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NAFUSA UPDATE

June 2011

Santa Fe Conference Update

Friday Luncheon at the Governor's Mansion



NAFUSA's annual conference will take place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from September 29 to October 1, 2011. [Click here to view the program for this year's conference.](#) The conference will begin at the historic Palace of the Governors on Santa Fe Plaza (photo left) 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. If you haven't already registered for the conference, [click here for registration form.](#)

Susan Martinez, the Governor of New Mexico, has graciously opened the Governor's Mansion (photo right) for NAFUSA to hold a luncheon on Friday afternoon, September 30, at the close of Friday's continuing legal education (CLE) program.

The Friday morning CLE will be highlighted by a two-hour panel discussion on the issues surrounding the Southwest border. Gustavo Mohar, General Secretary of the Center for Investigation and National Security (CISEN) for the government of Mexico has agreed to join the panel. He is the former Director for International Affairs and was Mexico's Chief Negotiator for Migration Affairs during the Fox-Bush Administrations. Since 2001, Mr. Mohar has been involved in Mexico-U.S. efforts to prevent international terrorism and enhance security at the common border.



He will join previously announced panel participants Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Alan Bersin, U.S. attorneys Dennis Burke and Ken Gonzales, and moderator, Charlie Savage of *The New York Times*.

Tom Corbett Governor of Pennsylvania

Former United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania



Tom Corbett was inaugurated as the 46th Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 18th, 2011. In 1989 he was appointed by President George H. W. Bush to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He served as chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee. Governor Corbett has also served as Pennsylvania's Attorney General.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Corbett served his country as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard 28th Infantry Division from 1971 until 1984, rising from private to captain. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

GreenbergTraurig Continues Its Support of NAFUSA

Five Former United States Attorneys Among Its 1800 Lawyers



Continuing its support of the past several years, GreenbergTraurig (GT) has committed to be a major sponsor of NAFUSA's conference in Santa Fe. The firm has five former U.S. Attorneys among its 1800 lawyers in more than 30 locations worldwide.

Samuel K. Skinner was an early president of NAFUSA (1983-84). Skinner served as United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois, appointed by President Gerald R. Ford in 1975. He also served as the Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush and as Secretary of Transportation in the Bush Administration. Skinner is of counsel to the firm in its Chicago office. He is a graduate of DePaul University College of Law.

NAFUSA board member Joe D. Whitley served twice as U.S. Attorney, appointed by President Ronald Reagan for the Middle District of Georgia (1981-86) and President George H.W. Bush for the Northern District of Georgia (1990-1993). He also served as the Acting Associate Attorney General under President George H.W. Bush. In April 2011, when Cuban exile Orlando Bosch passed away, many news reports mentioned that Whitley, in 1989, when he was the Acting Associate AG, denied Bosch asylum in our country. Although Whitley's denial was subsequently overturned by George H.W. Bush, Whitley's admonition is worth noting: "The United States cannot grant shelter to someone who will, from that shelter, advocate the visitation of injury and death upon the property or person of innocent civilians." Whitley was also appointed in 2003 by President George W. Bush to be the first General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security. He currently serves as the chair of the firm's Atlanta White Collar Practice Group and he is a shareholder in both the Atlanta and Washington offices. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. [Click here](#) to read a recent profile of Whitley in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.



Former NAFUSA board member James G. Richmond served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana (1985-1991), and was a special agent for the FBI and for the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS. He served as the First Special Counsel for Financial Institution Fraud to then-Deputy Attorney General William P. Barr. Richmond also chaired the Attorney General's Advisory Committee for two terms. He is currently a shareholder in the Chicago office of the firm. He is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law.

NAFUSA member Troy A. Eid served as the United States Attorney for the District of Colorado (2006-2009). A nationally known expert in American Indian law, he was a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee for Native American Issues and was a speaker at NAFUSA's annual conference in Seattle. He is currently an Adjunct Professor in the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Law School. He is a shareholder in the firm's Denver office. Eid is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School.



A. John Pappalardo served as the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts (1992-93). Pappalardo is the Co-Managing Shareholder of GreenbergTraurig and Co-Chair of the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense Practice Group. He is in the Boston office. Pappalardo is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School, where he currently is an Adjunct Professor, Advanced Topics in Criminal Law.

NAFUSA Annual Conference Offers Opportunity for Class Reunion

U.S. Attorneys from the George W. Bush and William J. Clinton Administrations Meet in New York



If you haven't attended a NAFUSA annual conference, you may be missing an opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of your class.

At last fall's conference in New York, former Attorney General Aschcroft flew into New York to meet with NAFUSA members who had been appointed by President Bush. The group (photo left) met for dinner on Friday evening, the traditional open evening of the conference.

President Clinton appointees held a similar Friday evening reunion in New York. At the Saturday evening banquet, the group posed (photo right) with Attorney General Holder.

The Friday night dinner reunions have become a tradition for these two classes of United States Attorneys.



Main Justice to Cover Santa Fe Events

To Repeat Gavel-to-Gavel Coverage

Main Justice, [click here to access the site](#), which covers insider news about the U.S. Department of Justice, including the 94 U.S. Attorney offices around the country, will join us at our Santa Fe conference this fall. If you missed their coverage of the New York conference, [click on this link](#) for access to the entire coverage.

NAFUSA Board Meets in New Orleans

Spring Meeting



The photo to the left shows Jim Letten, Harry and Kimberly Rosenberg, and board members, Terry Flynn and John McKay.

The photo to the right shows the board meeting for its formal session on Saturday morning. Board members and officers are responsible for their own travel, hotel and meal expenses.

The NAFUSA board of directors meets twice annually, once in the spring and once in the fall at the annual conference. This spring, the board met in New Orleans on April 29-30. On Friday evening, the board met for dinner at Emeril's and were joined by the current United States Attorney in New Orleans, Jim Letten and his wife JoAnn, and by NAFUSA member Harry



Dues Update

Dues Invoices Mailed in January

Although dues invoices were mailed in January, 74 members have not yet paid their 2011 dues. These funds are essential for planning the Santa Fe conference and meeting operating expenses. If you haven't paid your annual dues, please mail your check, payable to NAFUSA, to Ron Woods at the address listed below. The different membership types are: annual membership (\$150); lifetime membership (\$1500); senior status-over 70 (\$50). Membership is free for any new member in the first year immediately following his or her departure from office.

Five NAFUSA members upgraded their memberships to lifetime status in 2011. They are: Board member Jim Brady, President-Elect Rick Deane, Chuck Rosenberg, Immediate Past President Rich Rossman and Matt Whitaker.

SNR Denton Joins List of Santa Fe Conference Sponsors

NAFUSA Treasurer Matt Orwig Managing Partner of Dallas Office



The recent merger of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP and Denton Wilde Sapate LLP into SNR Denton created one of the 25 largest legal services providers in the world, with lawyers and professionals in 60 locations and 43 countries. SNR Denton has been added to our list of sponsors for our 2011 annual conference in Santa Fe.

NAFUSA Treasurer Matt Orwig serves as managing partner of the Dallas office and is member of the Litigation and Disputes Department leadership. He served three presidents and five attorneys general in the Department of Justice. He was appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S.

Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas from 2001 to 2007. He has served as an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and Texas Wesleyan Law School. He is a graduate of the School of Law, Texas Tech University.

Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., Joins Santa Fe Sponsors

Firm Honors Its Partner and NAFUSA President Bill Lutz



Las Cruces, New Mexico, law firm Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C. has joined the list of NAFUSA conference sponsors for Santa Fe in honor of their partner and NAFUSA President Bill Lutz. Lutz served as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico from 1982-91. While U.S. Attorney, he opened the Las Cruces office near the Mexican border, which now handles over half the criminal cases in the district. He also served as the U.S. Attorney representative on the southwest border drug effort: Operation Alliance.

Since leaving office, Lutz has practiced in Las Cruces. His firm represents the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico State University Foundation, a number of banks, as well as a variety of small businesses and individuals throughout southern New Mexico. He is also active in community affairs, serving as president of the Aggie Athletic Association and president of the Las Cruces Sister Cities Foundation. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Denise O'Donnell Confirmed by Senate

Bureau of Justice Assistance Director at the U.S. Department of Justice

On May 26, 2011, the United States Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment by President Barack Obama of NAFUSA member and former NAFUSA board member Denise O'Donnell to lead the Justice Department Bureau of Justice Assistance.



In 1997 O'Donnell was appointed by President William J. Clinton to serve as United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, a position she held until 2001. She had previously served in the office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

She most recently served as New York State Commissioner of Criminal Justice Services and Assistant Secretary to the Governor for Criminal Justice. She is married to John O'Donnell, a New York State Supreme Court Justice. She is a graduate of the University of Buffalo Law School.

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