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Chapter Community Outreach Grant Recipients

Central District of Illinois

Naturalization Ceremony

To celebrate Constitution Week, Citizenship Day, and National Voter Registration Day in September, the Central District of Illinois Chapter, in conjunction with the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, will host a Naturalization Ceremony at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois to welcome hundreds of new U.S. citizens. The Chapter will invite students from Peoria's public schools to attend. The students will meet the federal judges and learn about the importance of the Constitution. Judges, FBA Chapter members, community leaders, the new citizens' family members, and the local news media will attend the ceremony.

South Carolina Chapter

BRIDGE Mentorship Program

The South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association created the Mentorship Program to support the relatively new federal drug court in Charleston, SC known as the BRIDGE Program. The BRIDGE Program seeks to provide a rehabilitative program for individuals whose illegal substance dependency has led to federal criminal charges. The BRIDGE Program has now expanded to Columbia, Florence, and Greenville. FBA members and the federal judiciary will benefit from the grant as resources and personal involvement are critical to sustain the continued growth of this Program, which facilitates the administration of justice while addressing the need for legal services.

Diversity Grant Recipients

Minnesota Chapter

Twin Cities Asian Pacific American Community Outreach and Diversity Programming on Economic Espionage and National Security: Bias in the Criminal Justice System?

The chapter will host a community-based program on the topic of bias in the criminal justice system as it relates to the ever-emerging issue of economic espionage and national security. The target audience for our program will be our Twin Cities population of A.P.A.s and Asian immigrants working in the S.T.E.M. industries as well as local attorneys interested in both the topic and service to those communities.