



FBA's Annual 10th Circuit Year-In-Review

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Details

When: December 19, 2024
From: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Page Belcher Federal
Building
Jury Assembly Room
Lunch Provided

Pricing:

FBA Members & Students: \$30.00
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OPENING REMARKS



Tom Duncombe is the current President of the Federal Bar Association's Northern/Eastern Oklahoma Chapter and an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma. He serves in the appellate division and has argued fifteen cases before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also consults on written work product and motions practice in the U.S. District Court. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and Boston University. He previously served as a law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, a law clerk at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and a litigation associate at Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston, Massachusetts.

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CRIMINAL LAW PANEL



The Hon. D. Edward Snow (moderator) is the newest Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, appointed to serve the U.S. District Court. Prior to his appointment, Judge Snow had a distinguished career with the U.S. Attorney's Office in both the Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, where he served in the criminal division. While at the Department of Justice, Judge Snow twice received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in Indian Country.

Justin Lollman is a litigator and shareholder at GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his practice focuses on appeals, complex commercial litigation, employment law, and criminal defense. In addition to his involvement with the FBA, Justin serves on the board of the Tulsa Day Center and as Vice President of the Tenth Circuit Historical Society. He has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in Appellate Law by Super Lawyers and "One to Watch" in Appellate Practice by Best Lawyers.



Sean Dooley is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law and currently serves as the Supervisory Probation Officer for the Presentence Investigation Unit for the United States Probation Office in the Northern District of Oklahoma. In addition to his current role, Sean served as a visiting officer with United States Sentencing Commission Office of Education and Sentencing Practices where he assisted in developing national training programs and materials as well as provided support and advice related to the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines to attorneys and courts across the country.



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CIVIL PRO./ FED. COURTS



The Hon. Susan E. Huntsman has served as a Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma since April 2021 and is a past President of the Northern/Eastern Oklahoma FBA chapter. Previously, Judge Huntsman spent 20 years in private practice in commercial litigation and federal Indian law. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Harvard Law School.

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INDIAN LAW



Conor Cleary is the Tulsa Field Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior. He served as lead counsel for the Department in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. He earned an LL.M. in American Indian and Indigenous law with highest honors from the TU College of Law, where he is now an adjunct professor teaching a course on Native American natural resources law. He is a 2010 graduate of the OU College of Law, where he served as articles editor of the *Oklahoma Law Review*.

Logan Hibbs is an associate in Crowe & Dunlevy's Tulsa office, assisting clients with general litigation matters as a member of the Indian Law & Gaming, Labor & Employment, and Litigation & Trial Practice Groups. His litigation practice focuses on representing clients in state and federal court regarding issues of tribal sovereignty, administrative matters related to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), and interpreting federal laws and regulations and their applicability to tribes, businesses, and employers. He also advises tribal governments, corporations, and affiliated entities on economic development and employment policies. He is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



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BANKRUPTCY



The Hon. Paul R. Thomas received his undergraduate degree in English from Albright College, Reading, Pa., and his law degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. Judge Thomas served as one of the Notes and Comments editors of the Tulsa Law Journal. After serving as a Trial Attorney with the Tulsa Office of the United States Trustee for thirty years, on April 8, 2022, Judge Thomas was appointed by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. Judge Thomas also currently serves as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Section of the Tulsa County Bar Association.

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LUNCH:
KEYNOTE



The Honorable John D. Russell

The Honorable John D. Russell is a United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. He was nominated by President Joe Biden on October 24, 2023; was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 19, 2023; received his commission on January 4, 2024; and was sworn in on January 6, 2024.

Prior to being appointed to the federal bench, Judge Russell served as a shareholder at GableGotwals in Tulsa. At GableGotwals, Judge Russell practiced commercial litigation, handled civil and criminal cases across multiple industry sectors, and represented clients before trial and appellate courts and federal and state regulator agencies. Throughout his career, he has been recognized by Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and was rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Ratings, the highest peer-rating standard that Martindale-Hubbell recognizes. Before his time at GableGotwals, Judge Russell worked in private practice at Fellers Snider Blankenship Bailey & Tippens, also in Tulsa.

Judge Russell served in the Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma and as a Trial Attorney for DOJ's Tax Division. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma State University and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

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EMPLOYMENT LAW



Chris Vaught is a director in Crowe & Dunlevy's Tulsa office with more than 20 years of employment law experience. As a litigator, Chris represents management and employers in all areas of employment law including the Oklahoma Anti-Discrimination Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. He also advises employers and human resources departments on best practices related to company policies and procedures, harassment, retaliation, reasonable accommodation, and wage and hour claims. Prior to joining the firm, he served as the Chief Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") before being promoted to Deputy Attorney General for the same agency. Chris received his Juris Doctor, with honors, from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Chris Thrutchley has counseled employers regarding best labor and employment law practices and has successfully defended employers in labor and employment disputes (arbitration, litigation, administrative proceedings) around the country. His combination of complementary experiences as Chief of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights Enforcement and as an HR director for one of Tulsa's largest unionized employers gives him unique and valuable insight on labor, employment, and employee relations issues. Since 2016, Chris has served as an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's national panel of employment law arbitrators, and he arbitrates employment disputes around the country. Chris also has been retained as an expert witness to testify regarding best HR and employment practices. He is certified by the Society for Human Resources Management as a Senior Certified Professional and by the Human Resources Certification Institute as a Senior Professional in Human Resources.



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CIVIL RIGHTS



Guy Fortney is a partner at Brewster & De Angelis, where he has practiced since graduating from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1996. He has a broad civil litigation practice with an emphasis in civil rights in Federal Court for both plaintiffs and defendants, including the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.

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ETHICS

Navigating Generative AI in Legal Practice: Harnessing Technology While Managing Risks



Lori Twomey is a Professor of Legal Writing and Director of the Legal Writing Program at the University of Tulsa College of Law. She earned her B.S. from Oklahoma State University and her J.D. from the University of Houston College of Law. A former litigator and appellate attorney, she also taught for 10 years at the University of Houston Law Center. Ms. Twomey joined the TU College of Law in 2021, where she advises the Board of Advocates and coaches the Military Law Moot Court team.

Caroline Guerra Wolf is an assistant city attorney for the city of Tulsa and a former assistant professor of legal writing at the TU College of Law. Before joining the TU College of Law faculty, she worked for Conner & Winters LLP and clerked for Judge John E. Dowdell of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the TU College of Law.

