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## INVITATION TO JOIN THE COURT'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan invites you to become a member. The Society was founded in 2002 with the support of the Western Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Here is a brief description of the Society's mission, projects, and publications.

### **Mission**

The Society was created to research, collect, and preserve the history of the bench and bar of the federal court in Western Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. It also shares this information with the public in order to provide a better understanding of the region, the court, and the rule of law.

### **Oral History Project**

To capture tomorrow's history today, the Society is conducting video interviews of current and retired judges about their experiences on the Court. In a parallel program, the Society is also interviewing Court staff and attorneys who have been active in federal court.

### **Publications**

The Stereoscope is the Society's official journal. This publication records the proceedings of the Society and features in-depth articles about the Court's colorful past. Copies are available on the website: [www.federalcourthistoricalwdmi.org](http://www.federalcourthistoricalwdmi.org). Persons interested in submitting articles should contact editor Patrick Mears at (616) 742-3936 or [pmears@btlaw.com](mailto:pmears@btlaw.com). The Society has also produced a 30-minute DVD, entitled "Equal and Exact Justice for All," describing the history of the Court.

### **Archives**

The Society maintains a computerized, archival Register for its oral history project and for its collections of judges' papers, photographs, documents, and other memorabilia involving the Court and its people. Audio and visual recordings obtained by the Society are transferred to a

digital format for preservation. The Society also keeps an index of other institutions where information may be obtained about the federal court in Western Michigan. Inquiries concerning the Archives may be directed to Mary Andrews at (616) 456-2068.

More information on the Society can be found at its website. If you are interested in becoming a member and enjoying the Society's resources, please complete the attached application and send it along with your check to the Society's Treasurer, James Brady. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David J. Gass". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David J. Gass

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