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NAFUSA UPDATE

May 2011

Santa Fe Conference Update

WikiLeaks Panel in Place



NAFUSA's annual conference will take place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on September 29 to October 1, 2011.

On Saturday morning, October 1, Charlie Savage, *The New York Times* Pulitzer-Prize winning correspondent to the Justice Department, will moderate a panel discussion on WikiLeaks. Panelists will include Jane Mayer of *The New Yorker* and author of *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned Into a War on American Ideals* and co-author of *Strange Justice*; Jack Goldsmith, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and former head of the Office of Legal Counsel at the Justice Department and author of *The Terror Presidency: Law and Judgement Inside the Bush Administration*; Gabriel Schoenfeld, a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute and author of *Necessary Secrets: National Security, the Media, and the Rule of Law*; Ken Wainstein, NAFUSA member and the first Assistant Attorney General for National Security; and Ambassador Joe Wilson, best known for his 2002 trip to Niger to investigate allegations that Saddam Hussein was attempting to purchase yellowcake uranium, and who, along with his wife, Valerie Plame, are the subjects of the motion picture "*Fair Game*."

The conference will begin with a Thursday evening cocktail reception on September 29, and conclude with a banquet on Saturday evening, October 1. Make your reservations early by calling [La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa](#) at 505.954.9686 and mentioning NAFUSA. The conference rate is \$249 a night plus \$12 a day resort fee.

Ernst & Young Continues Its Support of NAFUSA

Sponsor of Thursday Cocktail Reception in Santa Fe

We are honored to have the continued support of [Ernst & Young's Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services \(FIDS\)](#) at the NAFUSA annual conference this fall, and we are delighted they have agreed to host a welcome reception on Thursday, September 29, at the historic Palace of the Governors on the Santa Fe Plaza.

The FIDS practice works with some of the world's largest companies and law firms helping them conduct internal investigations, identify corruption and white-collar crime, calculate damages, assess fraud risk and corporate compliance, and provide expert witness testimony. With more than 1,000 professionals around the world, the practice is able to assemble the right multidisciplinary and culturally aligned team to work with its clients and their legal advisors.

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Perkins Coie To Be A 2011 Conference Sponsor

Former US Attorney Bob Miller Managing Partner of Firm's Denver Office



Perkins Coie is the first law firm to sign up as a sponsor of NAFUSA's upcoming national conference in Santa Fe. The firm has over 700 attorneys in 18 offices in the United States and China. NAFUSA member Bob Miller, U.S. Attorney (1981-1988), is not the first U.S. Attorney to be a member of the firm. The firm was founded with a handshake during a walk on a Seattle street between George Donworth, then a U.S. District Judge, and Elmer Todd, U.S. Attorney (1907-1912). Both resigned their federal positions and on May 1, 1912, opened their law practice. As the firm grew, it acquired clients such as the Boeing Company. Perkins Coie is listed on Fortune's Top 100 Companies

to Work For.

The firm gained some national publicity in April when one of its partners, representing President Obama, flew to Hawaii to obtain a copy of the President's birth certificate.

Modrall Sperling Joins Santa Fe Sponsors

Largest Law Firm in New Mexico



Modrall Sperling has offices in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Two former U.S. Attorneys are shareholders in the firm: R. E. Thompson, photo left, (1978-1981) and John J. Kelly, photo right, (1993-2000). R. E. Thompson is President of the firm.



The firm was begun by Judge John Simms, who was admitted to practice in New Mexico in 1915. He served on the New Mexico Supreme Court from 1929 to 1930. In 1935 Judge Simms met James R. (Dick) Modrall as adversaries in the trial of ten persons charged with the murder of a local sheriff during a riot involving the American Communist Party and the National Miners Union.

Dick Modrall was a cowboy turned attorney. Simms, Modrall and Augustus T. (Joe) Seymour formed a partnership in 1937. Justice Seymour served on the Supreme Court from 1953 to 1954. Shortly after World War II, the firm hired two associates, James E. Sperling and Joseph Roehl. From that beginning, the firm has grown to over 75 attorneys.

Matt Mead Elected Governor of Wyoming

Former United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming



Matthew H. Mead was sworn in as the governor of Wyoming on January 3, 2011. Governor Mead served as the United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming from 2001-2007. He was appointed by President George W. Bush. He earned his law degree in 1987 from the University of Wyoming College of Law.

As U.S. Attorney, Mead served on the AG's Anti-Terrorism Task Force, chaired the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program and implemented a program to protect children from exploitation. The Governor also served as an Assistant United States Attorney on the staff of NAFUSA member Richard Stacy (U.S. Attorney 1981-1994),

who attended the Governor's swearing in, along with several former U.S. Attorneys from around the country.

Kent Alexander Named General Counsel of CARE

Former United States Attorney in ND of Georgia



CARE, a leading humanitarian organization, announced on April 1, 2011, that NAFUSA member Kent Alexander would join its organization on April 11 as general counsel. He will manage legal affairs at CARE, which works to combat poverty in 87 countries around the globe.

Alexander served more than 10 years as senior vice president and general counsel of Emory University. He also served more than 10 years in the U.S. Attorney's office in Atlanta, first as an Assistant United States Attorney and then as U.S. Attorney from 1994-1997. He is also a former partner at King & Spaulding in Atlanta. Alexander is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. He is the co-founder of Hands on Atlanta, an extensive volunteer network that has provided over 6.2 million volunteer hours since 1989.

Jeff Taylor Joins Raytheon

Recruited by NAFUSA Vice President Jay Stephens



NAFUSA board member Jeffrey A. Taylor joined Raytheon Company in November 2010 as Vice President and General Counsel of Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems business. He was recruited by Jay Stephens, Raytheon's General Counsel (and NAFUSA's Vice President), to whom he will report directly.

Taylor left his position at Ernst & Young where he served as Managing Partner of E&Y's Fraud Investigation & Dispute Service business. Taylor served as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia from 2006-2009. He also served as Counselor to the Attorney General. In 2006, Taylor was awarded the Edmund J. Randolph Award (the Justice Department's highest honor) for outstanding service. From 1999-2002, Taylor served as Chief Crime Counsel, Majority Staff for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

DLA Piper Adds California Firm Founded By Former US Attorneys

NAFUSA Board Member Charles Stevens Joins National Firm



DLA Piper announced that, effective May 1, a team of 10 lawyers will join the firm's litigation practice in the Sacramento office. The group comes to DLA Piper from the firm of Stevens, O'Connell & Jacobs LLP,



which was founded by former U.S. Attorneys Charles J. Stevens and George L. O'Connell.

Chuck Stevens was President Clinton's appointee as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California and previously served as as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

George O'Connell was President George H.W. Bush's appointee as U.S. Attorney for the ED of California and also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles and Sacramento. He is a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School.

Valukas Testifies Before Senate Banking Subcommittee

Government-Appointed Examiner in Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy



On April 6, 2011, Anton "Tony" R. Valukas, NAFUSA member and chairman of Jenner & Block, appeared before the Senate Banking subcommittee to testify on the role auditors played in the 2008 financial crisis. Valukas was the government-appointed examiner in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and issued his 2,200 page report in March 2010. He had previously testified before the House Financial Services Committee on the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. Valukas served as United

States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois 1985-1989.

Gene S. Anderson Dies

Former United States Attorney, 73

Gene Scott Anderson passed away on March 27, 2011, in Santa Barbara, California, following a lengthy illness. He was U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington (1981-89) during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. He was known for his vigorous and innovative prosecutions of fraud and environmental law cases, and for his leadership in the multi-district prosecution of the Neo-Nazi group known as "The Order."

Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Anderson served in the Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps, in the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia, and as founder and first Chief of the Fraud Division of the King County (Seattle) Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Following his term as U.S. Attorney, he was a partner in the firm of Perkins Coie in Seattle, before retiring to Santa Barbara.

A memorial service is planned for early summer in Seattle.

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