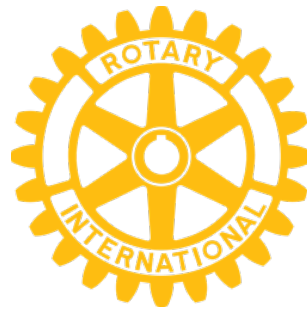


Rotary

Club of Shades Valley



Club Meeting

Shades Valley
Meets at Birmingham Botanical Gardens
2612 Lane Park Rd
Mountain Brk, AL 35223-1802
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

April 24th
[The Honorable Elisabeth French](#)

Jefferson County Presiding Judge Elisabeth French

By Jon E. Lewis



Judge French is the Presiding Judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama. Judge French was born December 2, 1972, in New Orleans, Louisiana. She has resided in Birmingham, Alabama since 1994. Judge French entered the private practice of law in 1997 and represented clients in the areas of education law and general civil litigation. In 1999, Judge French began litigating complex civil cases. Judge French managed cases ranging from medical malpractice actions to mass tort litigation including diet drug litigation, hormone therapy cases, Vioxx, Celebrex, and Bextra. Judge French continued to handle civil matters in her private practice. As an attorney, she tried multiple civil jury trials.

In November of 2010, she was elected as a Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge. She was re-elected in 2016 and is running unopposed in 2024. Judge French received the Judicial Award of Merit in 2019 from the Alabama State Bar Association. The Judicial Award of Merit is given to the Judge who has contributed significantly to the administration of justice in Alabama. She is a member of the Court of the Judiciary which handles disciplinary matters regarding other judges. She was appointed to that position by the Alabama Circuit Judges Association.

She was elected by the Jefferson County Circuit Judges in February of 2020 as Presiding Judge. She was re-elected to that position by her colleagues in January of 2022. As Presiding Judge, she is responsible for assigning judges to established divisions, executing administrative duties of the courts and having supervisory authority over court officials including Judges, Bailiffs, Court Reporters, Clerks, Sheriffs, Court Administrators, Law Librarians and other personnel to ensure that the courts function properly.

Judge French has disposed of thousands of cases during her tenure on the bench. Her responsibilities include presiding over jury trials, bench trials, all hearings, motion dockets, status conferences and appeals from the Personnel Board, probate court and district court. Judge French presides over a wide variety of civil cases including, but not limited to, workers' compensation, personal injury, products liability, wrongful death, commercial disputes, breach of

contract cases, property disputes, employment disputes, collection cases, ejectments, foreclosures, forfeitures from criminal matters and tax appeals.

Judge French attended the University of Montevallo on an athletic scholarship (volleyball) and received her bachelor's degree with a double major in Political Science and Spanish in 1993. She earned her juris doctorate from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1997.

Judge French is a member of the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Association, Magic City Bar Association, and Alabama Lawyers Association (ALA). She served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the ALA. She served as Chair of the ALA Judicial Council. Judge French is a member of the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges where she serves on the Education Committee. Judge French served on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the Alabama Supreme Court. She serves on the Technology Commission for the Alabama Supreme Court. She is on the Executive Board for the Birmingham Bar Women's Section. She hosts and volunteers for multiple legal clinics throughout Jefferson County. She hosts mock trials for elementary, middle and high school students of Jefferson County. Judge French is a graduate of the National Judicial College.

She is a member of the UAB Minority Health Advisory Board. Judge French is a graduate of Leadership Birmingham. She served on the University of Montevallo's Foundation Board. She served on the Children's Dance Foundation Board. Judge French has served as a volunteer for the Birmingham City Schools after school program.

Judge French, her husband Attorney G. Courtney French and their three children are active members of Living Stones Church.

WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Number of Cases as of April 12, 2023

Total Number of Cases in 2023: 1

Total Number of Cases in 2022: 30

Total Number of Cases in 2021: 6

Total Number of Cases in 2020:140

Total Number of cases in 2019:163

Total number of cases in 2018: 33

Total number of cases in 2017: 21

Total number of cases in 2016: 37

Total number of cases in 2015: 74

Total number of cases in 2014: 359

Total number of cases in 2013: 404

Total number of cases in 2012: 222(includes 5 in non-endemic countries)

Total Number of Cases in 2011: 650

Polio Country Headlines –As of April 12, 2023

Afghanistan

Total for 2023: 0



Total for 2022 is: 2
Total for 2021 is: 5
Total for 2020 is: 56
Total for 2019 is 29
Total for 2018 is 21
Total for 2017 is 13
Total for 2016 is 13
total for 2015 is 20
total for 2014 is 28
total for 2013 is 14
total for 2012 is: 37

Pakistan

Total for 2023: 1
Total for 2022 is: 20
Total for 2021 is: 1
Total for 2020 is: 84
Total for 2019 is 146
Total for 2018 is 12
Total for 2017 is 8
Total for 2016 is 20
total for 2015 is 54
total for 2014 is 306
total for 2013 is 93
total for 2012 is: 59

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0
Total for 2022 is: 8

Zoom Details

Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84330344512>

Meeting ID: 843 3034 4512

Passcode: Yellowbowl

Via phone:



+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 843 3034 4512
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