

Securities Law Section

On March 21, 2012, the Securities Law Section and the Committee on Broker-Dealer Regulation and SEC Enforcement of the Finance and Securities Law Section of the D.C. Bar co-sponsored a brown bag luncheon entitled “PCAOB Enforcement: The First 10 Years and Looking Forward.” The discussion reflected on the growth and accomplishments of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board’s (PCAOB) enforcement program since its founding in 2002, described today’s PCAOB enforcement efforts, and offered panelists’ perspectives on what may lie ahead. Panelists included Daniel L. Goelzer, PCAOB board member, 2002–2012 (former general counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission); Claudius Modesti, PCAOB’s director of enforcement and investigations; Charles D. Niemeier, Williams & Connolly LLP (former PCAOB board member); and Thomas L. Riesenber, deputy general counsel at Ernst & Young LLP. The program was moderated by Stephen J. Crimmins, chair of the FBA’s Securities Law Section and chairman of the Committee on Broker-Dealer Regulation

and SEC Enforcement, and Russell D. Duncan, vice chair of the Committee on Broker-Dealer Regulation and SEC Enforcement.

On March 28, 2012, the section also co-sponsored a forum with the FBA Southern District of New York Chapter on the topic of mortgage-backed securities. The program featured a panel discussion that included a review of the definition, history, and impact of mortgage-backed securities on the securities litigation community. Panelists included Robert MacLavery, Ph.D., FTI Consulting LLC; Faten Sabry, Ph.D., NERA Economic Consulting Inc.; and Brent J. Horton, Fordham University Law School. In addition to covering mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securitizations, panelists discussed typical issues in mortgage-backed security litigation from both the view of the plaintiff’s bar and the defense’s bar. The event was moderated by Liam O’Brien, managing partner, McCormick & O’Brien LLP.

Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section

On March 27, 2012, the Transportation

and Transportation Security Law Section held a luncheon program entitled “Regulatory Issues and Legal Perspectives on Airline Bankruptcies.” Panelists included Andrea Handel, a trial attorney with the Department of Justice’s Civil Division; Frank J. San Martin, manager of the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airports Financial Assistance Division in the Office of Airports; Lauralyn Remo, chief of the Air Carrier Fitness Division in the Office of Aviation Analysis within the Department of Transportation’s Office of the Secretary of Transportation; and Eric Smith, co-chair of the Aviation Group and member of both the Litigation Services and Business Services Departments at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. **TFL**

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were intense, but Judge Hug persevered, and today the Ninth Circuit remains intact. Judge Hug’s strength of character, intellect, and gentle wit still know no boundaries. The Federal Bar Association will always be proud to consider him a distinguished member and jurist as well as a class act and a true friend.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

South Florida Chapter

The South Florida Chapter held its regular Bankers Club luncheon on March 14, 2012. The featured guest speaker was Judge Stanley Marcus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. In his presentation, entitled “Some Issues Facing the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals,”

Judge Marcus addressed death penalty litigation, alleged politicization of the federal courts, and the decline of jury trials in both civil and criminal cases.

On March 8, 2012, federal practitioners from South Florida attended the Ethics in Federal Practice CLE Program, in which ethical issues were discussed from the perspective of several federal judges and practicing lawyers. The program was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The first panel, titled “Civil Ethics Issues,” was made up of U.S. District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga, U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman, and Adolfo Jimenez, the head of South Florida Litigation at Holland & Knight. The second panel, titled “Ethics and Discipline” was made up of U.S. District Judge Paul C. Huck; Jennifer Moore, Florida Bar counsel, and John

Delionado, chair of the U.S. District Court’s Attorney Grievance Committee. The third panel, titled “Criminal Ethics Issues” was made up of U.S. District Judge Kathleen M. Williams; Miguel Caridad, assistant federal public defender; and Ben Greenberg, first assistant U.S. attorney. **TFL**

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