



Atlanta Chapter: Magistrate Judge Alan Baverman (NDGA), volunteer attorneys, and students from the “You Be the Judge” class at D.M. Therrell High School. Additional photos can be found on the Atlanta Chapter’s website at <http://www.fedbar.org/Chapters/Atlanta-Chapter/Recent-Events.aspx>.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Chattanooga Chapter *Civics Outreach Activities*

The Chattanooga Chapter’s study, community engagement, and planning discussions culminated in the development of a “Federal Court Ambassador” program with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In working closely with its political science department head, Dr. Michelle Deardorff, our chapter set up a fellowship. Through a competitive process, our chapter selected one college senior, Zeke Starr, to spend the next year as a paid, credit-earning advocate to connect the public to the federal judiciary. He will be working with our schools, teachers, community institutions, and on a social media platform to better educate the public as to the good work performed by our federal court system. He is currently in a training stage and will be hitting the ground soon.

The Chattanooga Chapter is also excited to report about an upcoming event. Our chapter has partnered with the Eastern District of Tennessee and the American Board of Trial Attorneys (ABOTA) to sponsor a full-day Teachers Law School on Sept. 19 at our

federal court. The project was spearheaded by Senior United States District Judge Curtis Collier. ABOTA has created and designed similar schools across the country and we were fortunate to have them agree to partner with us here. We opened registration in the spring and had 70 teacher applicants for 30 positions. We are super excited to be taking very assertive steps in Chattanooga to carry out the civics initiative! ☺

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Minnesota Chapter *Film Screening and Panel Discussion of ‘Untouchable’*

On Aug. 22, the Minnesota Chapter sponsored a screening and panel discussion of the film “Untouchable.” The film takes viewers into the lives of those branded sex offenders and those who have suffered sexual abuse. The film tells the story of Lauren Book, who was sexually abused by her nanny for years. Lauren’s abuse was so severe that she may not be able to carry a child full term. Lauren’s sexual abuse drove her father, one of the most powerful lobbyists in Flori-

da, to successfully advocate for the harshest sex offender laws in the country. Lauren’s traumatic experience is then juxtaposed with the lives of sex offenders like Shawna Clouatre. Shawna, a loving mother of two, became a sex offender for life at 19 when she had sex with a 17-year-old. Viewers saw Shawna’s yearning to show her daughter life outside of Oklahoma, and her inability to do so because of thousands of dollars in parole and treatment class fees, and weekly parole check-ins. The film showed Shawna’s fear of a Florida bill passing that takes away the parental rights of any sex offender—a bill that Lauren’s father is lobbying for.

After the film, U.S. District Court Chief Judge John R. Tunheim led a discussion panel with Patty Wetterling, a staunch advocate for child victims whose son Jacob was abducted in 1989, and Professor Eric Janus, a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law who studies the boundaries of the state’s ability to protect public safety through the civil commitment of individuals. Wetterling discussed how the classification of “sex offender” has become too broad and should not include people like Shawna. She went



Broward County Chapter: U.S. District Court Judge Beth Bloom (left) administers the oath of office to the Broward Chapter's 2017-18 officers (from left to right, Anne Reilly, national delegate; Jennifer Bullock, immediate past president; Phil Rothschild, president-elect; Brian Koch, Vice President; and Gavin Gaukroger, secretary).

on to emphasize how the current laws would not have prevented her son's kidnapping and sexual abuse. Wetterling discussed how "people forget the goal of preventing further sexual violence" and create punitive laws instead. She further articulated how these punitive laws have the damaging effect of increasing recidivism rates because "points of intervention are taken away." Professor Janus then explained that, when a sex offender reenters society, s/he needs social support in the form of treatment, a job, and a place to live. Instead, current registration requirements and residency restrictions take those sources of support away. For example, residency restrictions force registered sex offenders out of most cities where they live with their families, have jobs, and seek treatment. Professor Janus concluded the panel with the challenge to change our laws in a way that "respects the pain and damage that sex offenders have done, but also understands the humanity of offenders, and encourages us to think about prevention as a way of respecting that pain." ☉

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Broward County Chapter Installation Luncheon

The Broward County Chapter welcomed its 2017-18 officers with an Installation Luncheon. U.S. District Court Judge Beth Bloom of the Southern District of Florida administered the oath of office to new officers Anne Reilly, national delegate; Jennifer Bullock, immediate past president; Phil Rothschild, president-elect; Brian Koch, vice president; and Gavin Gaukroger, secretary. ☉

Atlanta Chapter

'You Be the Judge' Civics Program Held

On Aug. 29, 2017, the Atlanta Chapter held a civics program at Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School in the Atlanta Public School System. The school offers a law-track diploma for students interested in the legal profession. Volunteer attorneys met with a group of 25 students who had already taken a prerequisite "Introduction to Law" class, the majority of whom were sophomores and juniors.

As part of the civics program, students participated in a "You Be the Judge" sentencing exercise. Students were split into three teams: judicial, prosecution, and defense. Attorney volunteers assisted the prosecution and defense teams in coming up with their arguments in their own words.

Attorney volunteers included: Porsche Austin (BakerHostetler, LLP); Nekia Hackworth, Assistant U.S. attorney; NDGA Natasha Silas, Federal Public Defenders Program; Ian Byrnside, First Amendment litigator (Baker Hostetler, LLP); and Jarvarus Gresham, 3L Georgia State University School of Law. Magistrate Judge Alan Baverman served as the presiding judge. Judge Baverman discussed with the judicial team neutrality considerations and what should and should not affect the sentencing outcome. A member of the judicial team delivered the sentence from the "bench" in the school's mock trial court room.

The program was an amazing success and students are still buzzing about it. ☉

D.C. CIRCUIT

District of Columbia Chapter

Hon. Royce C. Lamberth Receives Honorary FBA Membership

Hon. Royce C. Lamberth, former chief judge and now senior U.S. district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, was awarded honorary FBA membership and honorary membership on the board of directors of the FBA District of Columbia Chapter. ☉



District of Columbia Chapter: Hon. Royce C. Lamberth, former chief judge and now senior judge, U.S. district Judge for the District of Columbia, accepts honorary FBA membership, and honorary membership on the Board of Directors of the FBA District of Columbia Chapter. Pictured with Judge Lamberth (left to right) are D.C. Chapter board member Prakash Khatri; Co-Vice President for the D.C. Circuit Steven R. Miller; Incoming D.C. Chapter President Brian C. Murphy; Immediate Past Chapter President Frances Sclafani, Past Chapter President and host Cary Devorsetz, and Adam Pearlman, law clerk to Judge Lamberth.