

**THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF THE
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
AND THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 28, 2021

**James M. Carter & Judith N. Keep U.S. Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room**



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FBA National Awards

Joseph S. Leventhal, Elaine R. “Boots” Fisher Award. This national award memorializes “Boots” Fisher’s outstanding and unselfish contributions to improve the quality of life and opportunities for all. Mr. Leventhal is recognized for his contributions to community, charitable, and public service are inspirational and beneficial to many.

Rebecca G. Church, 2021 Chapter Activity, Presidential Excellence Award. This award recognizes superior chapter activities in the areas of administration, membership outreach, and programming.

Meritorious Newsletter Award. This award recognizes the best newsletters published by local FBA chapters, and is based upon overall sustained quality of the publication with emphasis on service to its membership.

FBA-San Diego Chapter Recognition

Outgoing Board Members: The Honorable Barbara L. Major; Past President David Finn; Joseph Orabona; and Jennifer McCullough.

Chapter Award Recipients: Morgan Suder (Distinguished Service) and Hannah E. Brown (Rising Attorney Award)

Lawyer Representatives

The Honorable Jose S. Castillo. Judge Castillo’s service as a Lawyer Representative concluded when he was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego in December of 2020.

Janet G. Gertz. Ms. Gertz served as Co-Chair of the Lawyer Representatives from 2019 to 2021. She will continue as a Lawyer Representative for the 2021-22 term.

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Hon. David H. Bartick Award for Civility & Professionalism

Magistrate Judge David H. Bartick epitomized civility and professionalism in the practice of law. This award recognizes Judge Bartick's legacy and serves as a perpetual reminder to the bar of the importance of professionalism and civility in the practice of law. To be eligible, the recipient must exemplify the model set by Judge Bartick and he or she must have dedicated the majority of their practice to litigating in the Southern District for at least five consecutive years.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California has installed a permanent display in the lobby of the Carter/Keep Courthouse. The display includes a remembrance of the Hon. David H. Bartick, and lists the names of the recipients of the award given in his memory.

2021 Recipient

Alexandra F. Foster

Known to her friends and colleagues as "Sasha," Ms. Foster has dedicated her public and private life to serving others worldwide, and bridging cultural, social and economic divides for the public good. Ms. Foster serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and is universally admired and respected for her interpersonal skills. Her colleagues and defense counsel describe her as unflappable, pleasant, and self-effacing. People are drawn to her because of her positive approach to problem solving and her willingness to tackle difficult situations. Regardless of status or position in a particular case, Ms. Foster treats all with professionalism, respect, civility and grace. She epitomizes the important traits that the Bartick Award represents.