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Maryland

On Sept. 29, 2006, the Maryland Chapter's Younger Lawyers Division sponsored a luncheon, at which the featured speaker, U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan K. Gauvey of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, discussed efficient and effective mediation. This luncheon series is designed to help newly licensed federal practitioners learn about practicing in the district court.



Maryland Chapter: At the Younger Lawyers luncheon about effective mediation—(l to r) Dawn Resh, chair of the chapter's Younger Lawyers Committee; U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan K. Gauvey, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland; and Cy Smith, chapter president.

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San Antonio

The San Antonio Chapter jointly sponsored a luncheon presentation with the San Antonio Bar Association Appellate Practice Section on Nov. 8, 2006. The featured speaker, David Frederick, a partner with Kellogg, Huber, Hanson, Todd, Evans & Figel PLLC, gave a presentation titled "What to Expect from the New U.S. Supreme Court."

Chicago

The Chicago Chapter is pleased to announce the overwhelming success of its campaign to endow the FBA Michael Lefkow Public Interest Fellowship at Northwestern University Law School—an effort that was detailed

in the July issue of *The Federal Lawyer*. The campaign, which raised over \$200,000, permanently endows a public interest fellowship at Northwestern to honor the memory of Michael

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Chicago Chapter: The presentation of the Chicago Chapter's endowment for the FBA Michael Lefkow Public Interest Fellowship at Northwestern University School of Law—(l to r) Margaret H. McCormick, chapter board member; Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; David Van Zandt, dean of Northwestern Law School; and Judge Elaine Bucklo, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and chapter past president.



San Antonio Chapter: At the luncheon presentation co-sponsored with the San Antonio Bar Association Appellate Practice Section—(l to r) Judge Xavier Rodriguez, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and chapter board member; Michael Murray, chair of the SABA Appellate Practice Section; Beth Squires, member of the SABA Appellate Practice Section; David Frederick, featured speaker and partner with Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel PLLC; Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and chapter president; Lamont Jefferson, president of the San Antonio Bar Association; and Javier ("Jay") Aguilar, member of the chapter's board.

Lefkow and to recognize the extraordinary sacrifice that was forced upon his wife, Hon. Joan Humphrey Lefkow of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, because she is a judge. Each year, two students will be selected to take paid public interest placements to undertake specific projects on the importance of an independent judiciary or direct representation of the underserved. The campaign was launched in 2005 under the leadership of past chapter presidents Jack Carriglio and Mary-Lisa Sullivan, culminating in a standing-room-only ceremony on Sept. 30, 2006, at Northwestern. The presentation of the endowment was made by Chicago Chapter President Joel Skinner to Northwestern Dean David Van Zandt on the occasion of the 40th reunion of Michael Lefkow's class and the 35th reunion of Judge Lefkow's class. The Lefkow family was present at the event, at which Hon. Elaine Bucklo of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, past chapter president, Northwestern alumna, and a friend of the Lefkows, spoke of Michael's lifelong efforts on behalf of the poor and underserved. In thanks, Judge Lefkow said: "Michael was a sole practitioner who labored for ordinary people. As a result, he rarely received the accolades that are bestowed on high-profile lawyers. That his name will be associated

perpetually with something he believed in so strongly is a great comfort to me and his daughters."

D.C. CIRCUIT

District of Columbia

The D.C. Chapter and the FBA's Judiciary Division co-sponsored the third annual judicial reception with the D.C. Bar on Oct. 16, 2006. The event provided an opportunity for the bar to interact with the members of the federal, District of Columbia, and administrative judiciary. Outgoing D.C. Chapter President Cary Devorsetz and incoming D.C. Chapter President Silvio Krvaric greeted guests, including FBA President William N. LaForge.

On Oct. 26, 2006, in the sixth-floor ceremonial courtroom at the D.C. federal courthouse, Judge Royce C. Lamberth hosted a buffet dinner and the D.C. Chapter's annual Federal Civil Litigation Seminar for 100 attendees. This year's seminar was entitled "A Bar/Bench Introduction to the Electronic Discovery Amendments to the FRCP." Judge Lamberth served as moderator for the evening's three panel discussions, in which James Robertson and John D. Bates, U.S. district judges for the District of Columbia, and Magistrate Judge John M. Facciola participated. The panels addressed three parts of electronic discovery: planning for elec-

tronic discovery, e-discovery production in practice, and post-production issues. The event was planned and coordinated by chapter board member Patricia Ryan, a former chapter president of the D.C. Chapter.

The evening's extensive CLE materials were prepared in coordination with the panelist judges and with other acknowledged leaders in the field of e-discovery: Whitney Adams, vice president and general counsel of Cricket Technology; William P. Butterfield of the Washington, D.C., office of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll; Conor Crowley of Labaton Sucharow & Rudoff LLP in New York; James Mutchnik of Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago; Megan E. Jones of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll in Washington, D.C.; and Jack M. Williams of Powell Goldstein in Atlanta.

The first panel addressed the first 120 days of litigation, when opposing counsel need to meet and confer on e-discovery issues, including the form of production, information not reasonably accessible, and the use of automated electronic searches to retrieve relevant and responsive electronically stored information (ESI). The new e-discovery rules will require new approaches to preparing and planning for discovery of ESI, and evidence preservation and litigation holds are particularly important here. Speakers also noted that a properly crafted e-discovery management



D.C. Chapter: At the judicial reception with the D.C. Bar on Oct. 16, 2006—(l to r) Silvio Krvaric, chapter president; Cary Devorsetz, immediate past president of the chapter; William N. LaForge, national president; and Judge Ronnie Yoder, past president of the chapter; Panelists at the Federal Civil Litigation Seminar—(l to r) Judge Royce C. Lamberth, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and James Mutchnik of Kirkland & Ellis.



Pentagon Chapter: At the Monthly Speaker Series Luncheon on International Development—(first row, l to r) featured speaker Arnold J. Haiman, deputy general counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development; Chief Judge Andrew Efron, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; (second row, l to r) Kathleen Duignan, chapter president-elect; Adam Bester, chapter law student representative; Capt. Teresa Raymond, chapter treasurer-elect; James Richardson, national president-elect; and Cmdr. Jeffrey Good, chapter president.

Atlanta Chapter: On Nov. 2, 2006, Chief Judge J. L. Edmondson of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals swore in the Atlanta Chapter's officers and Executive Committee at the installation reception—(l to r) Henry Quillian, Executive Committee member; Kevin Maxim, treasurer; Tom Lacy, immediate past president; John Bielema, secretary; Chief Judge Edmondson, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Amy Weil, president; Ashley Hurst, Executive Committee member; Phil Savrin, Executive Committee member; Kevin Weimer, president-elect; Jeffrey Berhold, vice president; and Kerri Gildow, Executive Committee member.

plan for ESI is crucial.

The second panel discussed production in practice using search methodologies and metadata. The panelists provided key practical pointers for attorneys working through these issues. There were differing views on whether it is more appropriate to produce ESI in native format or in picture format and whether it is appropriate for a producing party to demand that, in the first instance, a requesting party supply search terms to be used in the search for responsive documents.

The third panel tackled the way the new amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will bring about changes in the way attorneys and judges address privilege and spoliation issues—specifically, whether the new FRCP 26(b)(5) changes a court's analysis of whether inadvertent disclosures of privileged electronic information

constitutes a waiver, and whether the new FRCP 37(f) will affect the court's analysis of whether spoliation sanctions are appropriate.

Pentagon

On Oct. 19, the Pentagon Chapter held its monthly speaker series luncheon featuring Arnold J. Haiman, deputy general counsel of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. The mission of USAID, the principal federal agency that administers U.S. foreign aid, includes promoting peace and stability by fostering economic growth, protecting human health, providing emergency humanitarian assistance, and enhancing democracy in developing countries. Haiman discussed some of the challenges the United States currently faces around the world, the mili-

tary's role in international humanitarian relief efforts, and the interplay between civilian and military agencies in international relief and development efforts. Haiman is a former Coast Guard and Navy judge advocate and was acting general counsel of USAID from June 2005 to October 2006. **TFL**

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