On September 20, 2013, the Capitol Hill Chapter hosted its annual meeting at the Library of Congress. At the event, the Chapter swore in its new officers, adopted changes to its Constitution, celebrated another successful year of programming, and heard a keynote address from Judge Thomas Hogan.

The event began with a vote to approve changes to the Chapter constitution, which included new Council membership, including chairs of the membership, professional development, program, communications, and social committees, and younger lawyer and law student representatives appointed by the President, as well as the ability for Chapter and Council members to vote electronically.

Outgoing President Elizabeth Pugh then highlighted some of the notable events of the year, including a sold out Supreme Court luncheon with Justice Kennedy, members-only tours of the Capitol Dome and Library of Congress, and a popular ethics program. She noted that the Chapter also began an annual international legislative drafting conference and legislative branch career panels at area law schools.

Pugh then announced the results of the Chapter elections and Judge Hogan swore in new President Amy Bowser, President-Elect Jeff McDermott, Treasurer Meg Williams, and Secretary Geoff Cheshire. Newly-elected Council Members included Richard Litsey and Brynn Rovito (Senate); Ashley Alley (GAO); Kerry Miller (GPO/AoC/CBO/USCP); Cynthia Rapp (Supreme Court); Lizanne Kelley (LoC); and Stephanie Hemmert (National Judicial Offices).

Judge Hogan began his keynote address by noting the breadth and distinguished history of the District Court for the District of Columbia. For example, the trials
of Aaron Burr, Representative Preston Brooks (who savagely beat Senator Charles Sumner with a cane on the Senate floor), and Scooter Libby were all held at the Court. Hogan noted that the Court often issues decisions affecting Congress and the separation of powers, such as the line-tem veto case, Boehner v. McDermott (regarding the release of a cell phone call among congressmen to the media) and U.S. v. Jefferson (which involved the search of former Representative William Jefferson’s congressional office in a bribery investigation). Because of the Court’s location, it also hears high-profile cases in administrative law (including challenges to agency regulations), national security law, and constitutional law.

Judge Hogan also spoke about his service on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, on which he has served since 2009. He expressed concerns that the visibility that the Court has received in recent news stories regarding the National Security Agency may result in politicizing the issues that come before the Court.

Finally, Judge Hogan spoke about his tenure as director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts from 2011 to 2013. He expressed his fears about the damage that sequestration and a government shutdown will do to the courts, and asserted that the judicial branch is facing the most serious budgetary situation in its history, potentially threatening constitutional rights.

Elizabeth Pugh thanked Hogan for his pertinent remarks and then introduced incoming President Amy Bowser. Bowser presented Pugh with some gifts from the Chapter to thank her for all of her work during the past year. She then gave a preview of the year ahead and noted that the Chapter will host some very exciting events.
As a small town girl from western Pennsylvania, I never dreamed I would be living and working in the DC area. Within my first year as an attorney for the Government Accountability Office, I was invited to attend a luncheon hosted by the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Federal Bar Association featuring speaker David Walker, then the Comptroller General. At the lunch I was introduced to a wide range of influential people: General Counsels, Inspectors General, committee staff, and other senior attorneys at various agencies on Capitol Hill. From the first lunch, I was hooked. I became a member of the FBA and started attending all of the Chapter events. What I learned very quickly is that rank and titles are thrown out the window at these functions. Everyone is simply a government attorney with the same passion for public service. I joined the Council two years later and in October, I happily became the Chapter’s President.

I have found great pride in my involvement with the Capitol Hill Chapter. This group not only helps each other in professional settings, but takes an interest in each other’s personal lives. We celebrate births and retirements, send warm wishes in sickness or loss, and welcome family and friends to Chapter events. Because of our unique membership, we have connections to some of the most well-known people and buildings in Washington. Each year we host luncheons with renowned authors, reporters, congressional members, judges, and other high ranking government officials, and most notably our annual lunch with a sitting Supreme Court Justice. We organize tours of some of the most amazing buildings in DC, such as the Library of Congress and the Capitol.

Most members of the Chapter have been to one of our annual Supreme Court lunches. Many members will admit to joining the FBA just to attend that lunch. But how many members take advantage of our monthly luncheons, our CLE programs, or our members-only events? I have been in DC for over 9 years, and two of my most memorable moments were opportunities given to me by the CHC: shooting a basketball in “the highest court of the land” (the fourth floor basketball court in the Supreme Court) and seeing the 360 degree view of Washington from the top of the Capitol Dome.

The Chapter tries to hold events that will be of interest and benefit to a majority of its members. In order to continue with that mission, I want to hear from you, the members, to tell me and the rest of the Council what events would most interest you. Do you need more affordable CLE programs? Would you like to hear a particular person speak at a lunch event? Is there a particular building in DC you’ve always wanted to tour? Would you be interested in doing pro bono or other charity work? Do you want to serve on the Council and help to structure the Chapter’s programs and events? I cannot promise you that I will be able to accommodate all requests, but I will do my best to bring your suggestions to fruition. My goal this year is to make sure that every person benefits from their membership in the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, just as I have for many years.
On November 20, Federal Election Commission (FEC) member Caroline Hunter spoke to the Chapter at the Government Accountability Office. Hunter was nominated to the FEC by President George W. Bush on May 6, 2008. She previously served as the Vice-Chair of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the deputy director of the White House Office of Public Liaison, and the executive officer at the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman.

Hunter discussed her background in election and campaign finance law, as well as her tenure at the FEC and the careful balance the agency must strike between enforcing the law and preserving First Amendment rights.

Hunter previewed two issues that were on the FEC’s agenda. The first dealt with whether campaign donors could use bitcoins, a digital currency created in 2009 that involves instant payment without the use of a bank or financial institution. Hunter noted that the political action committee Conservative Action Fund had requested an advisory opinion as to whether it could accept bitcoins as contributions. One of the issues to be determined was whether bitcoins constituted a monetary or an in-kind contribution. The next day, the FEC deadlocked on the issue, declaring that the issue raised complicated questions that required more research.

The other issue previewed by Hunter was a request by the Tea Party Leadership Fund to shield the names of its donors from public disclosure. Hunter noted that the FEC did grant an exemption from disclosure laws to the Socialist Workers Party because its donors were able to demonstrate harassment resulting from their support. The Tea Party group claimed it was the victim of similar harassment. Subsequently, the FEC did not have sufficient votes to grant the exemption that the tea party group requested.

Chapter President Amy Bowser thanked Commissioner Hunter for the engaging discussion and noted that they were both proud graduates of the Pennsylvania State University.
On December 5, the Chapter hosted Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine at its monthly luncheon at the Library of Congress. Chief Dine was sworn in as Chief in December 2012 and came to the Capitol Police with 37 years of law enforcement experience.

Chief Dine began his career with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington in 1975 and recalled an earlier era in law enforcement when police walked a beat and checked in at regular intervals through the use of call boxes on street corners. He noted that the police were heavily involved in their communities and knew the owners and employees of businesses, how much money was kept in the till, and the hours of operation. Dine reminisced that many business owners would give a set of keys to their premises to the officers that patrolled their neighborhood. The trust that residents placed in those officers helped defuse many a tense situation.

According to Dine, the introduction of police cars and especially air conditioned cars changed the focus of police work. Officers were more mobile, but less integrated in the communities that they were protecting. However, there has been a return to community-oriented policing in recent years. From 2002 to 2012, Dine served as chief of police for Frederick, Maryland, and in that job, he relied upon the lessons he learned about building the trust of the community. Over the past few decades, Frederick has grown from a rural town to an increasingly diverse city. Dine stressed to his officers the importance of attending neighborhood and community group meetings to develop their trust and would often turn up at such gatherings himself. His tenure has been credited with not only reducing crime, but with building bridges to Frederick’s minority and immigrant populations.

Dine was excited to return to Washington when he was named Capitol Police Chief. He calls the Capitol Police “America’s police department” and notes the multiple roles that the agency must play, from assisting tourists to protecting dignitaries to gathering intelligence and to fighting terrorism. Dine noted that the recent incident involving the pursuit of a car that rammed White House security barricades and then headed for the Capitol demonstrates how carefully these roles must be balanced.

Chapter President Amy Bowser thanked Chief Dine for a fascinating luncheon and for the important role he plays in protecting the Capitol Hill Community.

Chief Kim Dine
(Photo by Richard Litsey)
Spotlight On Chapter Agencies: USCP

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 U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) originated in 1828, although it was not until after the Civil War that a uniformed armed police force emerged. In 1828, the police force consisted of one captain and three officers who were vested with the responsibility of protecting this iconic symbol of democracy. Before 1828, the Capitol was guarded by a single watchman. The event that triggered the creation of the USCP was the beating of a son of President John Quincy Adams as he walked through the Capitol Rotunda. The assailant believed that John Adams, Jr. had insulted his wife.

In the 1970s, the Capitol Police began a gradual switch to a more professional police force. Today, the force consisted of approximately 1700 sworn officers and 350 civilian employees. USCP works to protect life and property; prevent, detect, and investigate criminal acts; and enforce traffic regulations throughout a large complex of congressional buildings, parks, and streets. Additionally, USCP officers are responsible for protecting members and officers of Congress and their families.

The Capitol Police is currently led by Chief Kim Dine (see article on page 5). The USCP is overseen by the Capitol Police Board, which consists of the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives. The Board appoints the Chief and oversees and supports the Capitol Police and advances coordination between the USCP and the House and Senate.

The Chief is responsible for hiring a General Counsel. Currently, the General Counsel is Gretchen DeMar, who has provided legal counsel to USCP since 2001.

Below: Chapter President Amy Bowser & Chief Kim Dine
CHAPTER OUTREACHES TO LAW STUDENTS

Last year, the Capitol Hill Chapter began an outreach program at local law schools, in which Chapter members volunteer to speak on panels regarding careers in the legislative branch. According to President Amy Bowser, “Most law students are aware of the typical Hill jobs, such as working in a member’s office, but many are not aware of the many other legal opportunities in the legislative branch. We began these programs to allow students to explore the variety of other attorney positions on the Hill.”

The inaugural panel was held in February 2013 at the George Washington University Law Center with Library of Congress (LoC) General Counsel Elizabeth Pugh, Deputy Director of the Congressional Research Service Colleen Shogan, and Amy Bowser, who is a senior attorney at the Government Accountability Office (GAO). That program was so well received that the Chapter applied for and was awarded a grant from the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association to arrange subsequent panels. The Chapter arranges the speakers and pays for refreshments at the event to attract students.

In October, a panel was held at George Mason School of Law with Bowser, Meg Williams (LoC), Hannah Laufe (GAO), and Brynn Rovito (Senate Sergeant at Arms). In November, Bowser moderated a panel at Georgetown University Law Center with Jeff McDermott (GAO), Law Librarian David Mao, and House Chief Administrative Officer Dan Strodel.

The Chapter kicked off 2014 with panels at Catholic University featuring Bowser, Pugh, Rovito, and Warren Burke (House Legislative Counsel), and at American University featuring McDermott, Rovito, Burke, and Matt McGhie (Senate Legislative Counsel) and moderated by council member Kelly Lux.

The panelists discuss their own career path, the role that attorneys play in their office, and internship and hiring opportunities. They also allow time for questions by the 30 to 60 students who have attended each program. The role of the FBA in providing networking opportunities and learning experiences is also highlighted.

The panels have been lauded by both law students and career services officials. In fact, all of the law schools have requested that the program become an annual event. Bowser noted that she plans to continue the program, as it is an important service to the law student community and has helped to build the membership of the FBA.
On December 19th, the Chapter held a members-only private luncheon at the National Press Club. Members got to indulge in some of the best food offered by the National Press Club’s restaurant, the Fourth Estate headed by Executive Chef, Susan Delbert.

Little known fact: the Fourth Estate restaurant on the 13th Floor of the historic National Press Club is open to everyone. But not everyone gets the opportunity to experience a cooking lesson by Chef Delbert herself. Delbert was friendly and hospitable as she personally welcomed each member into the Winners’ Room, a private dining room within the Fourth Estate.

As members lunched on crab cake sandwiches, angus burgers, or chicken Caesar salads, Chef Delbert provided cooking tips, showed off must-have kitchen utensils, and demonstrated how to make the perfect salad. During the presentation, Chef Delbert also told the group of her journey from a litigator in Alaska, to a tax attorney in DC, to culinary school, and finally to Executive Chef.

What made the established attorney leave the practice of law and head to the culinary school? Delbert said she was worried about her financial stability after joining a start up law firm in Washington, so she took a job as a hostess at a restaurant. One night she was practicing her Spanish speaking skills with the kitchen staff while everyone cut up vegetables and she realized just how much fun she was having. It was then she decided to pursue cooking full time. And she took the switch very seriously, graduating at the top of her class from the acclaimed Culinary Institute of America.

After graduating, she had secured a job in September 2001 at a new restaurant opening in New York City near the World Trade Center. Before she could start, the tragic events of 9/11 occurred and Chef Delbert came back to Washington, this time, as a trained chef. She cooked in many Washington establishments, including the now defunct BeduCi, Third Edition, and the Oval Room. Before taking the helm at the Fourth Estate, Delbert was one of eight sous chefs at Old Ebbitt Grill, two blocks down the street.

Before the lunch ended, Chef Delbert fielded cooking questions from the members, many preparing for the upcoming holidays. Afterward, she provided a tour through the National Press Club members-only Truman Lounge.

If you are in the area, pop into the Fourth Estate for lunch. While the crab cake sandwich was delicious, the lobster grilled cheese is to die for.
Noted local author David Stewart spoke to the Chapter on February 11, 2014 at the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building about his new book *The Lincoln Deception*. Stewart has spoken to the Chapter in the past about his books which have discussed the history of the Constitutional Convention, the Andrew Johnson impeachment trial, and Aaron Burr, but this is Stewart’s first foray into historical fiction.

Stewart stated that he conceived the idea for the novel from reading about a real-life historical mystery. John Bingham, an Ohio congressman and a judge advocate in the Abraham Lincoln assassination trials, revealed on his deathbed to his physician that there was a terrible secret about the John Wilkes Booth conspiracy. However, Bingham did not reveal anything more to Dr. Jamie Fraser and took the secret to his grave.

Stewart decided that he wanted to explore what that secret was in the context of a historical novel. In the novel, Fraser decides that he wants to discover Bingham’s secret and enlists the help of Speed Cook, a fictional character created by Stewart as a black, college-educated professional ball-player and would-be newspaper publisher. The unlikely duo begin a quest to uncover the truth about the assassination.

Stewart reminded the audience that the assassination conspiracy extended beyond Lincoln’s shoot-

In the novel, Fraser and Cook puzzle over this conspiracy and set out to learn more. Their trail takes them to Booth’s nephew (a star actor himself) and the man’s beautiful business manager (who captures Fraser’s heart), and leads to the nation’s leading cotton tycoon, a man with murky connections to the Sons of Liberty, a Northern pro-Confederacy group from the 1860s.

Stewart said that one big difference between writing fiction and non-fiction was that fiction did not require keeping detailed research nor drafting extensive footnotes. Stewart really enjoyed writing a novel, so *The Lincoln Deception* is likely to be just his first work of fiction.

President-elect Jeff Mc Dermott thanked Stewart for his fourth luncheon with the Chapter and encouraged everyone to check out Stewart’s fascinating new novel.
In September 2013, the Capitol Hill Chapter received several awards and recognitions at the annual meeting of the Federal Bar Association held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Chapter received a Presidential Excellence Award, which is a Chapter Activity Award presented to chapters that excel in all areas and go above and beyond the minimum requirements of chapters.

*Capitol Assets*, the Chapter’s newsletter, received a Meritorious Newsletter Award. According to the FBA: “We received many applications for the awards and the committee was tremendously impressed by the ever-increasing quality and quantity of newsletters within the FBA.”

The Chapter also received a Special Recognition Award for the inaugural International Conference on Legislative Drafting and Law Reform, which brought together legislative and legal professionals from around the world.

Finally, the Chapter received an Outreach Award for our law school programs (see article on page 7).
In December, Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and Capitol Hill Chapter Council member Dan Strodel retired. Strodel worked for Congress for nearly three decades, including for the Committee on House Administration, the U.S. Capitol Police, and the House and Senate officers, including the Clerk of the House and the House and Senate Sergeant at Arms. For the past three years, he has served as the head of all of the House’s administrative functions under both Democratic and Republican leadership.

Strodel was also an active member of the Chapter. He was a member of the Leadership Council, serving as the representative of the House of Representatives since 2008. He set up the Capitol Dome tours for Chapter members and often helped us get space for events.

The Chapter thanks Strodel for all of his hard work and wishes him a very happy retirement.
Last year, William Suter, the 19th Clerk of the Supreme Court and a longtime Capitol Hill Chapter Council member retired. Suter spent 22 years as Clerk of the Court, which followed another distinguished career as a major general with the U.S. Army. Chief Justice John Roberts praised Suter for managing the Court’s docket “with unparalleled organization and efficiency” and for his “extraordinary...public outreach to explain the unique characteristics of the Third Branch.” Roberts noted that he “regularly meets with school children, law students, and foreign dignitaries” and “greets them all with equal ease and grace, demonstrating both his good humor and his humanity.”

As Clerk, Suter was an active member of the Federal Bar Association and a great friend to our Chapter. He made 67 visits to 52 FBA chapters, as near as Virginia and as far as Puerto Rico. He has been a member of the FBA for more than 50 years, having first been invited to be a member when he was serving as a colonel in Anchorage, Alaska. For our Chapter, he helped arrange our annual Supreme Court luncheon, frequently swore in our Chapter leadership, and spoke at our annual meeting in 2012.

The Chapter will truly miss his fascinating stories and his good humor. We wish him a very happy and well deserved retirement!

At Left: Suter addressing the Chapter’s Annual Meeting in 2013.

Below: Suter with several Chapter members at the Supreme Court.
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27: Monthly Luncheon with Judge Gustavo Gelpí. RSVP and more details here.

May 13: Annual Supreme Court Luncheon with Justice Antonin Scalia.

June 5-6: Second International Conference on Legislative Drafting and Law Reform. Details and RSVP here.

June 12: Annual Ethics Symposium.

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**Date**

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