Chapter Leadership Training

The Chapter Leadership Training Program was held April 25–26 at the Westin Gateway in Arlington, Va. This year 38 chapters were represented at the program, which is designed to provide valuable information and training to incoming chapter leaders. The two-day program included presentations outlining best programs, planning for the upcoming year, budgeting, FBA resources, and membership retention and recruitment ideas. On Friday evening, participants enjoyed a reception, at which they were able to network and socialize. Saturday included breakout sessions that provided the opportunity for attendees to discuss challenges they face in their individual chapters and to describe successful programs their chapters have conducted. The Leadership Training Program was successful, and participants walked away with tools that will help them in their upcoming year as chapter presidents.

San Antonio Chapter: At the chapter’s March luncheon—(l to r) Chief Judge Ronald King of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western Division of Texas, Hon. Edward Prado of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein Nowak of the Western District of Texas speak about the ever-evolving electronic case filing process in each of their respective courts. Photo by John Franco.

Chapter Leadership Training Program—(top left photo, l to r) diversity in today’s association panelists: Steve Rau, Minnesota Chapter president-elect; Lora Friedemann, Minnesota Chapter Diversity Committee co-chair; and Hon. Donovan Frank, Minnesota Chapter Long-Range Planning Committee co-chair; (top right photo, l to r) Jacqueline Carey-Wilson, Inland Empire Chapter; Janiece Marshall, Nevada Chapter; and Katherine Gonzalez-Valentin, Puerto Rico Chapter; (bottom left photo, l to r) Kip Bollin, Northern District of Ohio Chapter; and Kenneth Parker, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter; (bottom right photo, l to r) Paul Freehling, Chicago Chapter; Christie Varnado, South Carolina Chapter; René Harrod, Broward County Chapter; Elisa Angeli, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter; and Jean Hobler, Sacramento Chapter.
Atlanta Chapter: At the April luncheon—(left photo, l to r) Kevin Weimer, chapter president; Dennis Drasco, keynote speaker; and Ed Marshall, luncheon chair. At the panel discussion on the topic of litigating intellectual property cases in the Northern District of Georgia—(right photo, l to r) Henry Quillian and Steve Moore, co-chairs of the program; Norwood “Woody” Jameson of Duane Morris and Hon. Charles Pannell Jr. of the Northern District of Georgia, panelists; and Bill Ragland, moderator.

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

Atlanta

On April 2, the Atlanta Chapter hosted a luncheon at the law firm of Arnall Golden Gregory. The keynote speaker, Dennis Drasco, chair of the American Bar Association’s Commission on the American Jury and president of the FBA New Jersey Chapter, discussed innovative principles in federal jury trials. Chapter member Ed Marshall chaired the event.

On April 30, the chapter hosted a breakfast featuring a panel discussion, entitled “Non-Obvious Ways to Make Your Mark: Litigating Intellectual Property Cases in the Northern District of Georgia.” Panelists included Hon. Charles Pannell Jr. of the Northern District of Georgia and intellectual property practitioners Norwood “Woody” Jameson of Duane Morris and Steve Moore of Kilpatrick Stockton. Bill Ragland of Hunton & Williams moderated the panel, and chapter executive committee members Henry Quillian of Fellows LaBriola and Steve Moore co-chaired the event.

**TENTH CIRCUIT**

Northern/Eastern Oklahoma

On April 4, the Northern/Eastern Oklahoma Chapter conducted a program, entitled “Does the Constitution Still Matter?” The keynote speaker for the event was Mickey Edwards, who is currently a lecturer at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and had previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years. Edwards has recently published his fourth scholarly book, *Reclaiming Conservatism: How a Great American Political Movement Got Lost—And How It Can Find Its Way Back*. At the event, Edwards led a provocative and insightful discussion about many of the constitutional controversies currently facing the nation.

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**Careers in Tax Luncheon**

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