



SECOND CIRCUIT

Eastern District of New York Chapter

Honoring the Federal Defenders

On May 20, the chapter hosted a reception at the U.S. courthouse in Brooklyn to honor the federal defenders and to focus attention on the impact sequestration budget cuts are having on the federal judiciary and the federal defender's office. Some 100 people, mostly judges and lawyers, attended the event.

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Tidewater Chapter

Chapter Hosts Law Day

On May 2, the Tidewater Chapter held a Law Day event entitled, "Eroding & Restoring the Rule of Law: From Hitler's Decree to the Nuremberg Trial." The event began with a reception, during which attendees viewed an exhibit created by the German Federal Bar called "Lawyers without Rights." The exhibit depicts Hitler's early action—within the first two months after he became chancellor—to

bar Jewish lawyers and judges from appearing in German courts. The exhibit shows what happened to the Jewish lawyers and jurists who were affected by this decree. The panel discussion following the reception was moderated by Susan R. Blackman of Willcox & Savage P.C., the vice president of the Tidewater Chapter of the FBA.

The panel included a federal judge and an accomplished film producer who restored the film of the Nuremberg trial, which her father had been assigned by the U.S. War Department to create after World War II. The producer, Sandra Schulberg, talked about the bold decision made by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson to use film evidence during the trial of Nazi war criminals. Justice Jackson, who also served as chief prosecutor for the United States during the trial, which was conducted by the Allied countries, also made the remarkable decision to film the trial itself, so that the people of Germany—and the world—could see that these defendants were given a fair trial including the chance to defend themselves against the charges they faced. Shul-

berg showed clips of "Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today" during the panel discussion. (She also made the whole film available for viewing in the theater by those audience members who wanted to see it after the formal program concluded.)

U.S. District Judge Henry Coke Morgan Jr. then compared the ending of World War I, which left Germany vulnerable to the rise of a dictator like Hitler, to the ending of World War II, which included the Nuremberg Trial as a first step toward restoration of the Rule of Law in war-torn Europe, and the Marshall Plan, which helped rebuild Europe and contributed to the long-term alliance that has been maintained between Germany and the United States. Judge Morgan reviewed what the Rule of Law means and provided examples of high points and low points in U.S. history, including times when our country did not treat all persons with justice and equality before the law and instances in which we made great strides in that direction to achieve those noble ideals that are

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Eastern District of New York Chapter: At the reception on May 20—(l-r) Raymond Dowd, FBA vice president for the Second Circuit; Philip Schatz, Southern District of New York Chapter president; Robert Rando, Eastern District of New York Chapter past president; Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon, Eastern District of New York; U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch; David Patton, executive director, Federal Defenders; and George Davidson, chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Defenders.

Tidewater Chapter: At the event on May 2—(l-r) John Gardner, Gardner & Mendoza; Johan Conrod, Kaufman & Canoles; Mark Slaughter, Law Day chair, Willcox & Savage; Sandra Schulberg, panelist, Schulberg Productions; U.S. District Judge Henry Coke Morgan Jr., panelist; Susan Blackman, moderator, Willcox & Savage; Robert DeSousa, FBA national president.

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Transportation Safety Board. The program was attended heavily by section members as well as by a number of summer interns. Please visit the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section page on www.fedbar.org for more details on future events.

VETERANS AND MILITARY LAW SECTION

5th Annual Veterans Legal Assistance Conference

On June 7, the Veterans and Military Law Section helped present the 5th Annual Veterans Legal Assistance Conference entitled “An Opportunity to Serve Those Who Served Our Country,” held at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore. More than 70 people attended the conference, which provided a forum for discussing critical issues facing the nation’s veterans. The conference also included a training for lawyers to represent veterans pro bono in claims for service-related disability benefits.

Among the speakers were Linda Blauhut, associate general counsel for Paralyzed Veterans of America and a former chair of the VMLS, and Major M.J. Hegar, the lead plaintiff in *Hegar v. Panetta*. The section’s financial contribution enabled the conference to present Maj. Hegar.

The Veterans and Military Law Section plans to continue this work in the future to support the nation’s veterans.

YOUNGER LAWYERS DIVISION

Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony

On May 28, the Younger Lawyers Division sponsored its annual Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court at which 28 lawyers from across the country were sworn into the Supreme Court Bar. Following the reception, attorneys and guests attended a private lecture on the history and architecture of the Supreme Court. The Younger Lawyers Division would like to thank this year’s chairs; Christian Adams, Jessica Toplin, and Adine Momoh for organizing the event. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Supreme Court Bar should look for details to be provided early next year. ☺



Younger Lawyers Division: At the Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony on May 28—Newly admitted attorneys at the breakfast reception after the ceremony.



Veterans and Military Law Section: At the veterans conference—Conference organizers with featured speaker Major M.J. Hegar.

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critical to the foundation of our government.

Through its Chapter Activity Fund Grant, the FBA helped make this extraordinary event possible.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Dayton Chapter

Chapter Hosts Raymond J. Dowd

On May 21, the chapter hosted Raymond J. Dowd, a partner in the New York City law firm Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP.

Dowd, who is an FBA vice president for the Second Circuit, has become known in the past decade as an expert in the area of Nazi-looted art and its recovery by the family members of Holocaust victims in the United States. He travels to museums worldwide speaking on this topic, and he made a special trip to Dayton to share his expertise and experience with members of the Dayton Chapter, as well as local art patrons. His speech at the Dayton Art Institute (DAI), which lasted close to two hours, was extremely well received. ☺