

DEPUTY CLERKS CORNER
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It was a wonderful pleasure to spend a week with Team Miami and enjoy the fruits of their many months of work. They did a great job! The conference was well organized and ran smoothly, and the educational program was exceptionally good. Miami Beach was all I had hoped for!

The Deputy Clerks Council luncheon was an enjoyable time for the deputy clerks to get together for networking and a business meeting. Please check the inside cover of the *Journal* for the name of your circuit representative. Some are continuing their service, and some have just begun a new term with the board. In cases where the FCCA board member is a deputy clerk, that person also serves as the circuit representative on the DCC Executive Board. In the circuits where the FCCA board member is a clerk of court, I have asked a deputy clerk in that circuit to serve as our liaison, and they are as follows: First Circuit – Pat Kelley – (603) 225-1693; Seventh Circuit – Pat Newkirk – (317) 229-3632; Eighth Circuit – Michelle Smith – (501) 324-5351.

Please do not hesitate to call your circuit liaison when you think that information is not reaching your court in a timely fashion, and they will in turn investigate the break in our network. This is vital to our organization, particularly with the beginning of the Membership Campaign next month.

FCCA has many programs to assist deputy clerks who are members of FCCA, and to recognize and reward their efforts, both in the court system and in the organization. Funds are provided by the Clerks Council for continuing education and for conference registration fees. An award is given for outstanding service by a court employee who works directly with the public, particularly those front line intake clerks who are the only personal contact many people have with the federal court system. Cash prizes are also funded by the Clerks Council for a drawing at the Conference as a part of the Blood for Life Program. You don't have to be present to win – **but you do have to be a blood donor.**

I would like to see more interest in the DCC Deputy Clerk profile, and a nomination for each issue of the *Journal*. We all work with deputy clerks who do much more than is required by their job description, and do it with a positive attitude. Many deputy clerks are very involved with civic and community work.

The Ross Levy Memorial award is presented annually at the Conference and is the highest award given by the DCC for service to our organization. The plaque and cash award were presented to David Stechmann of Louisiana at the Miami Conference. Many service awards are presented to deputy clerks at each Conference.

These are some of the potential benefits of membership in FCCA, and I hope that each of you will discuss these benefits with your fellow workers as you solicit new and renewed memberships.

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