



### FIRST CIRCUIT

#### Rhode Island Chapter

*Younger Lawyers Committee Hosts “Meet the Federal Judges”*

On Nov. 21, 2013, the chapter’s Young Lawyers Committee moderated a “Meet the Federal Judges” panel hosted by the District of Rhode Island. The event for recently admitted lawyers featured a question and answer session with District Judges Mary M. Lisi, William E. Smith, and John J. McConnell Jr. and Senior Judge Ronald R. Lagueux. During the hour-long session, the district judges fielded questions submitted in advance, as well queries from the full-house crowd. Attendees were treated to observations, anecdotes, and advice from the district judges’ years of prac-

tice and experience on the bench. A reception followed the panel presentation, during which the district judges mingled with the group and continued to dispense their much-appreciated wisdom about federal court practice in a more casual setting. The Young Lawyers Committee is very grateful to the district judges and court staff for their time and effort in hosting this wonderful event.

### SECOND CIRCUIT

#### Southern District of New York Chapter

*“Stop, Frisk, and Judicial Independence” Ethics CLE*

On Jan. 8, 2013, the chapter co-hosted a successful ethics CLE event with the

New York Chapters of the Puerto Rican and National Bar Associations, entitled “Stop, Frisk, and Judicial Independence.” Presented at the Southern District of New York (SDNY) courthouse, the distinguished set of panelists included Prof. Anil Kalhan of Drexel University School of Law, Prof. Bruce Green of Fordham Law School, Emily Jane Goodman, a former New York Supreme Court judge, and Pery Krinsky of Krinsky PLLC. The topic of the day concerned the decision by the Second Circuit judges to remove Judge Shira Scheindlin from the Floyd and Ligon “stop and frisk” cases, following her Aug. 12, 2013, ruling that the controversial New York City policing practice was unconstitutional. Judge Scheindlin was alleged to have compromised the appearance of impartiality in the cases, due to her prior



**Rhode Island Chapter:** At the November event—(l to r) Chapter President J. Scott Kilpatrick; Incoming Chief Judge William Smith; Past Chapter President James Murphy; Hon. Bruce Selya; Byron McMasters; Outgoing Chief Judge Mary Lisi; Hon. Lincoln Almond; Amy Moses; and Hon. John McConnell.



**Dayton Chapter:** At the State of the Court Luncheon—(l to r) Chapter President Judge Michael J. Neman, Chief Judge Susan J. Dlott, and Judge Thomas M. Rose.



**Southern District of New York Chapter:** At the January Ethics CLE—(left photo, l to r) Pery Krinsky; Professor Anil Kalhan, Drexel University School of Law; William F. Dahill, chapter president; Elba Galvan, president, New York Chapter of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Hon. Emily Jane Goodman; Joseph Drayton, president of the New York Chapter of the National Bar Association; and Professor Bruce Green, Fordham School of Law; At the January 27th event—(right photo, l to r) Judge Alan Trust, Chief Judge Cecelia G. Morris, Judge Robert D. Drain, Judge Stuart M. Bernstein, Judge James M. Peck, Judge Allan L. Gropper, Chief Judge Lorretta A. Preska, Judge Shelley C. Chapman, Judge Robert E. Gerber, and Judge Sean H. Lane.



handling of a related case (Daniels) and based on comments she had made in various interviews. Each of the panelists provided their views on the Second Circuit's decision, and a hearty question and answer session followed the presentations in which attendees offered their opinions and questions to the panel. The program received considerable positive feedback and more than 130 people were in attendance on what was a brutally cold January evening. The event was a great success.

#### SDNY Chapter Honors Bankruptcy Judges

On Jan. 27, 2014, the chapter honored the bankruptcy judges for the Southern District of New York for their exemplary service under severe budgetary constraints. The judges were joined by several of their colleagues from the Eastern District of New York, the district judges sitting in the SDNY, and the clerk of the SDNY Bankruptcy Court,

as well as many members of the bankruptcy bar in both districts.

Chapter President William F. Dahill gave opening remarks, Chief District Judge Loretta A. Preska described the reasons for honoring the bankruptcy judges, and Chief Bankruptcy Judge Cecelia G. Morris spoke about Judge Burton Lifland, who passed away in January, and Judges Allan L. Gropper and James M. Peck, who are retiring from the bench. The event was held at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and more than 115 people attended.

## SIXTH CIRCUIT

### Dayton Chapter

#### *Chapter Hosts Its Largest Event in History*

On Jan. 30, 2014, the chapter partnered with the U.S. District Court for the Southern

District of Ohio to host Chief Judge Susan J. Dlott's State of the Court Luncheon. More than 150 members of the federal bench and bar attended the luncheon, which was held at the Schuster Center in downtown Dayton. All six of Dayton's federal judicial officers were in attendance to discuss the current state of the court, including budget issues, case statistics, and other topics of interest to local federal practitioners. Prior to lunch, Chapter President Hon. Michael J. Newman escorted Chief Judge Dlott as she made a point to greet each table and introduce herself to new practitioners. The event, which was the largest in chapter history, was a great success due in large part to the unwavering support of the chapter's members. The chapter plans to make the luncheon an annual event. ☉

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## Sections and Divisions

### IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

On Dec. 11, 2013, the Immigration Law Section held its continued leadership luncheon series in Washington, D.C. The program featured Hon. Paul Wickham Schmidt, immigration judge, Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice. Judge Schmidt received this appointment in May 2003. Prior becoming an immigration judge, he served as a board member for the Board of Immigration Appeals, Executive Office for Immigration Review. Prakash Khatri, attorney, Washington, D.C., and member of the section board of directors, and Cary Devorsetz welcomed participants. Section Chair H. Raymond Fasano provided the introduction to the event.

### FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION

On January 17, the Federal Litigation Section and the Phoenix Chapter coordinated a program entitled "The Brave New World of Federal Practice: New Rules, New

Issues" at the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse. Current and former chief U.S. district judges from Arizona, Michigan, and New York convened as part of a panel to address more than 100 members of the FBA and the public concerning recent developments and proposed changes in federal civil procedure.

The event included a discussion by Judge David G. Campbell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, chair of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, which has recently proposed significant amendments to the rules for discovery and case management in civil actions in federal courts. Featured speakers included Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska, Southern District of New York; Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen, Eastern District of Michigan; Judge Roslyn O. Silver, District of Arizona; James M. Wagstaffe of San Francisco; and Robert E. Kohn of Los Angeles. Opening remarks were provided by Judge Campbell.

### FEDERAL CAREER SERVICE DIVISION

On January 24, the Federal Career Service Division co-sponsored its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Service Career Fair at George Mason University School of Law. The event featured individual interviews, table talk opportunities, and résumé collections for students from the seven area law schools that coordinated the event: American University, Washington College of Law; The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law; George Mason University School of Law; University of Baltimore School of Law; University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law; University of Maryland School of Law; and Howard University School of Law. The fair brought employers and students together to meet and discuss public interest and government opportunities in the Washington, D.C., area. ☉

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