

Section of Taxation

The Section of Taxation and the International Tax and Finance Forum recently presented a program entitled “Breakfast Briefing on Recent German Tax Developments,” at which the guest speaker was Friedhelm Jacob, a tax partner at the German law firm of Hengeler Mueller, based in Frankfurt. Jacob discussed proposed reforms in corporate taxation, including the reduction of corporate tax rates while broadening the tax base and introduction of a flat tax on certain kinds of private investment income. Jacob also discussed developments with respect to the creation of Real Estate Investment Trusts in Germany. Both topics generated lively discussion. All those who attended found the program, held on Jan. 18, at the Washington, D.C., offices of Ivins, Phillips & Barker, both interesting and informative.

Federal Career Service Division

The Federal Career Service Division, in conjunction with the office of Career Development and Alumni Services of George Mason University School of Law, hosted the Greater Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair on Jan. 26. More than 40 employers, including public defenders’ offices, U.S. attorneys’ offices, private and public-interest organizations, and the Judge Advocate General’s Corps participated in the event. Students had the opportunity to meet with these employers and learn about possible careers in public law and interview with these potential employers. The division also hosted a luncheon for agency volunteers and law school faculty and staff during the noon hour. James S. Richardson Sr., past chair of the division and current national president-elect, spoke at the luncheon.

Government Contracts Section

The Government Contracts Section’s Procurement Policy Leaders Series Luncheon, held Feb. 6, featured Rep. Albert R. Wynn (D-Md.). During his remarks, Wynn candidly discussed the growing problem of fraudulent, wasteful, and abusive contracting prac-



Federal Career Service Division: At the Greater Washington D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair—(l to r, back to front) Warren Burke, FBA Board of Directors; Susan D. Sawtelle, president, Capitol Hill Chapter; James S. Richardson Sr., FBA president-elect; Alan Blakley, chair-elect, Federal Career Service Division; Nicholas Dickinson, Federal Career Service Division; Rachel Smith, Federal Career Service Division; Neysa Slater-Chandler, chair, Federal Career Service Division.



Government Contracts Section: At the Procurement Policy Leaders Luncheon—(l to r) Jeffrey P. Hildebrant, section chair, and Rep. Albert R. Wynn (D), Fourth Congressional District of Maryland.

tices and presented his new initiatives aimed at improving contracting oversight and opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses. Following his remarks, Wynn participated in a question-and-answer session, which sparked a lively and informative discussion among the luncheon participants about a variety of federal procurement issues. Attorneys from local law firms,

contracting companies, and government agencies attended the luncheon.

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