

**NINTH CIRCUIT**

**Hawaii**

On Dec. 11, 2009, the Hawaii Chapter hosted its inaugural CLE conference at the Royal Hawaiian Resort in Honolulu and welcomed more than 100 attendees. Speakers included Lawrence Baca, president of the FBA; Rob Kohn, chair of the Federal Litigation Section; Hon. Gerald Bard Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; Claudia Bernard, chief mediator for the Ninth Circuit; Ray Dowd, vice president for the Second Circuit; Simeon Baum, chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; Linda Krieger, professor of law at the William S. Richardson School of Law; Kathleen Sullivan, professor of law at Stanford Law School; and Hon. William A. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

**Atlanta**

On Sept. 17, 2009, the Atlanta Chapter hosted its Judicial Law Clerk Reception and Officer Swearing-in Ceremony at Centennial Olympic Park. Chief U.S. District Judge Julie E. Carnes swore in the slate of chapter officers for 2009–2010. The reception is an annual event that recognizes and honors local federal court judicial law clerks and is free to chapter members, federal judges, and their law clerks. Roughly 75 friends

of the Northern District of Georgia Court attended this year's reception, which for the first time was combined with the officers' swearing-in ceremony.

On Dec. 9, 2009, the chapter hosted "A Conversation with Hon. Phyllis A. Kravitch of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals" at Atlanta's Capital City Club. In response to questions posed by her former law clerk, Ronan Doherty, Judge Kravitch shared her remarkable history of pioneering as a female lawyer in Georgia and told the audience that closed doors and words of discouragement did not deter her from pursuing her chosen career, which she did with great determination and success. Judge Kravitch was the first woman president of the Savannah Bar Association and the first woman superior court judge in Georgia. When she was appointed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1979, she was the first woman to be appointed to the federal bench in the Southeast and only the third woman to be appointed as a U.S. circuit judge in the United States. Her anecdotes reminded the audience that it was not so long ago that opportunities in the law for women simply did not



**Atlanta Chapter:** At the Judicial Law Clerk Reception and Officer Swearing-in Ceremony—(l to r) Chief Judge Julie E. Carnes and 2009–2010 chapter officers: Robin Sangston, treasurer; Kerri Gildow, vice president; Jake Bielema, president-elect; Kevin Maxim, president; and Robert Khayat, secretary.

exist. The Atlanta Chapter and the nearly 100 attendees deeply appreciated Judge Kravitch's willingness to share her fascinating stories. **TFL**

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**Hawaii Chapter:** At the reception held after the CLE conference—(left photo, l to r) Rob Kohn, chair of the Federal Litigation Section; Lawrence Baca, FBA president; Hon. Gerald Bard Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; Claudia Bernard, chief mediator for the Ninth Circuit; Ray Dowd, vice president for the Second Circuit; Simeon Baum, chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; Linda Krieger, professor of law at the William S. Richardson School of Law; Kathleen Sullivan, professor of law at Stanford Law School; and Hon. William A. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; (right photo, l to r) Joyce Kitchens, past FBA president; Lawrence Baca, FBA president; and Adrienne Berry, past FBA president.