

Foreword

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys is proud to publish this first semiannual Special Commendations issue of the *United States Attorneys' Bulletin (USAB)*. This issue recognizes personnel in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the 94 United States Attorneys' offices and other individuals involved in their cases, for their outstanding achievements in service to the Department of Justice.

Both the January and July Special Commendations Issues will include awards and commendations. Additionally, the January issue will include the Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Awards and the July issue will include Attorney General's Awards.

On behalf of the United States Attorneys' offices, I thank all of you for your exceptional service.

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1997 Attorney General Awards

The Attorney General's Awards ceremony was held June 13, 1997, in Washington, D.C. The following are those recipients from the United States Attorneys' offices, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and personnel commended with them.

Exceptional Service Award

The Exceptional Service Award is the highest form of recognition bestowed by the Department. It is also the Department's largest award in size. Six individuals were selected for this honor:

Donna A. Bucella in recognition of her untiring dedication, commitment, integrity, loyalty, outstanding accomplishments, and extraordinary leadership during 10 years of exceptional service to the Department as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Florida, the Director of the Department's Office of Legal Education, United States Attorney (interim) for the Middle District of Florida, and currently as Principal Deputy Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. In addition to the outstanding assistance, advice, counsel, and oversight she provides daily to the 94 United States Attorneys' offices consisting of 10,000 employees, she has stepped forward and made a difference: in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing in working around-the-clock in Oklahoma City coordinating investigative efforts of the various United States Attorneys' offices; in coordinating victim assistance efforts in a number of crises nationwide; in developing a Department-wide crisis response plan and victim protocol; in helping to create the church arson task force; in delivering hundreds of quality legal training programs, including a program to train the Department's Professional Responsibility Center; in overseeing the establishment of the new National Advocacy Center; in promoting the on-line availability of resource and training materials through USABook; and in being the crucial link between the United States Attorneys' offices and all Justice Department components in successfully executing the Department's prosecution priorities.

Assistant United States Attorneys **Dietrich L. Snell** and **Michael J. Garcia** and Paralegal Specialist **Lillie A. Grant**, Southern District of New York; Special Agent **Francis J. Pellegrino**, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office; and Detective **Matthew T. Besheer**, New York/New Jersey Port Authority in recognition of their exceptional performance in the investigation and prosecution of an extraordinarily vicious terrorist plot to blow up one dozen United States airliners over a two-day period, resulting in the death of a Japanese citizen during an in-flight "test bombing" of a Philippine Airlines jumbo jet. The plot was conceived and orchestrated by Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, then a fugitive in the World Trade Center bombing case, and his cohorts Abdul Hakim Murad and Wali Khan Amin Shah. The three terrorists were convicted of conspiracies and attempts to bomb and destroy United States civil aircraft, to kill United States citizens traveling abroad in order to influence United States foreign policy, and to use a weapon of mass destruction. Yousef was also convicted of the Philippine Airlines jumbo jet bombing; and, in addition, defendant Shah was convicted of attempting to escape from Federal prison.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the second highest form of recognition bestowed by the Department.

Presented to **Valerie Caproni**, Chief, and **Alan Vinegrad**, Deputy Chief, Criminal Division, Eastern District of New York, in recognition of their exceptional service in bringing to justice those responsible for the religiously-motivated attack on Yankel Rosenbaum in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, New York. Their creativity, intelligence, and superior advocacy skills resulted in a successful prosecution that convicted both defendants for violating the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum, and ended a sad chapter in the history of New York with a verdict that has gained the respect of all elements of the community.

Presented to **Gary R. Spratling**, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; **James M. Griffin**, Chief of the Chicago Office, Antitrust Division; Assistant United States Attorney **Scott R. Lassar**, Northern District of Illinois; and Special Agents **Brian D. Shepard** and **Robert K. Herndon**, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Springfield Field Office, in recognition of their leadership in the most significant criminal matter in the history of the Antitrust Division—the investigation and prosecution of Archer Daniels Midland Company and others for their participation in international cartels in the worldwide food and feed additives industry. Through the group’s imagination, skill, and determination, these investigations have broken two major international cartels and obtained antitrust penalties many times greater than any previously imposed. The large fines imposed in these cases have drawn the attention of the business community and the antitrust bar, and their deterrent effect should significantly improve antitrust compliance by domestic and international firms doing business in the United States, all to the great benefit of those who buy and sell goods and services in the United States.

Presented to Assistant United States Attorney **Eric Acker**, Southern District of California; Assistant United States Attorney **Joseph Allen**, Eastern District of Michigan; Assistant United States Attorney **Nicholas S. Altimari**, Eastern District of Virginia; Assistant United States Attorney **Jacqueline Arango**, Southern District of Florida; Former Assistant United States Attorney **Tammy Avery**, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Assistant United States Attorney **Laura J. Birkmeyer**, Southern District of California; Assistant United States Attorney **Patrick Morgan Collins**, Northern District of Illinois; Trial Attorney **John Farley**, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; Assistant United States Attorney **Richard Getchell**, Southern District of Florida; Trial Attorney **John Katko**, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; Assistant United States Attorney **Jonathan King**, Northern District of Illinois; Assistant District Attorney **Mari Maloney**, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, City of New York; Assistant United States Attorney **Ronald May**, Northern District of Illinois; Trial Attorney **Jo Ellen Mazurek**, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; Assistant United States Attorney **Jane L. Myers**, District of New Jersey; Assistant United States Attorney **Stephen W. Miller**, Eastern District of Virginia; Assistant United States Attorney **Samantha Phillips**, Central District of California; Senior Trial Attorney **Michael Sklaire**, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; **Karen Tandy**, Deputy Chief for Litigation, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; **Theresa Van Vliet**, Chief, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division; and **John K. Wallace, III**, Director, Drug Intelligence Unit, Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division, whose collective and individual efforts serve as examples of the highest standards of dedication, professionalism, and selfless spirit of teamwork and mutual support in the planning, coordination, and execution of OCDETF/HIDTA Operation Zorro II, the first major “takedown” under the Southwest Border Initiative. This case was unique in law enforcement’s targeting both ends of the drug structure—the Cartel in Colombia where the drugs originated, and the Mexican-run transportation system that smuggled the cocaine into the United States and introduced it into the web of Colombian and Mexican distribution systems that would carry it across the country. Zorro II resulted in the dismantling of the Colombian and Mexican importation, transportation, and distribution networks operating in the United States, and also some of the client

drug trafficking organizations who bought the powder cocaine and, in some instances, transformed it into crack cocaine which was then sold on the streets of Richmond, Virginia, and areas of New York. To date, 102 defendants have been indicted and 49 have been convicted. The defendants included the leaders of the Colombian, Mexican, and client “crack” organizations, as well as their many criminal confederates and subordinates, including United States police officers and a National Guardsman who served as couriers, or who are alleged to have provided security and protection services for the Mexican distributors in the New York City area. A total of 5,590 kilograms of cocaine, 730 grams of crack cocaine, almost \$20 million in drug proceeds and assets, and 16 firearms were seized in the Zorro II operation.

Presented to Assistant United States Attorney **Mark J. Balthazard**, Economic Crimes Unit, District of Massachusetts; Assistant United States Attorney **Gill Paul Beck**, Civil Division, Middle District of North Carolina; Assistant United States Attorney **Dara A. Corrigan**, District of Massachusetts; Trial Attorney **Laurence J. Freedman**, Commercial Litigation Section, Civil Division; Assistant United States Attorney **Richard S. Glaser, Jr.**, Chief, Criminal Division, Middle District of North Carolina; **David A. Koenigsberg**, Senior Litigation Counsel and Affirmative Civil Enforcement Coordinator, Southern District of New York; Assistant United States Attorney **Carol C. Lam**, Chief, Major Frauds and Economic Crimes Section, Southern District of California; Assistant United States Attorney **Michael K. Loucks**, Chief, Health Care Fraud Unit, Criminal Division, District of Massachusetts; Assistant Inspector General **Lewis Morris**, Legal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services; Assistant United States Attorney **James G. Sheehan**, Chief, Civil Division, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; **David W. Waterbury**, Senior Counsel and Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Washington State Attorney General’s office; and Assistant United States Attorney **Susan G. Winkler**, Civil Division, District of Massachusetts, in recognition of their collective dedication, leadership, creativity, and exemplary work on OPERATION LABSCAM, an investigation and prosecution of major corporations in the independent laboratory industry. OPERATION LABSCAM is one of the most successful health care fraud projects ever initiated by the Department of Justice. The effort is noteworthy for the efficiency of the investigations and the interagency cooperation it spawned, as well as the remarkable results obtained. Together, the group prosecuted cases that have resulted in three corporate criminal convictions, criminal fines and civil recoveries of more than \$735 million to Federal and state governments, extensive corporate compliance, and improvements in the manner in which this segment of the health care industry operates. The “LABSCAM” task force, a model of interagency and state-Federal cooperation, devised a novel investigative and strategic approach which enabled it to operate at peak efficiency and which exemplifies Government at its best.

Presented to Assistant United States Attorneys **Steven M. Cohen** and **Alexandra A. E. Shapiro**; **Richard B. Zabel**, Deputy Chief, Narcotics Unit; and Paralegal Specialist **John O’Malley**, Southern District of New York, in recognition of their distinguished service to the Department of Justice and to the nation for their tireless efforts in investigating and prosecuting the most violent and ruthless gang in New York State, the Almighty Latin King Queen Nation. By mounting a multi-agency assault on the Latin Kings, these prosecutors significantly reduced the climate of violence and fear that had pervaded New York State and City prisons and substantially increased the safety of the streets of New York.

Special Agents **Deidre D. Gordon** and **Keith F. Kolovich**, New York Field Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Special Agent **George J. Ennis**, New York Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Assistant United States Attorneys **Allen D. Applbaum**, **Chauncey G. Parker**, and **Tai H. Park**, Southern District of New York, in recognition of their dedication, leadership, and creativity in investigating and successfully prosecuting members of the Fukinese Flying Dragons, an extremely violent gang involved in alien smuggling, kidnapping, extortion, murder, drug trafficking, and prostitution. The gang was responsible for smuggling more than 1,000 Chinese Nationals, 10 murders, 1,300 kidnappings, 400 robberies, and

350 extortions; they grossed in excess of \$300 million during their time of operation. The Special Agents and Assistant United States Attorneys have been responsible for the indictment of 150 gang members and the arrest of 90. Through their efforts, eight murders and scores of kidnappings and robberies were solved, and five other smuggling operations uncovered. Their cooperative efforts played a major role in the reduction of Asian Organized Crime in the New York Metropolitan area.

Presented posthumously to First Assistant United States Attorney **Gary P. Jordan**, District of Maryland, in recognition of the tireless efforts and the extraordinary investigative ingenuity and litigation skill that were utilized to preserve the integrity of generic drugs through the successful prosecution of more than 70 pharmaceutical industry firms, executives, and scientists who betrayed the public trust by placing monetary profit ahead of product safety. His investigation of the generic drug industry resulted in individual sentences of up to 60 months imprisonment and criminal fines of more than \$50 million for generic drug industry executives, scientists, and employees of the Food and Drug Administration. These prosecutions have revamped the generic drug industry and changed the manner in which an entire industry views its relationship with the Government and its responsibility to the public.

John Marshall Awards

The John Marshall Award is named for the fourth Chief Justice of the United States, and is intended to recognize outstanding professional achievement by Department attorneys in eight categories: three involving litigation, one for the handling of appeals, one for providing legal advice, one for the preparation or handling of legislation, one for asset forfeiture, and one for alternative dispute resolution. A ninth category, interagency cooperation in support of litigation, recognizes an attorney or group of attorneys from client agencies who have rendered exceptionally helpful assistance to the Department in high-visibility litigation. There were no nominees for the inter-agency cooperation award this year.

Trial of Litigation

Presented to Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney **Brien T. O'Connor**; Assistant United States Attorney **David J. Apfel**; and **Thomas Zappala**, Auditor, District of Massachusetts, in recognition of their exemplary efforts in the three-month criminal trial of investment banker Mark S. Ferber. The *Ferber* case, widely viewed as difficult for the Government to win, resulted in a swift jury verdict convicting Mr. Ferber on 58 separate fraud and corruption charges. Ferber, a former Lazard Freres partner, was sentenced to 33 months and fined \$1 million. At the same time that co-counsel prosecuted *Ferber*, they negotiated a civil fraud settlement with Merrill Lynch and Lazard Freres in excess of \$24 million. This settlement represents the largest fine in any Department of Justice or Security Exchange Commission municipal securities matter, and the first penalty paid by either firm to the Department.

Participation in Litigation

Presented to Assistant United States Attorneys **Albert J. Winters, Jr.**, **Constantine D. Georges**, and **Michael E. McMahon**, Eastern District of Louisiana; and Trial Attorney **Nelson S. T. Thayer, Jr.**, and former Trial Attorney **Peter McCloskey**, Civil Rights Division, in recognition of their participation in the "Shattered Shield" initiative which, from 1993 through 1996, investigated and concluded one of the most ambitious police corruption cases in United States history. The investigation focused on a number of highly corrupt officers in the New Orleans Police Department who acted in support of a street-level cocaine distributor in New Orleans. The investigation resulted in prosecutions for murder and conspiracy to distribute cocaine. The murder trial resulted in the first death sentence in

a civil rights case for a former police officer and a henchman. The second prosecution resulted in the convictions of 11 former police officers and their drug associates.

Support of Litigation

Presented to Assistant United States Attorneys **Randy I. Bellows, Robert C. Chestnut, Thomas G. Connolly, Vincent L. Gamble, and Kathleen M. Kahoe**, Eastern District of Virginia; and **John J. Dion**, Deputy Chief, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, in recognition of their participation in the conviction of CIA Case Officer Harold J. Nicholson and FBI Special Agent Edwin Earl Pitts, the highest ranking officials of both agencies to be charged with espionage. The prosecution team did an outstanding job of preparing the cases from arrest through the indictment and motions, under extreme public scrutiny and intense time constraints. The results were negotiated settlements which included lengthy prison sentences and full cooperation in intelligence briefings and other investigations.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Presented to Assistant United States Attorney **James W. Jennings, Jr.**, Western District of Texas, in recognition of his commitment to the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution as a means for resolving defensive civil litigation involving the Government. Mr. Jennings has assisted with the training of attorneys, both public and private sector, and has successfully mediated more than a half-dozen complex cases during the past two years.

Outstanding Service in Freedom of Information Act Administration

In 1996, the Attorney General created the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Service in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Administration. This award recognizes exceptional dedication to the implementation of FOIA.

Presented to **Danita M. Best**, Secretary; **John F. Boseker**, Acting Attorney-in-Charge; **Shirley B. Botts**, Paralegal Specialist; **Sara J. Donaldson**, Paralegal Specialist; **Bonnie L. Gay**, Acting Assistant Director; **Conya Gilmore**, Clerk; **Florence Holloway**, Paralegal Specialist; **Michael W. Jones**, Paralegal Specialist; **Tina M. Joyner**, Paralegal Specialist; **Gwyn Hutchins LeDoux**, Paralegal Specialist; **Delores O. Montgomery**, Senior Paralegal Specialist; **Urshula Swann**, Legal Technician; and **Sonja R. Whitaker**, Legal Technician, FOIA Staff of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), in recognition of their exemplary work in meeting the Attorney General's goal to reduce the FOIA backlog of 1,250 requests to 400 by December 31, 1996. The major duties of the staff are to process FOIA and Privacy Act requests for records of the United States Attorneys' offices and EOUSA headquarters. Approximately 3,400 requests are received yearly, and backlogs can quickly occur if requests for information are not addressed expeditiously. On December 15, 1996, the Attorney General complimented the group for reducing the backlog to 343, surpassing the goal.

Commendations

The following commendations were submitted to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys during the period January through April 1997. The *United States Attorneys' Bulletin* publishes commendations biannually of Assistant United States Attorneys and USAO personnel commended with them.

Nancy Abraham (Eastern District of Michigan), by U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge Lawrence R. Porte, Saginaw, Michigan, for her outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of individuals involved in a food stamp fraud scheme and cocaine trafficking operation.

Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. (Western District of Missouri), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his successful prosecution of Darrell, Steven, James, and Mark Vest, and others for drug conspiracy and drug-related homicides.

Melissa Annis, Supervisory AUSA (Southern District of Texas), by DEA Administrator Thomas A. Constantine, for her exceptional efforts in the successful prosecution of Juan Garcia Abrego for drug trafficking.

Monica Bachner (Central District of California), by IRS Chief Richard Speier, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, for her invaluable contributions to the successful prosecution of Ely Bryant, Jeff Andrew Bryant, and Florence Bryant for criminal tax law violations.

Rachel C. Ballow (Eastern District of Virginia), by General Counsel William E. Sherman, Defense Commissary Agency, for her excellent representation in *Dixon v. Perry*, a Title VII employment discrimination case.

Joanne Bender, Paralegal (District of South Dakota), by Robert H. Miller, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, for her outstanding assistance in the successful prosecution of *U.S. v. City of Watertown and the State of South Dakota*, an environmental case involving pollution violations.

Terrence G. Berg (Eastern District of Michigan), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his extraordinary efforts in the successful prosecution of Richard Lester Farrell and Mikel Joe Boorum for their involvement in a complex aviation insurance fraud scheme.

George L. Bevan (Northern District of California), by Deputy Assistant Attorney General Gary R. Spratling, Antitrust Division, for the outstanding support and training he provided to the Antitrust Division's attorneys detailed as Special Assistant United States Attorneys.

James Bickett (Northern District of Ohio), by United States Attorney Carl K. Kirkpatrick, Eastern District of Tennessee, for his assistance in the development of an Affirmative Civil Enforcement Program in his district.

Harold R. Bickham, Chief, Civil Division (Southern District of Indiana), by DEA Special Agent in Charge Joseph A. Vanacora, Chicago, for his outstanding efforts in the settlement against the Bindley Western Drug Company for violating numerous provisions of the Controlled Substances Act.

Carol Bithos, Legal Secretary (Northern District of Illinois), by DEA Special Agent in Charge James A. Morgan, for her outstanding contribution to the successful prosecution and dismantling of the Undertaker Vice Lords Street Gang.

Linda S. Bocchino (Eastern District of Pennsylvania), by Associate General Counsel Allan H. Meltzer, National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), for her dedicated efforts in a lengthy case involving a former employee of NCUA who was seeking punitive damages in a *Bivens*-style action against NCUA, senior employees of NCUA, and the State of Pennsylvania.

Linda S. Bocchino (Eastern District of Pennsylvania), by Postal Inspector John M. Van Morris, Philadelphia Division, United States Postal Service, for her extraordinary efforts in successfully defending *Carol and*

Carla Baxter v. United States Postal Service, a complex civil suit involving a *Bivens* action filed against Mr. Van Morris and three other employees of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Richard D. Boscovich (Southern District of Florida), by Ambassador Thomas J. Dodd, Embassy of the United States of America, Montevideo, Uruguay, for his efforts in providing the Government of Uruguay with the opportunity to learn about money laundering and anti-corruption issues pending in Congress.

Carlton R. Bourne, Jr. (Southern District of Georgia), by Director Milton E. Nix, Jr., Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of *United States v. Garwayne Johnson et al. and Gregory Scott Bowen et al.*, a case which evolved from a drug trafficking conspiracy into a conspiracy to murder a Federal witness when Mr. Johnson attempted to shoot a GBI agent with a shotgun during his arrest and was subsequently killed by the GBI Special Response Team.

John S. Bowler (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Chief of Police Roger E. Halbert, Jacksonville, North Carolina, for his efforts and contribution to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, which resulted in 34 arrests in Jacksonville.

J. Frank Bradsher (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Chief of Police Willie R. Williams, Wilson, North Carolina, for his outstanding efforts in drug investigations which led to the arrest of three serious drug distributors.

J. Frank Bradsher (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Judge Malcolm J. Howard, United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, for his outstanding and extraordinary performance in *United States of America v. Dushawn Gardner et al.*, a racketeering case involving four homicides.

Susan Dein Bricklin (Eastern District of Pennsylvania), by Director Thomas M. Lastowka, Department of Veterans Affairs, for her outstanding efforts in *Cardwell v. VA*, a Title VII and *Bivens* action.

Michelle Brown, Legal Assistant (Southern District of New York), by Acting Inspector General Joyce N. Fleischman, Department of Transportation, for her exceptional support efforts in the Chromalloy investigation in which one of the top executives of Chromalloy Research and Technology was convicted of fraud and another executive of fraud and false statements in connection with the manufacturing and repair of jet engine parts.

Sandra Brown (Central District of California), by IRS Special Procedures Chief Frank Barner, Collection Division, for her prompt and quality service to the collection field function in writ of entry processing.

Lynne M. Buck (Northern District of Ohio), by FBI Special Agent in Charge Van A. Harp, for her outstanding work in *Dingle v. United States*, a *Bivens*, Federal tort claims, and false arrest case.

Thomas K. Buck (Central District of California), by Regional Counsel Alan K. Achen, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), for his outstanding efforts in representing the interest of the VA in the *Marian Wilson* Equal Employment Opportunity Commission case.

Jeffrey J. Buerstatte (Southern District of Georgia), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his outstanding work in prosecuting Fred Emerson Gillard, former Chief Executive Officer of Penn Teck Diagnostics, Inc., on Medicare fraud and related charges.

Kathy Burleyson, Legal Secretary (Western District of Texas), by Branch Manager John F. McIntosh, Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), for her assistance during *Pfau v. DCAA*, an employment discrimination case.

Annette G. Butler (Northern District of Ohio), by State Director Linda K. Page, Department of Agriculture, for her outstanding efforts in *Gregory O. Glover v. U.S.*, a housing discrimination case.

Honorable Mark T. Calloway (Western District of North Carolina), by Mr. Robert M. Blincoe, Lodi, California, for his direction and leadership in an investigation involving the carjacking murder of his daughter.

Debra A. Carnahan (Eastern District of Missouri), by Acting Regional Administrator Forrest R. Moore, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for her speed and effectiveness in pursuing affirmative civil enforcement of food stamp cases.

Barbara M. Carlin (Western District of Pennsylvania), by Postal Inspector Jeff Sims, United States Postal Inspection Service, for her successful prosecution of *United States v. Randall Donnelly*, a mail fraud case.

Kenneth Chadwell (Eastern District of Michigan), by District Director Patrick D. Herbert, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, for his efforts in the successful prosecution of Daniel Malley, former President of United Auto Workers Local 247, for embezzlement of union funds while he was union president.

Paul K. Charlton (District of Arizona), by Director David M. Esposito, Department of Environmental Quality, Pima County, Arizona, for his role in the resolution of the hazardous waste violations by Amerada Hess Corporation.

Robert Chestnut (Eastern District of Virginia), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his outstanding efforts in a major investigation of a conspiracy to murder and/or direct other violence at abortion health care providers in the United States.

J. Gil Childers (Southern District of New York), by Deputy Director for Investigations Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, for his contribution to the success of law enforcement operations in the 1996 Olympic Games.

Suzanne M. Chynoweth (District of Arizona), by District Inspector General Gary E. Albright and Special Agent in Charge Daniel G. Pifer, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Pacific/Hawaii District, for her outstanding efforts in the successful resolution of two False Claims Actions against HUD area management broker contractors.

Clarence Clark (Southern District of Texas), by First Assistant United States Attorney David Schwendiman, District of Utah, for his extraordinary efforts in the successful prosecution of Aaron Lebaron and other members of the Lebaron family for multiple assassination-style murders.

Monte C. Clausen (District of Arizona), by Warden Stephen F. Pontesso, Federal Correctional Institution, and by Regional Counsel Harlan W. Penn, Western Regional Office, Federal Bureau of Prisons, for his excellent efforts and assistance in *Gainey v. Reno*, an employment discrimination case involving the Bureau of Prisons.

Hugh Victor Conrad (Northern District of Alabama), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his work in the successful prosecution of Rance D. Kelly, former president of Bankers Trust of Madison, for bank fraud.

Richard G. Convertino (Eastern District of Michigan), by Executive Officer Robert K. Bratt, Criminal Division, for receiving a Special Commendation Award for his exemplary service to the Criminal Division.

David J. Cortes (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Chairman Harry E. Whitted, New Hanover County Veterans Council, for his vigorous efforts in the successful prosecution of two defendants for vandalizing Wilmington National Cemetery.

James E. Crowe (Eastern District of Missouri), by Harry L. Manion, III, private attorney, Boston, Massachusetts, for his professionalism during the successful prosecution of *U.S. v. Samuel J. Alioto, Richard P. Brannigan, and James F. DeMarco*, a corporate kickback scheme.

Margaret Cvrkel, Budget Analyst (Financial Management Staff, EOUSA), by Chief Andrew M. Schoenbach, Budget Systems Branch, Executive Office of the President, for her outstanding assistance in the preparation of the President's FY 1998 Budget.

David G. Dake (Eastern District of Tennessee), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his outstanding efforts in the investigation and prosecution of several individuals involved in a large-scale gambling business.

Okianer Christian Dark (District of Oregon), by President Constance Chamberlin and Executive Director Shanna L. Smith, National Fair Housing Alliance, Washington, D.C., regarding the 1997 Fair Housing Award she received on June 30, 1997, for her exemplary service in the fight for fair housing.

Angela Davis, SAUSA (Central District of California), by FBI Supervisory Special Agent David C. Chainer, for her outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of attorney Michael David Freeman for multiple counts of bankruptcy fraud.

Donald A. Davis (Western District of Michigan), by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for his exceptional efforts in the criminal investigation and prosecution of Warren Charles Gregory for tax fraud and interstate transportation of stolen property.

Mary Dearborn, Paralegal Specialist (District of South Dakota), by Special Assistant Attorney General David L. Braun, Department of Social Services, Pierre, South Dakota, for her outstanding assistance in the recovery of child support payments.

Mary Dearborn, Paralegal Specialist (District of South Dakota), by United States Attorney Betty H. Richardson, District of Idaho, for her outstanding assistance to the District of Idaho's Financial Litigation Unit in developing and enlarging their document generation system.

Jeffrey J. Del Fuoco (Middle District of Florida), by Irene Walton, Ocala, Florida, for his outstanding efforts and assistance in a kidnapping plot in which Ms. Walton was the intended victim.

Krishna Dighe (Eastern District of Michigan), by Special Agent in Charge Richard L. Hartman, United States Secret Service, for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of Michael Bischoff and Suzanne M. Latour Bischoff for violations of the conspiracy, bank fraud, and wire fraud statutes.

Donna Dobbins (Southern District of Alabama), by FBI Special Agent in Charge Nicholas J. Walsh, for her exceptional efforts in *United States v. Goldin Industries*, a RICO case involving mail fraud and money laundering.

Donna Donohue, Secretary (Eastern District of Pennsylvania), by Assistant Regional Inspector General Melvin R. Gudknecht, Office of Labor Racketeering, Department of Labor, for her outstanding support in *United States v. Louis Parise, et al.*, a RICO trial conviction involving bribery, union theft, pension theft, mail fraud, wire fraud, and conspiracy.

Honorable Edward L. Dowd, Jr. (Eastern District of Missouri), by Chief Postal Inspector Kenneth J. Hunter, United States Postal Service, for his efforts and those of his office for the investigation and prosecution of The Forsythe Group for false statements in connection with the sale of a building to the United States Postal Service.

Suzanne B. Ercole (Eastern District of Pennsylvania), by President Tom Dixon, Dixon Adjusters, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky, for her efforts in the successful prosecution of Leonard Patrick for conspiracy to commit mail fraud and for two counts of perjury.

Karen Gibbs Ernst (Eastern District of Michigan), by Attorney-Advisor Teresa Watmore, Department of the Army, for her outstanding efforts in obtaining a dismissal in *Doster v. West, Jr.*, an employment discrimination case.

Susan Estores, Paralegal (District of Hawaii), by Attorney in Charge Philip Berns, Torts Branch, Civil Division, West Coast Office, for her outstanding support of Department of Justice Torts Branch attorneys during *Frances Howard v. United States of America*, an admiralty case.

J. Eric Evenson, II (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Chief of Police Willie R. Williams, Wildon Police Department, Wilson, North Carolina, for his outstanding efforts in drug investigations which led to the arrest of three of Wilson's most serious drug distributors.

J. Eric Evenson, II (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Judge Malcolm J. Howard, United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, for his extraordinary performance and outstanding final argument/rebuttal in *United States of America v. Dushawn Gardner et al.*, a racketeering case involving four homicides.

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David M. Finn (Northern District of Texas), by Co-Chairperson Daphne Izer, Parents Against Tired Truckers, Lisbon Falls, Maine, for his hard work and substantial contributions to the successful prosecution of executives from the Texas-based Grimes Transportation Co., Inc., for conspiracy to make false statements to the Federal Highway Administration.

Ruth Morris Force (Eastern District of Louisiana), by Colonel Daniel P. Hass, Chief, Tort Claims and Litigation Division, Department of the Air Force, for her outstanding efforts in the defense of *June M. Rigney et al. v. United States et al.*, a medical malpractice case.

Douglas Frazier, Assistant Director (Evaluation and Review Staff, EOUSA), by United States Attorney Jackie N. Williams, District of Kansas, for his counsel and assistance regarding two management concerns during an evaluation.

Mark L. Frazier (Western District of Texas), by DEA Acting Resident Agent in Charge J. W. Hughes, for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of two OCDETF cases, both resulting in convictions of all defendants, and life sentences for the two main defendants.

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