

# Section News and Events

## Section Mourns Passing of Yvette Barksdale

Yvette M. Barksdale, associate professor at The John Marshall Law School, died of natural causes at age 54 on March 14, 2012. She had been a faculty member since 1989 and taught Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and a Law and Diversity Seminar.

Professor Barksdale was a contributing editor of the *Administrative & Regulatory Law News* since August 2002, penning the *Recent Articles of Interest* Column that regularly appeared in many issues. She also served as co-chair



of the Constitutional Law & Separation of Powers Committee from August 2006 to August 2010.

She was a research consultant to the Administrative Conference of the United States and a board member of the Black Women Lawyer's Association of Greater Chicago, where she received the "President's Award for Outstanding Service" in 1993.

Professor Barksdale also served with the Chicago Scholars of Color, on committees of the Alliance of Justice, the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, and the planning committee for the American Association of Law Schools Midwest Region Equal Justice Colloquium. She chaired the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

Before teaching at John Marshall, Professor Barksdale practiced with Carter, Ledyard and Milburn in New York City and taught legal writing at University of Bridgeport School of Law and IIT/ Chicago-Kent College of Law.

She received her law degree from Yale University in 1982.

She will be greatly missed.

## Former Chair Rusch Receives Award

Former Section Chair Jonathan Rusch has received the Director General's Commendation from the United Kingdom Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). This award, which is rarely given to non-Britons, is the highest award that SOCA can bestow.

## 2012 Leadership Nominations

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for election at the Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, August 5, 2012, from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm, at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, IL.



### Chair (by operation of the bylaws) – Jamie Conrad

Jamie is the principal of Conrad Law & Policy Counsel, a solo law practice that he established in 2007, where he provides regulatory and legislative representation of associations, companies, and coalitions in the areas of environment, homeland security, and science/information policy. He was in-house counsel at the American Chemistry Council for 14 years and previously practiced with the D.C. offices of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and Davis, Graham & Stubbs. Jamie is a frequent speaker and author. He conceived and edits the Environmental Science Deskbook (Thomson West). Jamie was a member of the council 2008–2010 and served as secretary 2005–2008. He has chaired the Legislation Committee and Environmental & Natural Resources Regulation Committee and co-chaired the Regulatory Policy Committee. Jamie has organized, moderated, and spoken at numerous Section programs. He has authored and coauthored Section reports and recommendations and blanket authority letters. Jamie also has held various leadership positions in the Section of Environment, Energy & Resources. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Jamie received a B.A. from Haverford College and a J.D. from George Washington Law School.



### Chair-Elect (by operation of the bylaws) – Joe Whitley

Joe chairs the Atlanta White Collar Practice Group at Greenberg Traurig. Joe has served as program chair or co-chair of the Section's annual Homeland Security Law Institute since its inception in 2006. The Institute has become one of the most successful Section programs under Joe's capable leadership. Joe's career has been marked by distinguished public service. Joe was appointed by President George W. Bush as the first General Counsel of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2003. He held that position for two years, working for Secretary Tom Ridge and Secretary Michael Chertoff, before returning to private practice. Before that, in the George H. W. Bush Administration, he served as the Acting Associate Attorney General, the third-ranking position in the Department of Justice. He was appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush, respectively, to serve as the United States Attorney in the Middle (Macon) and Northern (Atlanta)

Federal Districts of Georgia. Earlier in his career, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit in Columbus, Georgia.



### **Vice Chair – Anna Shavers**

Anna is the Cline Williams Professor of Citizenship Law at the University of Nebraska Law School, where she teaches, among other things, administrative law and immigration law, and where she founded the school's immigration clinic.

She served as Secretary of the Section from 2006–2009, was a long-time Chair of both the Publications Committee and the Immigration Committee, was the Section's Liaison to the ABA Commission on Immigration, and served as a Council Member. In the larger ABA, Anna has served as a member of the ABA Commission on Law and Aging and a member of the ABA Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law. Anna received her undergraduate degree from Central State University, her Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin, and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota.



### **Last Retiring Chair (by operation of the bylaws) – Michael Herz**

Michael is Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. He has taught at Cardozo since

1988 and has also been a visiting professor at the NYU Law School and Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School and an adjunct professor at Columbia. He teaches and writes primarily in the areas of administrative law, environmental law, and constitutional law, and recently became co-editor of the Breyer-Stewart administrative law casebook. Before entering academe, Michael was an attorney at the Environmental Defense Fund and a law clerk for Justice Byron White of the U.S. Supreme Court and Chief Judge Levin Campbell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of Chicago Law School.

### **Secretary – Renée Landers (Incumbent)**

Renée is Professor of Law at Suffolk University Law School and teaches administrative law, constitutional law, and health law. She also is the Faculty Director of the school's Health and Biomedical Law Concentration. Renée was president of the Boston Bar Association in 2003–2004, the first woman of color and the first law professor to serve in that position. She has worked in private practice and served as Deputy

General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Clinton Administration. Renée recently completed a term as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct, serving as vice chair from April 2009 until October 2010. She was a member of the Supreme Judicial Court's committees studying gender bias and racial and ethnic bias in the courts. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College and has served as President of the Harvard Board of Overseers. Renée has held the following Section leadership positions: council member, 2000–2003, Nominating Committee member, 2003–2004; Membership Committee chair 2004–2006; co-vice chair, Health and Human Services Committee 1998–2000.

### **Budget Officer – Ron Smith (Incumbent)**

Ron is Pro Bono Counsel with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP. He manages Finnegan's veteran's pro bono program of more than 100 pending appeals in federal courts. Prior to joining Finnegan in the summer of 2008, he was Deputy General Counsel for Veterans Claims for the Disabled American Veterans, where he supervised all appeals to the federal courts for the DAV. Prior to joining the DAV in February 1989, Ron worked in the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General. He has authored a number of articles on veteran's law topics and has prosecuted more than 400 appeals in the federal courts, resulting in more than sixty published opinions. Ron has served on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Rules Advisory Committee for many years and is a past chair of that committee. He has also been appointed to and presently serves on the Federal Circuit Advisory Council. Ron is a past President of the Federal Circuit Bar Association and a past chair of the Federal Bar Association Veterans' Law Section. He presently serves in the ABA House of Delegates on behalf of the Federal Circuit Bar Association and was the Section's Assistant Budget Officer for 2008–2009. He is a founding member of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association.

### **Asst. Budget Officer – Edward Schoenbaum**

Ed is an Administrative Law Judge for the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He is currently the ex officio Council Member on behalf of State Administrative Law and is a long-time co-chair of the State Administrative Law Committee. Ed is also a past President of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges and past Chair of the ABA's National Conference of Administrative Law Judges (NCALJ). He is currently the Chair-Elect of the Senior

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Lawyers Division. For six years he was the Budget Officer for the Judicial Division, and he served as NCALJ's representative to the House of Delegates.

## Section Delegate – Russell Frisby

Russell is a Section Fellow, a former Section Chair, a former Chair of the Nominations Committee, a Member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs, a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a Public Member of the Administrative Conference of the United States. A partner at the firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP, Russell's past accomplishments are too numerous to list, but among them is his service as chair of the Maryland Public Service Commission. Russell is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Yale Law School.

## Council Member (to fill two year term) – Jill Family

Jill is currently serving on the Council, filling a one-year term vacancy. Jill is an associate professor of law and associate director of the Law & Government Institute at Widener University School of Law, where she teaches immigration law, administrative law, and civil procedure. She is a past chair of the Section's Immigration and Naturalization Committee, the 2010 fellow of the National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a former law clerk to the Honorable Morton I. Greenberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Jill received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and her M.S. and J.D. from Rutgers.

## Council Member – Jeffrey Clark

Jeff is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis, where he is a complex trial and appellate litigator with especially deep experience in administrative law, cutting across dozens of statutes and numerous agencies. From 2001 to 2005, Jeff was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Justice Department. Jeff is co-chair of the Section's Environmental and Natural Resources Regulation Committee and has been a frequent speaker at Section programs. Jeff did his undergraduate work at Harvard, obtained a M.A. at the University of Delaware, and received his J.D. from Georgetown, where he was Articles Editor for the law review.

## Council Member – Louis George

Louis is a senior attorney with the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP). As a member of NVLSP's litigation staff, he represents veterans and dependents before the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Board of Veterans' Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and other federal courts. Louis serves on the Board of Governors of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association, having served as President of that organization from 2009–2010. He is a member of the Rules Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. He also is Co-chair of the Section's Veterans Affairs Committee.

## Council Member – Elizabeth Getman

Elizabeth is an associate with Sandler, Reiff, Young & Lamb, P.C., where she advises federal, state, and local political committees and candidates; state and national political parties; section 527 organizations; lobbying firms; nonprofit organizations; and other for-profit business entities. Elizabeth has served as both General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel to the campaigns of high-profile candidates running for statewide elective office, most recently in Connecticut and Virginia. She co-chaired the Section's 2010 Administrative Law Conference and has served as co-chair of both the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Elections Committee. Elizabeth completed her undergraduate education at Washington University in St. Louis and earned her J.D. at Catholic University.

## Council Member – Kathryn Watts

Kathryn is the Garvey Schubert Barer Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development at the University of Washington, where she teaches administrative law, constitutional law, and Supreme Court decision making. A prolific scholar, Kathryn has had administrative law articles published in the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Northwestern University Law Review*, and the *U.C. Davis Law Review*. She has a forthcoming publication in the *Duke Law Journal*. As a law student, she co-authored an article with Professor Thomas Merrill that won the Section's Award for Distinguished Scholarship. She is co-chair of the Judicial Review Committee and has been a regular speaker at the Section's Administrative Law Conference. 

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