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Law School Hosts State of the District Address

FORT WORTH, Texas – Chief Judge Sidney Fitzwater, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, gave his state of the district address at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law’s Bernie Schuchmann Conference Center, Wednesday, April 23.

About 25 local attorneys and members of the judiciary attended the lunchtime presentation, which was one of Judge Fitzwater’s first public speeches since his appointment as Chief Judge.

Judge Fitzwater led an informative discussion in which he outlined the history of the Chief Judge position and explained the duties involved in his daily and long-term work. He also spoke with attendees about recent proposals to court procedures that his court is working on. If approved, the amendments would clarify issues dealing with filing of documents, courtroom procedure, and other frequently misunderstood regulations.

Interim Dean Cynthia Fountaine said Judge Fitzwater’s address was a great opportunity for attorneys and members of the judiciary to learn about what happens in the federal courts.

“Judge Fitzwater’s discussion was informative and provided a lot of useful information about the operation of the courts within the Northern District of Texas,” Dean Fountaine said. “It was an honor to host Judge Fitzwater for his state of the district address.”

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