New Orleans

The Younger Lawyers Division of the New Orleans Chapter sponsored a community service project at a recently opened charter school in New Orleans. Funds for this project were provided by the Ilene and Michael Shaw Younger Lawyer Public Service Grant, which was awarded to the chapter at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention this past September. Volunteers painted, assembled furniture, organized teaching and school supplies, and set up the school library on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Thanks to the efforts of FBA volunteers, the very grateful faculty and students of the newly chartered New Orleans College Prep School walked into a spruced-up facility on Monday morning. Projects such as these are ongoing in the chapter’s continuing efforts to improve the community in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Atlanta

On Nov. 6, 2007, the Atlanta Chapter hosted its annual installation of officers and Executive Committee members at which Kevin Weimer, a civil litigator with Fellows LaBriola in Atlanta, was installed as chapter president. Judge Richard Story of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia conducted the installation. The chapter also
Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Section

As part of the CLE programming at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention in Atlanta in September, the EENR Section hosted a session entitled “Using an Environmental Conflict Resolution Specialist.” The program included four distinguished speakers: Cherie P. Shanteau, a senior mediator and senior program manager at the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, who presented an overview of environmental conflict resolution and the new Council on Environmental Quality guidance on collaboration in environmental impact analysis; Lawrence Roberts, of counsel to Patton Boggs, who spoke about special considerations when tribal issues are involved; Rachel Deming, an attorney with Scarola Ellis, who discussed use of environmental conflict resolution in tort litigation; and Steve Miller, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Energy and a former section chair, who reviewed the Department of Energy’s use of environmental conflict resolution. Section board member Warren Burke moderated a session of questions and answers that followed.

Indian Law Section

On Oct. 19, 2007, the Indian Law Section co-sponsored the Ninth Annual Washington, D.C., Indian Law Conference, along with the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) and the Native American Bar Association of Washington, D.C. The conference included a series of panels that discussed various issues pertaining to Indian country. More than 60 attorneys from the private and public sector and law students attended the conference. Professor Maylinn Smith, director of the Indian Law Clinic at the University of Montana School of Law, gave the keynote luncheon address.

Taxation Section