Honors and Awards

Lawrence R. Baca, chair emeritus of the Indian Law Section, was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Award by the American Bar Association for his lifetime achievement of contributions to the field of federal Indian law and civil rights. The award is administered by the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and “celebrates the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers and judges who work to promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession,” according to the commission. Baca retired from the U.S. Department of Justice after more than 30 years of service in February. … Washington, D.C., Court of Appeals Judge Inez Smith Reid accepted the “Hero in Law” award, which was presented by her twin brother, New York State Court of Appeals Judge (Ret.) George Bundy Smith, and by Jack Olender at the 22nd Annual Olender Foundation Awards on Dec. 5, 2007.

Practitioners’ News

Attorney Lawrence C. Mann was recently elected managing partner of the Detroit office of Bowman and Brooke LLP, a national trial firm defending corporate clients in high-stakes product liability and commercial litigation. … Jeffrey A. Sadowski, a litigation and prosecution attorney involved in various aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, computer, and franchising law with Howard & Howard Attorneys P.C., spoke at the January monthly meeting of the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association in Southfield, Mich., on the topic of extending provisional rights beyond those included in 35 U.S.C. 154(d). Sadowski is on the Board of Directors of the FBA Eastern District of Michigan Chapter. … Richard L. Sipper’s review of The Warren Court and American Politics, by Lucas A. Powe Jr., which appeared in the July 2001 issue of The Federal Lawyer, is reprinted in part in Law and Popular Culture: Text, Notes, and Questions, by David Ray Papke et al. (Matthew Bender, 2007). … An article by Dick Thornburgh, an attorney with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP in Washington, D.C., was published in the fall 2007 issue of the American Criminal Law Review; the article is titled “The Dangers of Over-Criminalization and the Need for Real Reform: The Dilemma of Artificial Entities and Artificial Crimes.” … Stuart A. Weinstein-Bacal, founding member of Weinstein-Bacal & Miller P.S.C., has been named adjunct professor of law at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, where he will be teaching construction law.

Obituaries

Nicolas Delgado, a longtime supporter of the Federal Bar Association and past president of the Puerto Rico Chapter, died Dec. 9, 2007. Born in 1933 in the town of San Lorenzo, P.R., Delgado followed in the footsteps of his father, well-known union leader Don Hilario, and distinguished himself through his dedication to the union movement in defense of the working class. Delgado was a tireless fighter for social justice and was active in politics both on the island and on the national level, representing the International Longshoremen’s Association, the Carpenters’ Union, the American Federation of Musicians, and the Firemen’s Union of Puerto Rico during his practice. Delgado was president of the FBA Puerto Rico Chapter in 1976 and continued his unwavering support of the chapter and his passion for the goals of the FBA throughout his career. … Longtime FBA member, Diane Wolf, a lawyer and philanthropist based in New York, died Jan. 10, 2008, during a medical procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Born March 16, 1954, in Cheyenne, Wyo., Wolf earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from Georgetown University Law Center, although she never practiced law. She spent more than 20 years advocating changes to U.S. coin currency and working with both the House and the Senate toward achieving the proposed changes. Wolf was a benefactor of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Frick, and the Whitney Museum, all in Manhattan, and also was a member of the boards of the Kennedy Center for the Arts, National Archives, and National Public Radio, in addition to her membership in the FBA. TFL

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is seated at the head table or to introduce the speaker to chapter officers. In this way, you begin to integrate the person you have identified into the leadership circle of the organization and give that individual a certain confidence in his or her abilities. For the next program, you might ask the potential leader to actually invite the speaker, and so on. (In a real world variant, this method is basically how Marines train recruits. Each day during recruit training—that is, boot camp—the training command raises the objectives, stretching the abilities of the recruits beyond what they had accomplished the day before, but makes sure not to raise the bar so high that a recruit will find it impossible to accomplish the task at hand.) Eventually, you will find that you have attracted a number of people who are interested in the organization and who will want to be a part of its success. TFL

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