Mao then spoke about the career path that led him to his current position as Law Librarian of Congress. As a law student at Georgetown University, his work study job was in the law library. Although the job involved some tedious tasks, such as updating loose-leaf binders, it also involved some fascinating work, but Mao was disappointed to learn that a law librarian position requires a separate library science degree. After a few years of practice, Mao went back to school to get the degree. With his new degree, Mao worked at the Congressional Research Service for a few years, before applying for and accepting the position of Deputy Law Librarian. In 2012, he became the Law Librarian.

With 2.8 million volumes covering the laws of 240 jurisdictions, the Law Library of Congress is the largest law library in the world and the largest collection of pri-
primary sources. Its history dates back to 1832 when Congress created it separately from the Library of Congress.

The Law Library has been through many expansions. After the Mexican-American War, Congress felt the need to understand the laws of the newly acquired states, which were based on Spanish civil law. Thus in 1848, the Library was authorized to purchase all constitutions and laws of Mexico. The Law Library expanded again when Stalin needed money and decided to sell off the Winter Palace law book collection. The collection went through a New York dealer who sold it to the Law Library.

Today the Law Library serves as an invaluable tool for lawyers and researchers around the globe. For example, the Library digitized its Haitian law collection after the 2011 earthquake destroyed many of the same materials in Haiti. A visitor from Pakistan marveled at the Library’s collections of Pakistani laws from prior regimes and noted that only one copy of these materials existed in Pakistan, but they were under lock and key.

Mao also discussed two recent initiatives of the Law Library. The Library of Congress is celebrating the 800th anniversary of the first issue of Magna Carta with a special exhibition of the Lincoln Cathedral Magna Carta and 75 items from the Law Library and from various other divisions of the Library of Congress, which tell the story of the Magna Carta’s influence on the history of political liberty.

Also, the publisher William S. Hein & Co., Inc. recently signed an agreement allowing the Law Library to offer free online access to historical U.S. legal materials, including United States Codes, case reporters, and regulations.

Bowser thanked Mao for the interesting discussion and presented him with a small token of the Chapter’s appreciation. The annual meeting concluded with the introduction of the new President, Jeff McDermott. McDermott thanked Bowser for her tireless dedication to the Chapter and for planning an amazing year of events. He promised members another exciting year to come.
Above Left: Amy Bowser presents Mao with a gift from the Chapter. Above Right: Incoming President Jeff McDermott thanks Bowser for her outstanding stewardship of the Chapter.

As noted by Mao, through an agreement with the Library of Congress, the publisher William S. Hein & Co. has generously allowed the Law Library to offer free online access to historical U.S. legal materials from HeinOnline. These titles are available through the Library’s web portal and include:

**United States Code 1925-1988 (includes content up to 1993)**

**United States Reports v. 1-542 (1754-2004)**

**Code of Federal Regulations (1938-1995)**

**Federal Register v. 1-58 (1936-1993)**
I am truly honored to become the President of the Capitol Hill Chapter of the FBA. I still remember the very first FBA event I attended – an ethics program at the Library of Congress in 1999 (an annual event that the Chapter reinstituted in 2009). Not only did I have the chance to hear some fascinating speakers, but I got the chance to meet leaders in the legislative and judicial branches. I was still a law student at the time, so I was particularly grateful for such a wonderful opportunity.

As President, I hope to continue to offer interesting speakers and invaluable networking opportunities.

I joined the FBA shortly after that event (mainly because of the encouragement of former Chapter President Craig Winslow). I served for several years as a member of the editorial board member of The Federal Lawyer, writing and editing articles for the FBA’s magazine. In 2009, I joined the leadership council of the Capitol Hill Chapter and have served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect of the Chapter. I have also edited the Chapter’s newsletter, Capitol Assets, for the past few years. I originally joined the Capitol Hill Chapter because I was an attorney for the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Although I began a new job this year as investigative counsel for the Inspector General for the Department of State, I still find great value in my Capitol Hill Chapter membership. Like me, a significant percentage of the Chapter does not work for any of our component agencies in the legislative and judicial branches. Many of these members joined because of the great programs we hold, and I hope to continue to provide great value for all of our members.

As President, I stand on the shoulders of many great past Chapter leaders. As I said in my remarks at the annual meeting, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Amy Bowser, our Immediate Past President. Amy taught me about the importance of communicating with the Chapter and Council. I hope to continue to keep in regular contact with everyone, letting you know about upcoming events and soliciting your ideas for future events. I also learned from Amy the importance of getting members involved. Under Amy’s leadership, we expanded the Council and grew our membership. In fact, the Chapter was recently recognized by the FBA for increasing our membership by more than five percent.

Likewise, I- and the Chapter- have benefitted from the leadership of Elizabeth Pugh (who began our outreach to law students); Matt McGhie (who modernized the Chapter’s finances); Tony Ogden (who began our members-only events, such as Capitol Dome and Library of Congress tours); T.J. Halstead (who got more younger lawyers involved in the Chapter and named me to the leadership Council); and Paul Vamvas (who re instituted our ethics seminar and made us the first FBA Chapter with its own Facebook page). I hope to continue these great programs and ideas in the coming year. And please let me know if you have any ideas for events or speakers. I hope to make your FBA membership as wonderful an experience as it has been for me.
On October 24, the Capitol Hill Chapter hosted a luncheon with Steve Linick, the Inspector General for the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Mr. Linick also served as the first Inspector General for the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), as well as worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for many years.

Linick began his remarks by describing his tenure at FHFA and the challenges of going from an office of one employee to nearly 150 employees in three years and developing an infrastructure to support those employees. He also faced the challenge of providing oversight to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two organizations that had never had an Inspector General. One of the earliest reports issued by his office was a review of executive compensation for Fannie and Freddie. The report found that FHFA approved compensation of more than $35.4 million for the top six executives in 2009-10, but had few procedures or methodology to guide their decision.

In 2013, Linick was confirmed to his current position at the State Department and became the first permanent Inspector General in six years. He spoke about some of the major challenges faced by the State Department. For example, the 2012 attack on the consulate in Benghazi, Libya demonstrated that physical security is one of the most important issues for the Department. The Inspector General has performed a lot of time examining the security of Department facilities around the world, as well as reviewing whether the Department adopted the recommendations of the post-Benghazi Accountability Review Board.

Another major challenge for the State Department is contract and grant oversight, which is often seen as a less critical issue than diplomacy and international development. Linick’s office has tried to highlight the importance of such issues by issuing two management alerts. The first cited over $6 billion in contracts that lacked proper documentation, while the second focused on grants oversight deficiencies caused by too few people managing too many grants.

Finally, Linick cited recurring deficiencies in State’s IT security, which were often left unaddressed. Linick noted that the Inspector General plans to conduct penetration testing to highlight this problem.

Chapter President Jeff McDermott thanked Linick for an interesting and engaging discussion and presented him with a small token of the Chapter’s appreciation.
The Capitol Hill Chapter received two awards at the annual meeting of the Federal Bar Association in Providence, Rhode Island in September.

The Chapter was recognized with a prestigious Presidential Excellence Award, which is given to chapters that have done a superior job in exceeding the criteria set by the Awards Committee.

The Chapter also received a Meritorious Newsletter Recognition Award for Capitol Assets.
Grodin Speaks at Annual Meeting

At the FBA’s annual meeting in Providence, Capitol Hill Chapter council member Maryann Grodin spoke on a CLE panel entitled “Qui Tam and SOX Whistleblowers in Federal Courts.” As the Whistleblower Protection Ombudsman and the General Counsel to the Inspector General for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Grodin has dealt with many whistleblowers and shared her experiences with the attendees on how whistleblower claims are investigated, litigated, and settled in the federal government.

Above are the panel members: R. Scott Oswald, Managing Principal, The Employment Law Group; Zachary A. Cunha, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Affirmative Civil Enforcement Coordinator, District of Rhode Island; Stephen A. Jonas, Investigations and Criminal Litigation Practice Group Chair, WilmerHale LLP; and Grodin.
Above: Space aliens accompanied FBA members from the hotel to the opening night reception.

At Left: The opening night reception was held at a restaurant overlooking the WaterFire performance art display. On WaterFire evenings, Providence is transformed by 100 bonfires that burn just above the surface of its three rivers.
Above: Chapter Presidents Jeff McDermott, Elizabeth Pugh, and Amy Bowser at the WaterFire reception.

At Left and Below: FBA Members helped light the WaterFire bonfires.
One of the recent amendments to our Chapter’s constitution was the addition of new component agencies. The next few spotlights will focus on these new components.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has the smallest geographic jurisdiction of any of the federal appeals courts, yet hears some of the most important cases. For example, the Court reviews the decisions and rulemaking of federal independent agencies, often without a prior hearing by a district court. Approximately, one-third of the Court’s cases are appeals from agency decisions.

The court also hears appeals of cases involving the federal government, many of which have national significance. Approximately a quarter of the Court’s cases are other civil cases involving the federal government. All together, over two-thirds of the Court’s civil cases involve the federal government.

The Court dates back to the second of two Judiciary Acts passed in 1801. The Court was created as not only a federal appeals court, but also the local court for the District of Columbia. The Court survived the abolishment that befell other new circuit courts when Thomas Jefferson and his congressional allies took over from John Adams and the Federalists.

In 1970, Congress created its own local court system for the District, and the Court lost its jurisdiction over local cases. But this same period also saw the growth of the administrative state, so the Court’s workload actually grew.

The Court’s importance is also demonstrated by the fact that four of the nine current Supreme Court justices are former members of the Court of Appeals (Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg).

The Court currently has 11 active judges and 6 senior judges. Its chief judge is Merrick Garland. The Court is located in the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse, which is also the home to the District Court for the District of Columbia.

In a 2006 lecture about the Court, Chief Justice Roberts joked that the co-location allows a circuit judge “the unique opportunity of sitting down to lunch right next to a judge who, moments before, they had announced was guilty of abuse of discretion or clear error. It can make for a very short lunch.”
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