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JUDGE DAVE AND THE BOBBLEHEAD

We have word that one of our favorite authors (*see, e.g., Judge Dave and the Rainbow People* (Green Bag Press 2002)) has been quite appropriately honored with his own bobblehead. Judge David B. Sentelle (Mecklenburg County District Court, 1974-1977; U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 1985-1987; U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1987-present) became a bobblehead just recently. Here is the story behind it, as told to us by former Sentelle law clerk and current Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher associate Amanda Neely:

Andrew Pinson, Phil Rubin, and I gave the bobblehead to then-Chief Judge Sentelle when we completed our clerkships in the summer of 2012. We thought he would get a kick out of it because he enjoys the Green Bag bobbleheads so much.

Bobblehead Judge Sentelle is wearing his trademark cowboy hat and boots, of course (lest anyone doubt, yes, he does wear the boots to court sittings). He's holding a cigar because each afternoon, Judge Sentelle takes a cigar break, to which he invites his clerks. We would sometimes use that time to discuss tricky or interesting cases, but, more frequently, we would talk about sports, current events, books, and country music. He's holding a Federal Reporter – 1 F.3d, which contains *Sweet Home Chapter of Communities for a Greater Oregon v. Babbitt*, 1 F.3d 1 (D.C. Cir. 1994) (Sentelle, J., dissenting). The bobblehead is standing

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on what can only be described as a post-modern rendering of the state of North Carolina in Carolina blue. Judge Sentelle attended UNC for undergrad and law school, and he remains a loyal alumnus and big basketball fan. Because we gave the bobblehead to him during his last full year as Chief, the base reflects that title.