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FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi

The Mississippi Chapter hosted Chief Judge Louis Guirola Jr. of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi who spoke to an overflow crowd of Federal Bar Association members and guests at The Great Southern Club in Gulfport, Mississippi. Chief Judge Guirola shared judicial philosophy and practice pointers with the attendees. Members had the opportunity to view the Port of Gulfport which had been ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and witness it in full operation.

The Mississippi Chapter hosted Speaker Philip Gunn of the Mississippi House of Representatives who spoke to Federal Bar Association members and guests at the Capital Club at the May meeting. Speaker Gunn reviewed the legislative activity for the 2012 House session just concluded and described the transition process associated with the Republicans gaining control of both the Senate and the House in Mississippi. Several of the bills passed have federal implications as the legislature considered an array of items from Voter ID to Redistricting. Speaker Gunn maintains an active law practice with the firm of Wells Marble & Hurst.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Palm Beach

On April 26, 2012, the Palm Beach County chapter of the FBA hosted a reception in conjunction with the 3rd Southern District of Florida Biennial Bench and Bar Conference. The bi-annual event includes a full day of educational sessions with panels of district court judges, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges. During the evening reception, retiring Magistrate Judge Ann Vitunac was honored, and her portrait unveiled to a standing room only crowd. Judge Vitunac was joined by a number of her former



Mississippi Chapter: At the Gulf Coast Meeting—(left photo, l to r) U.S. District Court Judge Sul Ozerden, Chief Judge Guirola (speaker), Dean Jim Rosenblatt (Mississippi College School of Law) president, U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Walker, and Danielle Brewer, Labor and Employment Law Section, Federal Bar Association; (right photo) At the May Meeting—(l to r) Kate Margolis (Bradley Arant) treasurer, Dean Jim Rosenblatt (Mississippi College School of Law) president, Speaker Philip Gunn (Wells Marble & Hurst), Ryan Beckett (Butler Snow) vice-president, and Professor Meta Copeland (Mississippi College School of Law) secretary.



Palm Beach Chapter: At the event on April 26—(left photo, l to r) Magistrate Judge Ann Vitunac and Magistrate Judge David Brannon with Vitunac's portrait. (right photo) Magistrate Judge Ann Vitunac speaking to the crowd with former law clerks and judicial assistants alongside.

law clerks and judicial assistants at the podium during the reception. Magistrate Judge David Brannon is a newly appointed Magistrate Judge and has replaced recently retired Magistrate Judge Linnea Johnson.

South Florida

On Feb. 9, 2012, the South Florida Chapter held their 31st Annual Federal Judicial Reception honoring the Federal Judiciary for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. Well over 700 guests, including more than 20 federal judges, were in attendance. As well as many law students and professors, including volunteers from the three local law schools who helped make the night a success at the entryway and, for the

first time, signing up new members with laptops! Over cocktails and hors d'ouvres, guests mingled and caught up with each other, and enjoyed a big screen reminiscing over scrolling photos of the past year's events. The most popular event each year, the Judicial Reception features no speeches and no fuss; just a good time among friends, colleagues, the bench, and the bar.

Each year, the Federal Bar Association's South Florida Chapter hosts luncheons at Bankers Club in downtown Miami in January, March, April, May, October, and November. May's speaker was the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal's newest member, Judge Adalberto Jordan. Prior to his appointment to the Eleventh Circuit in February 2012, Judge Jordan served as a District Judge in the Southern District of Florida for more than 12 years. On May 9, 2012, Judge Jordan

helped to set a new attendance record for a monthly luncheon with 164 guests in attendance.

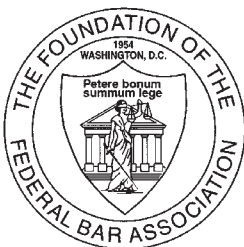
Among those in attendance were Eleventh Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus and several of Judge Jordan's former colleagues from the Southern District, including Chief Judge Moreno. Lawyers in attendance were given the opportunity to ask Judge Jordan questions. Judge Jordan ably fielded questions on a broad spectrum of topics, including questions about his perspective on the appointment and confirmation process and his views on the relevance of diversity on the bench and the usefulness of attorney voir dire. **TFL**

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South Florida Chapter: At the event on Feb. 9—(left photo, l to r) Hayden O'Byrne, K & L Gates; Samuel Randall, assistant federal public defender and former law clerk to Hon. Adalberto Jordan; Brett Barfield, Holland & Knight, South Florida Chapter president and former law clerk to the late Hon. Edward Davis; Meredith Esther, law clerk to Hon. Rosemary Barkett; Tyler Ulrich, Bois Schiller & Flexner and former law clerk to Hon. William Hoeveler; (right photo) Wifredo Ferrer, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and Jerob Duffy, assistant U.S. attorney.

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