



FIRST CIRCUIT

Puerto Rico

Judge Gelpi Cited in Book by Fox News Analyst

In a recent book, *Theodore and Woodrow: How Two American Presidents Destroyed Constitutional Freedoms* (Thomas Nelson 2012) by Fox News Senior Judicial Analyst Hon. Andrew P. Napolitano, the author cites FBA President-Elect Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi's article "The Insular Cases: A Comparative Historical Study of Puerto Rico, Hawai'i, and the Philippines," which appeared in the March/April 2011 issue of *The Federal Lawyer*. We encourage FBA members to continue contributing articles the *The Federal Lawyer*!

Court Admission Ceremony in Old San Juan

On April 11, 2013, the Puerto Rico Chapter held an admission ceremony at the historical U.S. courthouse in Old San Juan. Immediate Past Chapter President Manuel Pietrantonni gave remarks and FBA President-Elect Hon. Gustavo Gelpi presided over the ceremony.



Puerto Rico Chapter: At the admission ceremony on April 11, 2013—(l to r) Immediate Past Chapter President Manuel Pietrantonni and FBA President-Elect Hon. Gustavo Gelpi presenting certificate of admission to a new attorney.

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Eastern District of North Carolina

CLE at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law

On Feb. 22, 2013, more than 100 attendees gathered at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in Raleigh, N.C., for a CLE sponsored by the Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. After opening remarks by Chapter President Wes J. Camden and Hon. James C. Dever III, the CLE featured Prof. Melissa A. Essary of Campbell Law School moderating three separate panel discussions regarding the perspectives of judges and the Office of the Clerk of Court on trial practice in EDNC. Panelists included U.S. District Court Judges James C. Dever III, Terrence W. Boyle, Louise W. Flanagan, and Malcolm J. Howard; Magistrate Judges William A. Webb, James E. Gates, and Robert B. Jones Jr.; as well as Julie A. Richards, clerk of court for EDNC, Statt Moore, chief deputy clerk of court, Jolie Skinner, operations manager, Scott Cannon, jury administrator, and Michael Nagy, IT director. The judges

gave their insight on trends in trial practice in EDNC while the Clerk of Court's Office discussed the technology, both current and future, that both court personnel and practitioners can utilize to streamline advocacy in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Alaska

Chapter Growth Celebrated at the Swearing In of New Officers

With the addition of eight new members since the end of 2012, the Alaska Chapter of the FBA has grown substantially. Five of the new members are also newly admitted attorneys to the Alaska Bar. At the swearing-in ceremony in November, Alaska Chapter President Darrel Gardner announced a drawing for a new iPad that he had donated on behalf of the chapter; the recipient would be chosen from among those who applied for new membership to the FBA. The drawing was held on Jan. 22, 2013, at the association's first meeting of 2013: "A Year on the Federal Bench" with District Judge Sharon



Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter: At the CLE at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law—(l to r) U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ralph Beistline, Judge Sharon Gleason, Judge Timothy Burgess, iPad winner Brittany Goodnight, and FBA Chapter President Darrel Gardner.

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Gleason. In attendance was the lucky winner, Brittany Goodnight. Three of the five new members were present, and Judge Gleason drew the winning name. Brittany said she grew up in Chugiak, attended UCLA, clerked for Judge Volland in Alaska Superior Court, and is applying to work as a public defender. At the meeting, Chief Judge Beistline called for self-introductions among some 25 judges, attorneys, and federal law clerks present. The other judges attending were Judge Morgan Christen of the Ninth Circuit, Senior Judge H. Russel Holland, and Magistrate Judge Deborah Smith. The Alaska Chapter has only about 50 members. The meeting generated terrific attendance, likely due in no small part to the free pizza and soft drinks that were generously donated by District Judges Ralph Beistline, Timothy Burgess, and Sharon Gleason.

Judge Gleason is the newest judicial member of the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska. During her presentation, she recalled her years of practice in family law and her 11 years on the bench in Alaska State Superior Court, where she had almost no criminal case experience. Judge Gleason described the rigors of going through the application and background-check process for her federal judgeship. This required her trying to identify every speech she had ever given, every opinion that had been reversed, and every time she was mentioned in the news. She was required to undergo a complete physical examination, including a hearing test, and the FBI's background investigation even

involved contacting people who knew her from her college days. In her first year on the federal bench, Judge Gleason has grown to embrace the electronic filing system. Initially she was assigned only civil cases, but she is now handling many criminal cases as well. Judge Gleason is also overseeing some cases in Arizona, and has sat with one panel on the Ninth Circuit.

The Alaska Chapter is extremely fortunate to have such strong support from the judges and magistrate judges of the Alaska District.

TENTH CIRCUIT

New Mexico

The FBA Welcomes its Newest Chapter

The charter for the New Mexico Chapter was approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting on April 5, 2013. Chapter President Dan Lewis, a partner in Allen Shepherd Lewis & Syra PA in Albuquerque, hosted a Chapter Welcome Reception, open to all attendees, at the 2013 FBA Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe on April 11. Congratulations to the new New Mexico Chapter of the FBA!

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

South Florida

Women Lawyers Initiative: "Having it All"

The five panelists featured in the photo—District Judge Cecilia Altonaga,

Magistrate Judge Chris McAliley, Hilarie Bass (member of the Executive Committee of Greenberg Traurig), Julie Siefkas-Marin (senior counsel at Royal Caribbean), and Celeste Higgins (an assistant federal public defender)—spoke to a packed house of nearly 100 local lawyers on the topic of "Having it All." Each panelist brought her own unique perspective to the difficult question of work life balance. Benjamin Brodsky was privileged to moderate the discussion along with fellow committee member, Robin Kaplan. The third member of the committee, Marissel Descalzo, could not attend but was instrumental to the event's success.

The panel discussion was the kick-off event for the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's new "Women Lawyers Initiative." The goal of the Women Lawyers Initiative is to encourage dialogue in our legal community on the unique challenges facing women lawyers. The initiative hopes to foster networking and business generation opportunities for women lawyers in South Florida. Future events will include trial practice seminars aimed at women lawyers, speed-mentoring events between senior and junior lawyers, and some fun after-work happy hours. ☺



New Mexico Chapter: At the chapter reception held at the 2013 Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, N.M.—(l to r) FBA Executive Director Karen Silberman; Chapter President Dan Lewis; and FBA President Bob DeSousa.



South Florida Chapter: At the Women Lawyers Initiative program entitled "Having it All"—(l to r) District Judge Cecilia Altonaga, Magistrate Judge Chris McAliley, Hilarie Bass, member of the Executive Committee of Greenberg Traurig, Julie Siefkas-Marin, senior counsel at Royal Caribbean, and Celeste Higgins, an assistant federal public defender.