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Atlee W. Wampler III Takes Office as NAFUSA's 26th President

On October 7, 2006 at the 2007 NAFUSA Conference Banquet and General Membership Meeting, James S. Brady, our 2005-06 President passed the gavel to Atlee Wampler.

Wampler Biographical Information

Born: Baltimore, Maryland, March 27, 1942.

Admitted to Bar: 1967 Maryland; 1980 Florida and US Supreme Court; 1981 US Court of Appeals, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits; US District Courts, Southern District of Florida; Middle District of Florida and Northern District of Florida.

Education: Lehigh University (B.A. 1964); University of Maryland (LL.B. 1967).

Positions: Special Attorney, US Department of Justice, Organized Crime Strike Forces Washington DC, Detroit, and Tampa, 1970-1975; Attorney-in-Charge, US Department of Justice, Miami Organized Crime Strike Force, 1975-1980; US Attorney Southern District of Florida, 1980-1982. Currently with the law firm of Wampler Buchanan Walker Chabrow Banciella & Stanley in Miami Florida. Areas of practice included Complex Civil Litigation, RICO, Qui Tam Litigation, White Collar Crime Litigation, Health Law and Environmental Law.

Community Activities: Director, The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment; Director, Florida Grand Opera; Member, Two Hundred Club of Greater Miami; three times President, Church Council, Christ the King Lutheran Church and is a choir soloist and the Good News Band Leader.

Atlee and his wife Susan have been married for 34 years and have four grown children, son Atlee Wampler IV, three daughters, Brittainy W. Tomichek, Marian W. Glynn, Janet W. Riley and a granddaughter Payton Tomichek.

Pictured below are Susan and Atlee Wampler with Doug Jones aboard the Chicago Waterways lunch cruise on October 7, 2006.

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Chicago Conference Report



Golf Tournament Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Golf Tournament was organized by Dick Eagleton and Rick Hess and played at the Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. The tournament scores were pretty darn good for a bunch of near middle aged folks. The three low gross players were: Rick Hess 87; Jim Cissell 90; and Ron Ederer 92. The five players with low net using the "Peoria Handicap System" were : Don Stern 73; Jack Selden 76; Atlee Wampler 78; Larry McWhorter 87; and Marivern Easton 87. Also playing were: Dick and Joyce Eagleton; Steve Easton; Bill Lutz and Mike Patterson. Their scores are not of record.

Pictured from left to right, Don Stern, Mike Patterson, Larry McWhorter, Ron Ederer, Atlee Wampler and Bill Lutz.

Chicago Recap

I've been with this group many many years and I'm convinced we've never experienced a better conference. We've stayed at some wonderful hotels over the years but none better than the Chicago Conrad. The food, service and overall accommodations were superb and everyone kept telling me so. Besides all that it was attached to a Nordstrom's and a wonderful shopping mall. Joes Crab House restaurant was as good as it gets. I think most of us made at least one stop in there for a crack at all their goodies.

My favorite highlight of the conference was the boat excursion around the canals and waterways of the great city of Chicago. An amazing, educational and beautiful experience with great weather accompanying us. The pizza was pretty good too!

What an opening for our CLE program. We were honored by a welcoming and informative speech by his Honor, the Mayor of Chicago. Not an ordinary Mayor by any means. **Richard M. Daley** is as sharp as they come and certainly proved that to NAFUSA. A real treat.

Our CLE program was superb. I know I say this every year, but it just seems to get better and better as do the credentials of our programs have earned nationwide. Not slighting our other speakers which I'll get to shortly, when a legal education program can boast having three sitting and highly respected legal professors we've basically met our professional goals. **Professor Leon Friedman**, Hofstra Law School; **Professor Stephen Easton**, University of Missouri, Columbia School of Law and now

Douglas Richmond from Northwestern University School of Law, who with our other two friends will be with us next year in Miami. Certainly enough to satisfy most bar committees. But then, from out of our amazing profession came the thundering hoof beats of the rest of our program. In order of their appearance.

Pictured below from left to right: Executive Director Mahlon Brown, Stephanie Foreman, Deborah Daniels, 2006 Conference Presiding President Jim Brady, Mary Hess and the Honorable Fred Foreman at the Thursday evening cocktail reception.



More Chicago Recap

Michael Battle, Director, Executive Office of US Attorneys and **Johnny Sutton**, Chairman of the Attorney Generals Advisory Committee reported on Federal Prosecutorial Priorities and the State of US Attorney's Offices Across the Land. **James Brosnahan** had to cancel at the last minute for professional reasons. Something about a HTP possible indictment. Great lawyers have those kinds of clients.

Let me jump back for a moment to the presentation of the three law professors I mentioned earlier. Our new friend **Douglas R. Richmond**, Professor of Ethics at Northwestern Law School shared his many experiences and forecasts on just what the title of his speech suggested " Jerks, Liars and Conflicts". A true delight and he will return next year.

Our life saver, Professor **Stephen E. Easton** of the University of Missouri, Columbia School of Law. When we were notified just a day prior to the conference opening that James Brosnahan could not join us, Steve stood up and said "How about two hours on world famous Harvard Law Professor Irving Younger." A wonderful power point presentation followed on this stallion of the legal profession. Brother Easton is our own work horse.

Professor **Leon Friedman**, Hofstra Law School, wowed us as usual with insight, understanding and projections of what the US Supreme Court has been up to, what it's up to and where it's going. He already has this new court figured out. The humor he brings to his subject matter makes each years presentation fun and worthwhile.

John H. Durham, this years recipient of the J. Michael Bradford Award. He was first runner up last year to Craig S. Morford and this year we clearly saw why it was such a difficult decision. FBI corruption in Massachusetts felt this fellow's wrath. If we all could have had someone like John Durham, and some of us did, the bad guys would be in shorter supply.

Charles W. Larson Sr. the US Attorney from the Northern District of Iowa, but a lot more than that. Wouldn't hurt to put a few more medals on this chap for all the service he's given to this country. A lifetime of service. Speaking of a lifetime of service, there's this guy named **David Margolis**, Associate Attorney General, who's spent a life time in the castle called the Justice Department. If you didn't come across him before this conference you don't know what you missed out on. One of the true warriors of justice in this country and he has a sense of humor

to boot. An awesome weapon if you know how to use it and he does.

When you think you've just about experienced it all, in walks **Patrick J. Fitzgerald**, US Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. A man with an awful lot on his plate. A plate an entire nation is aware of. Another hero of Justice and what we at NAFUSA are all about. If he doesn't make you proud, nothing will.

Does anyone believe there can actually be a coup de grace to all that proceeded. There certainly was and it came in the person of former US Congressman **Bob Barr** from Georgia. It's funny how you often prematurely and erroneously make your mind up about certain people. I plead guilty when it comes to the Congressman. What an absolute delightful and enlightening man he was. He could have gone on all night as far as I'm concerned. Those shades of politics come in a lot of colors, it's the insight that clears them up. I think NAFUSA will be seeing more of Mr. Bob Barr.

Below, Joyce and Dick Eagleton and part of the NAFUSA bunch enjoying the beautiful weather and sights on the Chicago waterways cruise.



A Little of This - A Little of That

Your Board of Directors at their October meeting in Chicago, established two new ad-hoc committees whose Chairman will serve three years and be ex-officio board members. The History Committee Chairman is Bill Robertson. If you have any early NAFUSA photographs, documents, conference programs, etc., please contact Bill at wrobertson@rbclaw.com. The Membership Committee will be headed by Jack Selden. He would appreciate any and all assistance in expanding and growing our organization. You can contact Jack at jselden@bradleyarant.com.

2007 Membership Dues Notice are in the mail. A friendly reminder that dues not received by January 31, 2007 will inactivate members from the online directory and mailing list. As noted on the statements, Senior Status is reserved for members who are over 70 and retired.

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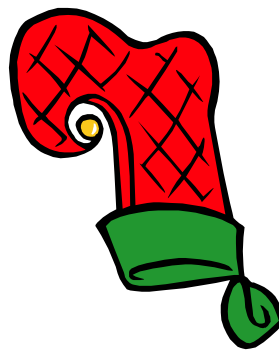
My wife Susan and I are anxious to be your hosts in our magical, magnificent Miami.

*Best Regard,
Atlee Wampler*

P.S. The La Gorse Golf Course on Miami Beach is the location of our golf tournament.

The poolside oasis at The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach features the only infinity views of the Atlantic Ocean from any South Beach hotel.





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