



Sections and Divisions

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION AND FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION

On August 7, the Criminal Law Section and the Federal Litigation Section helped to co-sponsor the program “Right to Counsel in Federal Courts: The Past, Present, and Future.” The event marked the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Criminal Justice Act of 1964—the landmark legislation securing the Sixth Amendment right to counsel in federal court. The program featured a variety of perspectives on the act through the years; how the principles of justice and the right to counsel intersect; and how courts, prosecutors, and defense attorneys are constantly striving to ensure meaningful right to counsel now and for

the future. Topics included principles of justice and the fundamental right to counsel as well as Criminal Justice Act appointments. Speakers included Hon. Kelly Rankin, Hon. William W. Hood III, and Elisabeth Shumaker, clerk of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

ADMIRALTY LAW SECTION AND FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION

On August 14, the Admiralty Law Section and Federal Litigation Section along with the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Broward County Chapter presented the program entitled “The Costa Concordia: What If It Happened in U.S. Waters?” in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The program focused on the legal ramifica-

tions of the Costa Concordia disaster, considering such perspectives as maritime, criminal, and administrative law. The event featured panels on forum selection and jurisdiction, salvage recovery, pre-planning for a disaster, as well as geographical and multiagency administrative issues and ethical concerns. Speakers included Patricia Olney; Philip Parrish; Michelle Otero Valdes; Art Meade, vice president/general counsel for Crowley Maritime Corp.; Michael Brown, area executive vice president marine, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.; Patrick O’Keefe, upcoming FBA national director and maritime attorney, New Orleans, La.; Jody Foster; Lindsey Brock; and Capt. Michael Kucharski. ☉

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