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FIFTH CIRCUIT

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.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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

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Puerto Rico Chapter: The chapter sponsored a cocktail reception at the Hispanic National Bar Association Convention at the Caribe Hilton Hotel on Oct. 5, 2007—(l to r) Andres Lopez, chapter director; Hon. Jaime Pieras Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; Ricardo Casellas, chapter president-elect; Hon. Francisco A. Besosa, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; Dora Monserrate, chapter president, Richard Graffam, chapter director; Jimmy Reyna, Hispanic National Bar Association president; Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and honorary chair of the convention; and Ricardo Aponte, Hispanic National Bar Association delegate.



New Orleans Chapter: Volunteering at the New Orleans College Prep School—(l to r) Matt Moreland, immediate past chapter president and FBA director; teacher at the school; Sharonda Williams; Billy Gibbens, chapter's Younger Lawyers Division chair; Walt Leger, Tara Richard, Raley Alford, Demond Smith, and Chief Judge Ginger Berrigan of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Erin Arnold, Chris Thacker, Steven Griffith, Jody Montelaro, Nyka Scott, Jennifer Englander, and Sara Mouldeoux also volunteered at the school but are not pictured.



Tucson Chapter: At the annual Bench and Bar CLE luncheon seminar on Sept. 20, 2007—(l to r) Judge David C. Bury, Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Guerin, and Chief Judge John M. Roll of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.



Atlanta Chapter: At the installation of officers—(l to r) Kevin A. Maxim, chapter vice-president; Kerri A. Gildow, chapter secretary; John R. Bielema, chapter treasurer; Jeff L. Berhold, chapter president-elect; Kevin P. Weimer, chapter president; and Judge Richard Story, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

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.



Taxation Section: At the program focusing on women in tax law—(l to r) Hon. L. Page Marvel and Hon. Diane Kroupa, U.S. Tax Court; Hon. Susan Braden, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and event chair Jean Baxley, Crowell & Moring LLP.

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 (NNA-BA) 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

The Taxation Section sponsored a program dealing with women in tax law at Crowell & Moring LLP in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 29, 2007. The program entitled, “Madam, Your Honor: Perspectives from Women Who Judge,” included a panel discussion by Hon. Susan Braden of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims

and Hon. Diane Kroupa and Hon. L. Page Marvel of the U.S. Tax Court. A networking reception followed. **TFL**

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Indian Law Section: At the Ninth Annual Washington, D.C., Indian Law Conference—(top photo) keynote speaker Maylinn Smith, director of the Indian Law Clinic at the University of Montana School of Law; (bottom photo, l to r) Vanessa Ray-Hodge, president, Native American Bar Association of Washington, D.C.; Hon. Joseph Martin, immediate past president, NNABA; Hon. D. Michael McBride III, Indian Law Section chair; Heather Dawn Thompson, president, NNABA.

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honored its outgoing president, Amy Levin Weil, with an award for her outstanding year, which included the chapter’s hosting of the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention. In addition, the chapter

recognized its new members and its first advisory committee, which is composed of highly respected judges and attorneys in Atlanta. **TFL**

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