). She will also provide an introduction to the Court's Web site and describe the electronic filing system through which all attorneys must file and receive notice of filings.

10:00 Break

10:15 Local Rules and Practice

Catherine Garcia-Feehan
Career Law Clerk to Senior Judge David A. Katz
Sharon K. Derivan
Career Law Clerk to Judge Sara Lioi

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.

11:00 Electronic Courtrooms

David Zendlo
Administrator of Courtroom Technology
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, DVD/VHS players, video-conferencing capability, infrared head phones 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.

11:20 Swearing-in Ceremony by 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.

11:30 Mini Court House Tour

Jody Wilson
Operations Specialist

A short tour of the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Court House including a District Judge and a Magistrate Judge's courtroom and chambers, the 7th floor attorney lounge, the auditorium, the cafeteria, the court reporter offices, the Clerk's Office intake department and records room on the 1st floor and the jury/naturalization assembly area on Lower Level 1.

DATE AND LOCATION

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Friday, February 24, 2012
8:30am to 11:30am

Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 19A
801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland OH

Cancellations received by 5:00 p.m., three business days prior to the seminar will receive a full refund; less than three business days prior to the seminar will be refunded less a \$25 administrative fee; no shows will not receive a refund.

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