



Sections and Divisions

Immigration Law Section

Immigration Leadership Monthly Luncheon

On March 20, the Immigration Law Section continued to sponsor the monthly immigration leadership luncheon series. The event was held in Washington, D.C., and featured the speaker Peter S. Vincent, principal legal advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In this position, he oversees the largest legal program in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and advises U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on issues ranging from customs law to Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues.

Criminal Law Section and Veterans Law Section

Co-sponsored Program Draws from Two Sections

The Veterans Law Section and the Criminal Law Section presented the program entitled "Representation of Combat Veterans in the Criminal Justice System" on Feb. 27 at George Mason University School of Law. The program featured an overview of the veterans benefits claims system and

discussions on defense in state and federal courts. The program was cosponsored by the DC, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Pentagon Chapters of the FBA.

Section on Taxation

37th Annual Tax Law Conference

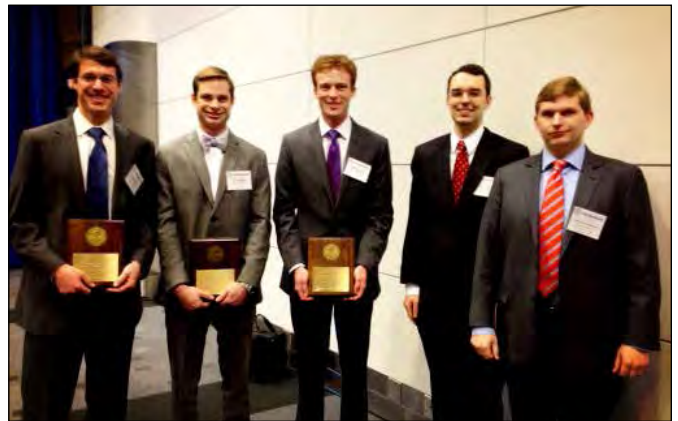
The 37th Annual Tax Law Conference was held in Washington, D.C., on March 1, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Highlights of the conference included featured speakers Hon. Mark J. Mazur, assistant secretary (tax policy), U.S. Department of Treasury; William J. Wilkins, chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service; and Tamara W. Ashford, deputy assistant attorney general for appellate & review, U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division. Conference attendees received an update on tax legislation from chief tax counsels from the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

Concurrent sessions throughout the day focused on topics such as rehabilitating troubled corporations and transfer pricing and the U.S. response to international developments. Sessions also featured topics on tax practice and procedure where panelists discussed judicial deference and

the Internal Revenue Service's rulemaking authority as well as the current Internal Revenue Service enforcement environment. The criminal tax process from the investigation stage to the litigation stage was also featured during the program. The winners of this year's Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition awards ceremony were William Halliday of the University of Virginia for first place; Brian Soukup of University of Richmond School of Law for second place; and Andrew Dougherty of Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School as an honorable mention. This year's Tax Law Conference was chaired by Todd B. Reinstein, Pepper Hamilton LLP, and Patricia McDermott, Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress.

The FBA Section on Taxation presents the Kenneth H. Liles Award annually to recognize individuals for outstanding service and dedication to tax policy and administration as well as for their contributions to the bar and the legal profession. This year's recipient, John A. DiCicco, is the former acting assistant attorney general, tax division, at the U.S. Department

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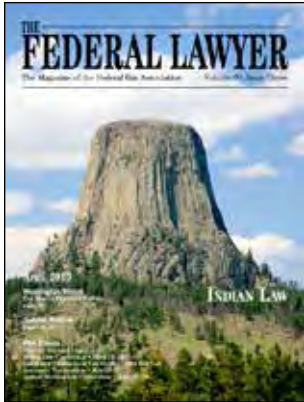


Section on Taxation: At the Kenneth H. Liles Award ceremony—(left photo, l to r) Martin Milner, past section chair; Fred Murray, section chair; John DiCicco, 2013 Kenneth H. Liles Award winner; Ronald Cimino, deputy assistant attorney general tax division, U.S. Department of Justice. At the presentation of awards for the 2013 Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition—(right photo, l to r) William Halliday, first place winner; Bryan Soukup, second place winner; Andrew Dougherty, honorable mention; and the chairs of the Tax Law Writing Competition: Andrew De Mello, U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, and Christopher Whitcomb, National Federation of Independent Business.

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Letter to the Editor



New Format of *The Federal Lawyer*

I wanted to tell you how much I love the new format of *The Federal Lawyer*. Even though I am less active as a practicing attorney these days, I still always read each edition of *The Federal Lawyer* from cover to cover. Keep up your good work.

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of Justice. The FBA Section on Taxation is proud to add DiCicco to the list of outstanding individuals who have been awarded the Kenneth H. Liles Award for their service and dedication.

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Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section

Immigration Leadership Monthly Luncheon

On March 19, the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section sponsored a luncheon program in Washington, D.C., featuring the general counsel of the Surface Transportation Board. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the agency. This event is part of a continued series coordinated by the section. The program featured speaker Raymond Atkins, General Counsel, Surface Transportation Board, and was moderated by Kathryn Gainey, Steptoe & Johnson LLP. The event was co-sponsored by the DC Chapter of the Association of Transportation Law Professionals. ☺

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