



### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS SECTION

On July 18, the Government Contracts Section co-sponsored a program along with the Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar's Government Contracts and Litigation Section entitled, "A Summer Social in Honor of the Judges of the Board of Contract Appeals." Held in Washington, D.C., the program featured practical advice from the government contracts bench. Panelists included Chair Judge Paul Williams, ASBCA; Judge Candida S. Steel, CBCA; Chief Judge Marc Loud, DCCAB; Chair Anthony N. Palladino, FAA ODRA CAB; Chair Louis

Chiarella; Judge Sharon Larkin, GAO CAB; and Vice Chair Gary E. Shapiro, PSBCA. The program was moderated by Susan Warshaw, Ebner, Asmar, Schor & McKenna, PLLC.

### TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY LAW SECTION

On July 16, the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section held the program entitled, "How Will the Expansion of the Panama Canal Impact the Transportation Modes?" at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The program featured discussions on

potential impacts that the expansion of the Panama Canal will have on transportation modes—shipping, rail, and trucking—in the United States. Panelists included Randolph Resor, Office of the Undersecretary for Transportation Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation; Robert Ledoux, senior vice president and general counsel, Florida East Coast Railway; and Shawn Kiernan, strategic planner, Maryland Port Administration. The program was moderated by Kathryn Gainey, Steptoe & Johnson LLP. ☉

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members involved in various fields of federal practice in Alaska.

On May 21, the chapter hosted an informal meet and greet with the visiting three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Ninth Circuit hears argument in Alaska once or twice a year. The noontime meeting took place in the courtroom at the Anchorage Historic Federal Building.

Alaska's own Ninth Circuit Appellate Judge Morgan Christen moderated the panel, which included Senior Judge A. Wallace Tashima (Pasadena, CA), Judge Richard Tallman (Seattle, WA), and Judge N. Randy Smith (Pocatello, ID). The judges described in detail their personal backgrounds and unique paths to the bench.

Members of the bar enthusiastically participated in a very conversational exchange with the judges. Judge Tallman in particular noted how pleased he was with the opportunity to speak so informally with individual members of the Alaska bar. He described how hundreds of attorneys attend similar events in other Ninth Circuit cities, making such personal interaction almost impossible. Judge Smith spoke effusively about the gen-

eral high level of practice, collegiality, and professionalism in Alaska.

Several weeks after the meeting, the Alaska Chapter received a letter from Judge Smith, who graciously wrote:

"What a great bar association to which you belong! What a beautiful place you live! 'You are very welcome' to the time our

panel spent with you and the association. We particularly enjoyed the opportunity to 'meet you and greet you.' We enjoy letting you know that we consider ourselves to be lawyers trying to do the best job we can (just as you are). Thank you for making us feel so welcome. Best wishes to you and to the members of the bar association (professionals—every one)." ☉



**Alaska Chapter:** At the meet and greet (L to R)—Ninth Circuit panel judges: Judge N. Randy Smith, Senior Judge A. Wallace Tashima, Judge Morgan Christen, and Judge Richard C. Tallman.