



FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

Chief Judge Discusses Reorganization Plan for Southern District

The Mississippi Chapter met at the Capital Club in Jackson, Miss., on Nov. 20, 2012, where Chief Judge Louis Guirola of the Southern District of Mississippi spoke to an overflowing crowd. Chief Judge Guirola shared with FBA members a reorganization plan for the Southern District following its initial approval by the judges of the district. The reorganization plan was necessary to deal with the pending closure of the historic federal courthouse in Meridian, Miss., but also allowed other factors such as travel time and courthouse location to be incorporated into the plan. The proposed plan sees the district moving from five to four divisions, which will be named Northern (Jackson), Southern (Gulfport), Eastern (Hattiesburg), and Western (Natchez). Chief Judge Guirola answered questions from federal practitioners about how this plan would affect their practice. A number of federal judges and their judicial clerks were guests of the chapter.

New officers for 2013 were elected at the meeting: President Ryan Beckett of Butler Snow, Vice President Kate

Margolis of Bradley Arant, Treasurer Meta Copeland of Mississippi College School of Law, and Secretary/Membership Chair Mike Hurst, assistant U.S. attorney. Dean Jim Rosenblatt will continue as the executive director of the Mississippi Chapter.

Event for Chapter Law Student Division

The Mississippi College School of Law student group associated with the Mississippi Chapter of the FBA partnered with the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity to host U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Reeves for a meeting with MC Law students on Nov. 26, 2012. Judge Reeves described his legal experience leading to his appointment as a federal judge, shared practice tips, and offer guidance in terms of how law students should prepare for their work in the legal community.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter Luncheon Series

The Palm Beach County Chapter held its second luncheon of the 2012-13 season on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, at the Colony Hotel. The chapter presented a plaque to Immediate Past President Kelly Reagan in recognition of his outstanding service in

the office of president during the 2011-12 season. This month's speaker was Murray Greenberg, retired Miami-Dade County attorney and adjunct professor of election law and state and local government law at the University of Miami School of Law, FIU College of Law, and St. Thomas University College of Law. Greenberg provided an informative discussion on election law issues and fielded questions on the subject. For a complete listing of the chapter's upcoming events, please visit www.fedbar.org/Chapters/Palm-Beach-Chapter.aspx.



Palm Beach County Chapter: At the luncheon on Dec. 7—(l to r) Kelly Reagan, past chapter president; Jason Lazarus, chapter president.



Mississippi Chapter: At the law student division event—(l to r) Dean Jim Rosenblatt, Mississippi College School of Law; Andrew Faggert; Judge Carlton Reeves, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi; and Emily Fertig, Phi Delta Phi.



San Antonio Chapter: At the Military City USA Government Contract Symposium held in April 2012—Hon. Pamela Mathy welcomes attendees to the symposium.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY FUND SPOTLIGHT

FBA's Chapter Activity Fund Assists in Making Military City, USA Government Contract Symposium a Success

With great uncertainty, the San Antonio Chapter set sails in unfamiliar waters to provide federal government contract law practitioners five star opportunities for CLE and collegiality deep in the heart of Texas. Ordinarily, federal procurement law practitioners must travel to the East Coast to receive the benefits

of a significant and engaged population of government contract attorneys. The San Antonio Chapter saw another developing population right here and seized the moment. However, the uncertainty of success raised the concern over risk. FBA Board of Directors member Elizabeth Smith of the San Antonio Chapter suggested an application be made to the Chapter Activity Fund and the rest is history ... in the making. The chapter's first ever two-day Military City USA Government Contract Symposium held in April 2012 attracted five star presenters

and practitioners from around the country, not to mention a full complement of local public and private practitioners. One Social included a private river barge ride along the beautiful and charming San Antonio Riverwalk.

This Symposium could not have offered such incredible opportunities without the generous support of the Chapter Activity Fund. The Grant we received help put this event on the map. We encourage Chapters to manifest ideas for chapter activities by seeking the support of the Chapter Activity Fund. ☺

About the FBA Chapter Activity Fund

Officers: Devinti M. Williams, chair; Hon. Robert Bacharach; Ernest T. Bartol; Frank J. McGovern; and Bridget E. Montgomery

Five (5) members administer the Fund, two Chapter Presidents appointed by the President and three Vice Presidents for the Circuits appointed by the Vice Presidents for the Circuits Chair.

The FBA Chapter Activity Fund exists to help your chapter grow and engage membership. If you would like to apply for the funds, note that all requests for funds will be considered if they meet at least one of the following objectives: (1) promote FBA membership and awareness, (2) serve the federal bar and bench, and (3) create and sustain legally-related educational or other pro bono projects and activities.

If your chapter is interested in applying for the Chapter Activity Fund monies, please contact Jane Zaretskie at jzaretskie@fedbar.org or visit www.fedbar.org for more information and a copy of the application.



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