

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

A generous crowd welcomed John Dowdy, the newly appointed U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi to the March luncheon meeting of the Mississippi Chapter. Dowdy spoke of his formative days as a law student working in in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and his developmental work there over the years. He shared his prosecutorial philosophy and noted the types of cases his office was seeing. Dowdy noted a new type of fraud case arising from the British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico—cases that involved the administrative claims process. Ryan Beckett, the treasurer of the Mississippi Chapter, presented checks to Mississippi’s law schools to be used for student scholarship awards on behalf of the chapter.

San Antonio Chapter

On March 23, approximately 100 women participated in an energy-packed mentoring luncheon for the students at Fox Tech’s Law Magnet Program at the San Antonio offices of Cox Smith. Local attorneys and legal professionals shared their experiences and gave advice to students. Inspirational speakers included Janae Florence, deputy chief of the San Antonio Police Department; Norma Guzman, enforcement supervisor at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (and Fox Tech alumna); and Capt. Jaclyn Shea, an attorney with the U.S. Air Force’s JAG Corps.

San Antonio Chapter: At the chapter’s mentoring luncheon—(right photo) Janae Florence, deputy chief of the San Antonio Police Department; (center right photo)—Norma Guzman, enforcement supervisor at the EEOC; (far right photo) Capt. Jaclyn Shea, USAF JAG attorney.



Montana Chapter: At the chapter’s CLE seminar—(l to r) Judge Randy Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and District Judges Sam Haddon, Donald Molloy, and Rick Cebull. Mike Cotter, U.S. attorney, is at the podium.

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Montana Chapter

On March 11, the Montana Chapter hosted the Montana Federal Practice CLE seminar at Great Northern Hotel in Helena. Panelists included Judge Randy Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; District Judges Sam Haddon, Donald Molloy, and Rick Cebull; and U.S. Attorney Mike Cotter.

Phoenix Chapter

On Feb. 17, the Phoenix Chapter and the Federal Litigation Section hosted a special presentation by Ray Dowd, FBA vice president for the Second Circuit, entitled “Nazi-Looted Art in the Federal Courts: The Case of Schiele’s Dead City.” Attendees included members of the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors Association, who added to

the conversation by discussing their own experiences. Their comments and reflections offered a wonderful complement to Ray Dowd’s fascinating presentation. Rob Kohn, member of the section’s board, and Judge Michelle Burns, member of the FBA’s national Board of Directors, were instrumental in bringing the event to Phoenix, and were both present at the luncheon as well. In all, 100 people—including a representative of the Phoenix Art Museum—attended the successful and unique event. **TFL**

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