

Federal Bar Association Chapter Events Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the Criminal Justice Act

FIRST CIRCUIT

Maine Chapter

The Civil Rights Act of 1964: Justice Then and Now— This panel discussion with Hon. Gustavo Gelpí Jr, FBA national president; Mary Bonauto of Gay & Lesbian Advocates Defenders, David Webbert of Johnson, Webbert & Young, and Melvyn Zarr, of University of Maine School of Law. (September 2014)

**Sponsored by the Federal Litigation Section, Chapter Activity Fund, New Hampshire Chapter, Puerto Rico Chapter, Massachusetts Chapter, and Rhode Island Chapter*

Massachusetts Chapter

The Civil Rights Act of 1964: Then, Now, and Moving Forward: Clerk Robert M. Farrell, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman, U.S. District Court Judge and FBA National President Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpí, Jr. offered observations about this monumental federal legislation. (April 2014)

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FOURTH CIRCUIT

Richmond Chapter

The Law, the Fourth Circuit, and the Last Fifty Years of the Civil Rights Movement: In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, this continuing legal education program presented by Professor Henry L. Chambers, Jr., of the University of Richmond School of Law, provided an exploration of the law related to the last five decades of the civil rights movement in the United States, with particular emphasis on cases related to Virginia and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. (May 2014)

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Baton Rouge Chapter

Luncheon Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act: The event featured special guest speaker Dennis Parker, the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Racial Justice Program. In addition to Parker's remarks, Chief Judge Brian Jackson delivered the State of the District address. (August 2014)

New Orleans Chapter

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the Criminal Justice Act: The chapter held a half-day CLE event featuring Dr. Raphael Cassimere, Jr. civil rights

leader and professor *Emeritus* of history at the University of New Orleans, whose advocacy for voting rights lead to the landmark 1991 Supreme Court decision, *Chisom v. Roemer*, which extended voting rights to judicial elections, and FBA National President Hon. Gustavo Gelpí Jr. (June 2014)

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Chattanooga Chapter

Marching Forward 50 Years Later: In partnership with the City of Chattanooga and local sponsors, the chapter hosted a two-day observance along with a civil rights art contest for students in grades 6 through 12. (Summer 2014)

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SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Chicago Chapter

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Passage of the Criminal Justice Act: In addition to the inspired comments from speakers, clips were shown of the award-winning film "Gideon's Army" as well as rarely seen footage of the real Clarence Earl Gideon and his lawyer Abe Fortas. The program was open to the public and more than 150 people attended. (February 2014)

Criminal Justice Act Right to Counsel: Moderated by Chief Judge of the District Court Ruben Castillo, a panel of seven speakers reviewed the historic context in which this law was ultimately passed, examined where we are today, 50 years later, and looked at where we should be going. There were 220 people in attendance. This program was were open to the public for no charge and offered CLE credit. (May 2014)

**Both programs co-sponsored by the Federal Litigation Section, Criminal Law Section, and Civil Rights Section*

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Minnesota Chapter

Civil rights leader Diane Nash spoke at the Minnesota Chapter's *40th Annual Federal Practice Seminar*. She discussed the Freedom Riders and the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. (June 2014)

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NINTH CIRCUIT

Northern District of California Chapter

50th Anniversary Reflection on the 1963 Civil Rights Movement with Guest Speaker Hon. Thelton Henderson: This program discussed the major milestones of that tumultuous year and their significance then and now, in our country's continued quest for civil rights. The chapter advertised this local historical society event to its membership. (November 2013)

TENTH CIRCUIT

Colorado Chapter and Wyoming Chapter

The Past, Present, and Future of the Right to Counsel in Federal Courts: This live program and webcast explained 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. (August 2014)

**Sponsored by the Federal Litigation Section and Criminal Law Section*

New Mexico Chapter

In Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Criminal Justice Act: Dawn Porter will speak and there will be a private screening of the movie, *Gideon's Army*. (Fall 2014)

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Utah Chapter

50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Rev. France Davis presented the keynote speech. Two hours of CLE credit were provided. (April 2014)

D.C. CIRCUIT

Capitol Hill Chapter

The Capitol Hill Chapter kicked off its commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a tour and lunch at President Lincoln's Cottage. Attendees explored President Abraham Lincoln's life at the cottage and heard about one of his greatest accomplishments—the Emancipation Proclamation—issued 100 years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act. (June 2014)

The chapter continued its celebration by hosting a luncheon with Lonnie G. Bunch, III, the founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. He has spent nearly 30 years in the museum field, many with the Smithsonian. He recently published a book titled: *Slave Culture: A Documentary Collection of the Slave Narratives*. (July 2014)

The chapter will conclude its commemoration with a tour of the Library of Congress exhibition *The Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom*. (Fall 2014)



Chicago Chapter's CJA 50th anniversary event

District of Columbia Chapter, Pentagon Chapter and Capitol Hill Chapter

The Right to Counsel in The Federal Courts and Courts Martial: A Comparative Program: This unique program explored the development of the right to counsel in the military courts martial and the civilian federal courts. (June 2014)

**Co-Sponsored by the Criminal Law Section and the Veterans and Military Law Section*

Memphis Mid-South Chapter

50th Anniversary of Gideon and the Criminal Justice Act: A reenactment of *Gideon v. Wainwright* and a presentation about the history of the Federal Defender's Office. (April 2014)

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