

FIRST CIRCUIT

Puerto Rico

The Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter held its first luncheon of 2011 in honor of the newest Puerto Rico Supreme Court justice, Hon. Edgardo Rivera García. The event was held at a San Juan area hotel on Jan. 20, 2011. After meeting with the various other members of the bench and the bar, Judge Rivera García gave a thorough lecture about Puerto Rico's unique legal structure, which he characterized as an "enriched fusion" of American common law and traditional Spanish civil law. Among those present at the luncheon were Hon. Juan A. Torruella of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; U.S. District Judges Daniel R. Domínguez, Salvador Casellas, Gustavo A. Gelpí, and Juan M. Perez-Gimenez; U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brian Tester; and Associate Puerto Rico Supreme Court Justices Mildred Pabón Charneco, Rafael L. Martínez Torres, and Erick V. Kolthoff Caraballo. Approximately 65 FBA members attended the event and enjoyed the great venue and first public presentation by the featured speaker.

On Feb. 16, the chapter's Interamerican University School of Law FBA Student Division held its first activity of the semester, a program entitled "Crimes and Prosecution: A Forum with Federal Prosecutors." The event was held in U.S. District Judge Gustavo A. Gelpí's courtroom and was attended by students

from all three law schools in Puerto Rico. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Marshall Morgan and Charles Walsh and First Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Dominguez spoke to the law students about investigation and prosecution of child sexual exploitation, federal prosecution of corruption, and financial crimes.

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi

An overflow crowd gathered at the January meeting of the Mississippi Chapter to greet U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves as he made his initial

public appearance following his swearing-in. During his remarks, Judge Reeves shared the principles under which he has operated in his private practice and previous government service as well as his prospective approach to his new duties. Judge Reeves sits in the Southern District of Mississippi. **TFL**

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Chicago Chapter: At its Jan. 25 program, which introduced the new district and magistrate judges of the Northern District of Illinois—(l to r) Judges Jeffrey T. Gilbert, Edmond E. Chang, Sheila Finnegan, Gary Feinerman, Young B. Kim (also a member of the chapter's board), and Sharon Johnson Coleman.



Puerto Rico Chapter: At the Student Division's first program of the semester—(sitting, l to r) Assistant U.S. Attorney Marshall Morgan, Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi, Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Walsh, and First Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Dominguez; (standing) law students.



Mississippi Chapter: At the January meeting—(l to r) Dean Jim Rosenblatt, Mississippi College School of Law, chapter vice president; Colby Lane, Office of the Governor, chapter president; Judge Carlton Reeves; and Ryan Beckett, Butler Snow, chapter treasurer.