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FIRST CIRCUIT

Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter

On Sept. 20, 2011, the Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter held a luncheon with two guest speakers: newly appointed Puerto Rico Supreme Court Associate Justices Roberto Feliberti and Luis Estrella. Present at the widely attended event were most of the judges of the U.S. district court for the District of Puerto Rico and justices of Puerto Rico's Supreme Court. District Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi Jr., national FBA treasurer, introduced both speakers and joked about when he and Justice Feliberti were both law clerks at the federal court. Judge Gelpi then surprised Justice Feliberti—a member of the FBA for 20

years—with the announcement of his induction as a Fellow of the Foundation of the FBA and presented him with a Fellow certificate and a pin; accompanying him were Manuel Pietrantoni, chapter president; Carlos Valdejuly, immediate past president; and Katherine Gonzalez, First Circuit vice president. Both associate justices spoke about their experiences in private practice and now on Puerto Rico's Supreme Court. They also provided younger attorneys with plenty of advice. After lunch, and as a closing act, Justice Feliberti swore in the new board of directors of the chapter.

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Iowa Chapter

The Iowa Chapter helped sponsor an event for the visiting delegation of

Ukrainian judges, at which Bob Gainer, chapter president, and Habbo Fokkena, U.S. trustee for Region 12, spoke on the topic of bankruptcy. The visiting Ukrainian judges were part of the Rule of Law section of the Open World Leadership Program. The federal judiciary for the Southern District of Iowa has been participating in this exchange program of culture and ideas since 2004. **TFL**

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Broward County Chapter: At the Chapter Officer Installation Luncheon—Chief Judge Federico A. Moreno of the Southern District of Florida swears in Kimberly Gilmour, chapter president.



Puerto Rico Chapter: At the chapter's luncheon on Sept. 20—(l to r) Associate Justice Feliberti swears in the new chapter officers: Maritza Gomez, Ricardo Ortiz, Salvador Antonetti-Stutts, Mariano Mier, Roberto Camara, Oreste Ramos, Andres Lopez, Carlos Valdejuly, and President Manuel Pietrantoni.



Iowa Chapter: At the event hosting the delegation of Ukrainian judges—(l to r) Mike Messina, judicial assistant to Chief Judge Robert W. Pratt, Southern District of Iowa; Bob Gainer, president of the Iowa Chapter; and Ross Walters, U.S. magistrate judge, Southern District of Iowa, with Ukrainian judges.



Minnesota Chapter: At the presentation of the Harrison Tweed Award—(l to r) Tiffany Sanders, chapter's Pro Se Project coordinator; Lora Friedeman, immediate past chapter president; Pat Martin, chapter president; Magistrate Judge Steven Rau; Chief Judge Michael Davis; and Bob Weeks, ABA representative from Santa Clara, Calif.