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THIRD CIRCUIT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

On March 26, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter held a well-attended cocktail and dinner reception at the Downtown Club in Philadelphia for the three new district court judges, Judges Mitchell Goldberg, Darnell Jones, and Joel Slomsky as well as the new magistrate judge, Judge Lynne Sitariski. David Wolfsohn, the chapter's president-elect, introduced Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III, who presented the new judges. Each judge received an official FBA polo shirt. More than 20 judges and 40 attorneys attended the event, at which Robert DeSousa represented the FBA Board of Directors.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Tampa Bay

The Tampa Bay Chapter hosted a reception honoring the chief justice of Canada, Beverley McLachlin, the first woman to hold that position. Justice McLachlin previously served on the County Court of Vancouver, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and the Court of Appeal of British Columbia. The reception for Justice McLachlin was held at the University Club in Tampa on Feb. 24 and was attended by more than 70 members and guests.

NINTH CIRCUIT

William D. Browning Tucson

The William D. Browning Tucson Chapter is sponsoring a continuing legal education "Nuts & Bolts" series of hands-on courtroom advocacy seminars for prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys. With the marked increase in drug and immigration prosecution prosecutions in the Tucson Division of the Arizona District, the court and members of the federal bar recognized the need to help lawyers of varying levels of experience develop and sharpen their skills in several practical areas of federal criminal practice. The William D. Browning Tucson Chapter supports these seminars, whose goal is to improve the delivery of legal services in criminal cases by enhancing advocates' skills.

The seminars, provided free of charge, are conducted on the fourth Monday of each month; to encourage maximum interaction, they are limited to 25 participants. To date, presentations have covered detention hearings, motions to suppress evidence, and motions to suppress statements.

Each Nuts & Bolts seminar begins



Tampa Bay Chapter: At the reception in honor of the chief justice of Canada, Beverley McLachlin—(l to r) Ann Hensler, chapter board member and pro bono chair; Justice McLachlin; and Anne-Leigh Moe, chapter board member and special events chair.



Chicago Chapter: At the January roundtable of the magistrate judges of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois—(left photo, l to r) Paul E. Freehling, chapter president; Hon. Nan R. Nolan; Hon. Sidney I. Schenkier; Hon. Maria G. Valdez; Hon. Michael T. Mason; and Mary Curry, moderator and chapter board member. At the February program focusing on representing clients before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when filing and defending charges (right photo, l to r) Paul E. Freehling, chapter president, and the panelists: Richard Mrizek, EEOC trial attorney; Andrew Daley, EEOC lead systemic investigator; and Mary Manzo, EEOC chief moderator.



William D. Browning Tucson Chapter: At the Nuts & Bolts series—(left photo, l to r) Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Marshall looks on while Magistrate Judge Charles Pyle instructs attendees; (right photo) podium: Assistant U.S. Attorney Rui Wang; front row, r to l: Magistrate Judge Charles Pyle, Magistrate Judge Jennifer Guerin, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Miskell; back row: Scott McNamara, CJA panel attorney, Sandy Hansen and Josh Mellor, assistant U.S. attorneys.

with a 45-minute to one-hour lecture on the legal framework for that month's topic. The lecture focuses on conveying a practical outline for each topic and is accompanied by dense and practical materials designed to be useful to the practitioners in their own cases.

After the lecture, participants are divided into six groups to discuss hypothetical problems. Each group, which consists of four to five participants—both prosecutors and defense attorneys—analyzes the problem from both the government's perspective and that of the defense. At the end of the small-group sessions, randomly selected participants engage in a practical exercise in which they argue a motion on the topic discussed to a sitting district or

magistrate judge in one of two adjacent courtrooms. The participants are then critiqued by the judge presiding over the argument and by experienced practitioners. Each seminar concludes with a panel discussion at which judges, experienced practitioners, and other experts provide guidance. (For example, a supervisory pretrial services officer was on-hand at the first session to discuss the pretrial services report process and alternatives to detention.)

The Nuts & Bolts series has been very well received by the participants, and future sessions on sentencing advocacy are currently planned. This program has also received substantial support from the district court: the court provides the district courthouse fa-

cilities for the seminars, its judges and other court personnel participate, and the court's Non-Appropriated Funds Committee covers the cost of producing written materials for the sessions. Members of the chapter's Executive Committee—Geoffrey T. Cheshire, assistant federal public defender, Albert Kleiner, assistant U.S. attorney, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles R. Pyle—are the organizers of this series. **TFL**

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