Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter members welcomed Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch at the Chapter’s annual luncheon at the U.S. Supreme Court on May 30, 2019. Justice Gorsuch made brief remarks and answered questions from our members. Associate Justice Gorsuch was born in Denver, Colorado, August 29, 1967. He and his wife Louise have two daughters. He received a B.A. from Columbia University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a D.Phil. from Oxford University. He served as a law clerk to Judge David B. Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and as a law clerk to Justice Byron White and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States. From 1995–2005, he was in private practice, and from 2005–2006 he was Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 2006. He served on the Standing Committee on Rules for Practice and Procedure of the U.S. Judicial Conference, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure. He taught at the University of Colorado Law School. President Donald J. Trump nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat on April 10, 2017.
Associate Register of Copyrights Addresses Chapter at Library of Congress

On April 24, 2019, the Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter sponsored a seminar at the Library of Congress featuring Associate Register of Copyrights Catie Zaller Rowland. Ms. Rowland is Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Public Information and Education at the United States Copyright Office. Ms. Rowland advises the Register of Copyrights on a number of issues, and oversees the Office’s education and outreach efforts. Ms. Rowland previously had a number of other roles in the Copyright Office, including in the Office of the General Counsel, Office of Policy and International Affairs, and in the Register’s Office as a senior advisor. Prior to her work at the Copyright Office, she was in private practice, focusing on soft IP, at Arnold & Porter and Hogan Lovells. She earned a law degree from the College of William and Mary, and clerked for the Honorable N. Carlton Tilley on the Middle District of North Carolina. Ms. Rowland spoke about her work overseeing the office and in providing information, education, and outreach about the nation’s copyright laws.
Federal Bar Capitol Hill Chapter, D.C. Chapter, International Law Section: Distinguished Lawyer Event with Nuremberg Prosecutor Benjamin Feroncz

On March 28, 2019, the Capitol Hill Chapter of the FBA co-sponsored a Distinguished Lawyer Luncheon at the Library of Congress with the District of Columbia Chapter and the International Law Section featuring Benjamin Feroncz. Mr. Feroncz is the last surviving Nuremberg Prosecutor, and subject of a new, critically acclaimed documentary, “Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Benjamin Feroncz.” Mr. Feroncz addressed the Nuremberg prosecutions, war, and the rule of law.

Distinguished Lawyer Event: Past General Counsel, House of Representatives

On June 13, 2019, the Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter co-sponsored a Distinguished Lawyer Luncheon with the FBA Washington, D.C. Chapter at the U.S. District Courthouse in the District of Columbia featuring past General Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas Hungar. Mr. Thomas (Tom) Hungar was appointed by former House speaker Paul D. Ryan to serve as General Counsel to the US House of Representatives in July 2016, where he served until January 2019 before returning to private practice. As General Counsel, he provided legal advice and litigation representation on a non-partisan basis to the House and its leadership, members, officers, and staff, and he worked closely with numerous House committees in connection with their oversight and investigative activities. He also served as a law clerk to US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, and as a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Hungar has argued 26 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and served as Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. He spoke about the role of the House General Counsel's office, arguing before the Supreme Court, and current issues of interest.
Careers on Capitol Hill Event: Experienced Attorneys Share Their Insights

The Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter, along with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General, sponsored a Careers on Capitol Hill event at the Ford House Office Building on July 29, 2019. Speakers Terence Lily, General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms, Warren Burke of the House Office of Legislative Counsel, and Epin Hu Christensen, Counsel to the Inspector General, Smithsonian Institution, shared professional insights with a large audience of summer interns. Grant Treastor, Trial Attorney at Department of Justice Civil Division Torts Branch, moderated the panel.

Grant Treastor, Terence Lily, Epin Hu Christensen, and Warren Burke.
Dear Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter Members,

We hope you had a pleasant summer! The Federal Bar Association Capitol Hill Chapter has wrapped up its 2018-2019 program year, with the Federal Bar Association Annual Meeting and Convention in September marking the start of a new season. Special thanks to Chapter President Ethan Torrey, Secretary Nicole Kolinski, and Treasurer Geoffrey Cheshire for serving the Chapter this year. New Chapter Officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting in the fall. Terence Lily was elected the new Chapter President, Clayton LaForge as Treasurer, and myself as Secretary. Keep an eye on your email for the upcoming announcement of the date, time, and speaker for the meeting! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the recap of Chapter highlights from Spring and Summer 2019 in this edition of Capitol Assets.

Sincerely,

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What would you like to see covered in this newsletter? Contact Jana Patterson at janagagner@gmail.com. Thank you!