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SECOND CIRCUIT

Connecticut Chapter

On April 4, 2012, the Connecticut Chapter hosted a group of high school students at a program held at the U.S. federal courthouse in Bridgeport, Conn. The students heard from Alex Hernandez, a former federal prosecutor, now doing white-collar criminal defense work. Judge Stephan Underhill spoke to the students about criminal trials and sentencing considerations after a conviction or a plea. Senior Judge Warren Eginton spoke about the civil case load, and the importance of access to courts, and the talent and work involved in getting the important work of resolving disputes through the court process. Ray Lopez, the chief probation officer, gave a (chilling) account

of convicted criminals with whom he works and how he advises the court system as to criminal sentencing and monitoring after prisoners have been released. Bernadette DeRubeis, a courtroom deputy (serving with Judge Hall) described her duties in the courtroom. Cheryl Conte, the jury clerk, and spoke about jury service. In addition, students had the opportunity to attend part of a civil trial with jurors in the box and Judge Janet Hall on the bench. Finally, Larry Bobnick, the chief marshal for security, spoke about security issues and protecting prosecutors, witnesses, and judges from threats of harm. He also gave students a tour of the courthouse, including the infamous holding cells for accused felons to use while awaiting their appearance in court and transfer back to prison.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

South Florida Chapter

The April 2012 Bankers Club Lunch hosted by the South Florida Chapter featured Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman, whose entertaining and enlightening topic was titled “Rock & Roll Music in Judicial Opinions.” The 130 attendees learned such facts as which songs are most cited and most quoted in opinions and the various uses to which our federal courts have put rock & roll music. **TFL**

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Connecticut Chapter: At the program for students held at the U.S. federal courthouse in Bridgeport, Conn.—(left photo, l to r) Senior Judge Warren Eginton and Alex Hernandez, former federal prosecutor; (right photo) High school students in attendance.



South Florida Chapter: At the Bankers Club Lunch—(left photo, l to r) David Markus, law professor, University of Miami; Rosie Shrier, head of the legal writing department, University of Miami; and Brett Barfield, chapter president; (right photo) Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman of the Southern District of Florida, featured speaker.