On May 13, the Capitol Hill Chapter held its 39th annual Supreme Court luncheon. This year, the Chapter was honored to host the longest-serving Justice on the current Court, Antonin Scalia. Chapter President Amy Bowser noted that this was the third time that Justice Scalia spoke to the Chapter.

Scalia devoted his remarks to a discussion of the proposal to shorten law school from three years to two years. Scalia noted that the idea has been endorsed from individuals as diverse as President Obama and Judge Richard Posner. Even the American Bar Association is studying the proposal. Scalia acknowledged that a legal education originally consisted of just two years of study, but he nonetheless opposes the proposal. According to Scalia, the law is a profession, not a trade, and three years is really needed to ground someone in all of the different areas of the law.

Scalia also decried the movement away from a core curriculum. He noted that when he was in law school, the second year and even the third year included mandatory coursework. Now, however, those years are largely devoted to electives in whatever areas “catch the law student’s fancy.” In certain law schools, even the first year curriculum includes electives. Scalia remarked that even with a hefty core curriculum, there were still gaps in his legal education. These gaps are likely to grow as law schools offer more and more “creative” courses and fewer traditional courses, such as taxation and corporations. Scalia observed that he recently
interviewed several law clerk applicants who had not taken fundamental courses, such as First Amendment law. When he asked them why they did not take the class, they often answer that it was not being offered when they had time in their schedule.

Scalia did concede that law school tuition has greatly increased and that student debt is a serious problem. However, he pointed to the increase in law professors’ salaries and the decrease in their teaching loads as better ways to address this problem, rather than by adjusting the length of law school.

President Amy Bowser thanked Justice Scalia for his thought-provoking remarks and for being so generous to the Chapter. As a small token of gratitude, she presented him with a porcelain box illustrated with one of the frescos from the Senate chamber. The fresco created by Constantino Brumidi (often referred to as “the Michelangelo of the Capitol”) is an allegory for legislation. Given Scalia’s distinct views on statutory interpretation, the legislation fresco was a fitting gift.

Below: Justice Scalia addresses the Chapter.  
(Photo by Richard Litsey)

At Right: Bowser and President Elect Jeff McDermott
Well here we are, more than half way through the year already. We are so lucky to have had the privilege to hear such great speakers, with more still to come. But I cannot take credit for much of this year’s success. I have a supportive, energetic, and well-connected council who makes my job easy. One of my main goals this year was to get people – from those already chapter members to those who had never heard of the FBA – more involved. I want everyone to see the benefits of membership that I have experienced. Just this month, we had the privilege of having lunch with Justice Scalia. Personally, it was the highlight of my career to be able to introduce him to chapter members and guests.

Recently I attended the FBA midyear meeting, and Jeff McDermott, president-elect, attended FBA’s leadership training. And a theme at both meetings was membership – recruitment and retention. FBA provided 5 quick tips to boost membership. Below are my thoughts on how our Chapter is doing in these areas:

(1) Bring Membership Applications wherever you go.
We definitely do not do this routinely. Back when paper applications were the predominant way to join, I do remember always seeing applications on the tables at events. Now with online applications, we seem to have let the practice slide. While I do not think we need to bring paper applications again, I do think we should do a better job of reminding people how easy it is to join. We should have something at each event that people can take away that tells them how to join the FBA.

(2) Identify non-members at all of your functions.
We are a friendly bunch, so hopefully non-members who attend an event get to speak with a member of the chapter. But again, we don’t have a plan in place to routinely seek out and welcome non-members to events. Most non-members come with a member, so I would ask these members to introduce their guests to me and to other members of the council so that we can properly welcome them to our events.

(3) Recognize members with tenure.
We have in the past recognized tenured members in the Chapter’s newsletter, and will make an effort to continue this practice at least annually in the future.

(4) Let your members know about everything you’re doing – multiple times.
I think we do this quite well. Between emails, the newsletter, Facebook, and the Chapter’s webpage (which is still a work in process), hopefully every chapter member knows about upcoming events.

(5) Utilize membership reports in new and different ways.
Membership reports give chapter leadership a breakdown of members’ status (new, active, and past due), and we definitely do not use the information in these reports enough. Sometimes people are busy and don’t realize that their membership has lapsed, and a simple phone call or email can remind them it is time to renew. Others may decide not to renew, and a short conversation may allow us to learn why and improve. Finally, new members should be welcomed to the chapter. This newsletter does recognize new members, but it should be the responsibility of the President or others in leadership to personally welcome them to the group.

Currently, the Capitol Hill Chapter has 180 members, up by 9 people from this time last year. I think we are a smaller chapter with great perks and hopefully the benefits of membership speak for itself. However, the GAO attorney in me would say “while improvements have been made, more can be done.” We can all try to invite colleagues and other attorney friends to events. We can all try to make nonmembers feel welcome at events by introducing ourselves. We can all try to share with others the benefits of membership. And the chapter leadership can do more to recognize tenured members and reach out to new members and members with past due memberships.

I think membership success is not necessarily shown by the number of members, but rather by the number of members who join, experience the benefit of membership, and keep renewing.
On April 17, Senate Historian Donald Ritchie spoke at the Capitol Hill Chapter’s monthly luncheon in the historic Mansfield Room in the Capitol Building. Ritchie has served in the Historian’s Office since 1976 and became the Chief Historian in 2010. He is also the author of numerous books on subjects as diverse as the Capitol Hill press corps and FDR.

Ritchie began his speech by noting that the Senators from the early history of the republic would feel at home in today’s Senate, at least by the décor and the decorum. The historic spittoons still grace the Senate chamber, and Senators still sit at 19th Century desks fitted with inkwells and snuff boxes. Interestingly, the snuff boxes and spittoons gained popularity in 1914 when the Senate banned smoking because of the respiratory concerns of an elderly member, and chewing tobacco became the only acceptable alternative.

Similarly, the Senate still uses the parliamentary rules developed by Thomas Jefferson. Senators address each other as “my friend” or “the Senator from…” and never disparage one another on the floor of the Senate.

However, in many other ways, the early Senators would not recognize today’s Senate. On the most basic level, the diversity of the Senate has been drastically expanded. The Senate currently has 20 female Senators, and Senators from almost every race, creed, and ethnic background have been elected.

Ritchie also noted that political parties are much more polarized. The most liberal Republican is still more conservative than the most conservative Democrat, which has not always been the case. For example, the Civil Rights Act was passed by a coalition of Northern and Western Republicans and Democrats over the objections of Southern Democrats.

In fact, one of the most moving stories that Ritchie told involved the passage of that historic bill. Supporters of the bill needed every vote to override the Southern Democrats’ filibuster of the bill. Senator Clair Engle of California was in the hospital battling a
brain tumor that had robbed him of his voice. He rode in an ambulance to the Senate and when his name was called for his vote, he pointed to his eye, since he could not say “aye.” Sadly, Senator Engle died about a month later.

Ritchie’s office is a valuable resource for Senators, Senate staff, fellow historians, journalists, and even Hollywood. For example, movie set designers have phoned to ask how a particular hearing room looked during the McCarthy hearings. The research done by his office has been cited in the ongoing debate over reform of the filibuster.

And whenever a Senator dies, journalists will inevitably phone to ask about similar deaths. According to Ritchie, Senators have died in practically every means of transportation; not just planes, trains, and automobiles, but stagecoaches and steamboats.

Chapter President Amy Bowser thanked Ritchie for the fascinating discussion and presented him with a small token of the Chapter’s appreciation. Attendees marveled at not only the great speech, but at the opportunity to dine in the grandeur of the Mansfield Room, which Ritchie noted is used by the majority party in the Senate to hold their weekly luncheons.
On March 27, Judge Gutavo Gelpí presented a lecture on the “Constitutional Evolution of Overseas U.S. Territories” to the Capitol Hill Chapter in the Capitol Visitor Center. Judge Gelpí is a federal district judge in Puerto Rico, as well as the current President of the Federal Bar Association.

Gelpí began his presentation by citing the constitutional provision that deals with territories: “The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States.” He noted that Congress has used this authority to distinguish between incorporated territories (in which the Constitution applies in full) and unincorporated territories (in which only certain fundamental personal rights apply).

Gelpí discussed the Insular Cases, a series of Supreme Court decisions concerning the status of territories acquired by the U.S. in the Spanish–American War. These cases sanctioned the distinction between unincorporated and incorporated territories and held that full constitutional rights did not automatically extend to all areas under American control. He noted that this doctrine has been extremely controversial and the subject of much criticism.

Judge Gelpí cited the lack of voting rights of the citizens of Puerto Rico as one of the unfortunate results of this line of cases. Puerto Ricans do not have voting representation in Congress, nor are they entitled to electoral votes in the Presidential election.

Another unfortunate result of this doctrine is that citizens of Puerto Rico do not have the right to a jury trial in a civil case, an anomaly that Gelpí has called upon the Supreme Court to rectify.

According to him, “United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico, have historically lived under a system of federal laws in which the constitutional principle of consent of the governed is a fallacy.”

Judge Gelpí concluded his remarks by noting that more than fifty years have passed since the Supreme Court decided Brown v. Board of Education and that it is time to examine whether the present constitutional and legal condition of the U.S. citizens residing in non-state areas runs afoul of the principle set forth in Brown that separate is not equal.

Chapter President Amy Bowser thanked Judge Gelpí for the stimulating presentation on an area of the law that was new to many of the attendees, as well as for his strong leadership of the FBA.

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Jon Van Dyke Lecture Series

THE CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF OVERSEAS U.S. TERRITORIES

(1898 – Present)

HON. GUSTAVO A. GELPI

U.S. District Judge
President of the Federal Bar Association
Washington, DC
March 27, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Spotlight On Chapter Agencies: AoC

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 Architect of the Capitol (AoC) is responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the U.S. Capitol, the congressional office buildings, and the Supreme Court. This amounts to over 17 million square feet of buildings and 553 acres of land.

AoC’s roots are in the early history of the republic. In 1791, President George Washington appointed three commissioners to provide suitable buildings and accommodations for Congress. The commissioners staged a competition for the design of the Capitol. The commissioners awarded this duty to Dr. William Thornton who is credited today as the first “architect of the capitol.”

The first official use of the title “Architect of the Capitol” referring to the both person and the agency was in 1867 when Edward Clark was named Architect of the Capitol through legislation.

Until 1989, the position of Architect was filled by appointment by the President for an indefinite term. Legislation enacted in 1989 provides that the Architect is to be appointed for a term of ten years by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from a list of three candidates recommended by a congressional commission. The current Architect of the Capitol, Stephen T. Ayers, was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2010.

AoC’s General Counsel is Jason Baltimore, who has served in this role since 2012 and manages a team of attorneys who advise the Architect on a myriad of legal issues from procurement to occupational safety and health to labor management to environmental law.

Former Chapter President Elizabeth Pugh and Architect Stephen Ayers
Last month, longtime Chapter Council member Richard Litsey retired from his position with the Senate Finance Committee. Litsey joined the Committee in 2004 and shortly thereafter became a member of the Federal Bar Association and the Capitol Hill Chapter’s leadership council as a representative of the Senate. Litsey began working for the Committee as an American Political Science Association fellow and then was hired by Chairman Max Baucus to serve as the committee’s counsel and senior advisor for Indian Affairs.

Prior to his Senate service, Litsey worked as a Hearing Office Director and attorney for the Social Security Administration in Houston, overseeing reviews of disability claims filed by Social Security claimants. Prior to that, Litsey worked as an attorney in the Customs and International Trade section of Baker & Hostetler, LLP. A native of Dickinson, Texas, Litsey is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Oklahoma State University, a Juris Doctor degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and a Master of Law in International Economic Law from the University of Houston.

Not only is Litsey a long-serving chapter leader, but he serves as our chapter photographer, taking memorable photos of all our events that grace this newsletter. We would like to congratulate Richard on his retirement and thank him for his numerous contributions to the chapter! We also wish him luck on his new position as the Director of Policy and Advocacy for the National Indian Health Board.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 5-6: Second Annual International Conference on Legislative Drafting and Law Reform. Details and RSVP [here](#).

**June 12:** Annual Ethics Symposium. Details and RSVP [here](#).

**June 12:** The Right to Counsel in the Federal Courts and Courts Martial: A Comparative Program. A free event co-hosted by the Chapter. Details and RSVP [here](#).

**July 10:** Chapter members-only tour of President Lincoln’s cottage. Details to come!

**July 15:** Luncheon with Lonnie Bunch, National Museum of African American History & Culture Director. Details to come!

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☐ Bankruptcy ☐ International

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