South Carolina

On April 11, the South Carolina Chapter co-sponsored a daylong symposium focusing on privacy in the federal courts. Held at the Charleston Museum in Charleston, S.C., the symposium began with a keynote address by Arthur R. Miller, a renowned law professor and scholar at New York University School of Law.

The chapter joined with the Federal Courts Law Review at the Charleston School of Law and the Federal Magistrate Judges Association to develop the symposium. The symposium addressed the issues that face judges, jurors, attorneys, and litigants, who must often sacrifice privacy by participating in the judicial system. Experts in the field and numerous federal judges and magistrate judges discussed topics that included the secrecy of settlements, online access to court records, jurors’ privacy, privacy implications of the new e-discovery rules, and other federal laws, such as the Pen Register Act and the Patriot Act. Professor Allyson Haynes of the Charleston School of Law served as the symposium’s moderator.

Mississippi

Hon. Daniel P. Jordan III of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi addressed more than 50 members of the Mississippi Chapter at the chapter’s May 20 meeting held at the Capital Club in Jackson. Chapter President Dave Fulcher, an assistant U.S. attorney, introduced Judge Jordan, who spoke on the topic of judicial independence.

Chicago

On May 9, the Chicago Chapter held its annual State of the Court Address. Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois spoke at the luncheon and addressed such issues as the number of cases filed, the way electronic filing has affected the court, and judicial security.
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San Antonio Chapter: (left photo, l to r) FBA President Todd Hedgepeth congratulates Bernie Kray, Chase Butler, and Laura Clark, first-year law students at St. Mary’s School of Law, all of whom earned the highest grade in their respective Federal Civil Procedure classes; each student was awarded a $500 check from the chapter. Joining the group is the dean of St. Mary’s School of Law, Andre Hampton, and a member of the chapter board, Travis Headley.

Tidewater Chapter: At the chapter’s June 5 luncheon—(right photo, l to r) Magistrate Judges F. Bradford Stillman and William Prince of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Prince, the luncheon’s featured speaker, discussed the history of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, which was created by Congress during George Washington’s administration in 1789.

Eleventh Circuit

Atlanta

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Atlanta Chapter: Participants at Law Day, who made presentations to students at Norcross High School in metropolitan Atlanta—(l to r) Claire Carothers, law clerk to Hon. William C. O’Kelley of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; U.S. Magistrate Judge Janet F. King of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and Robin Sangston, member of the chapter’s Executive Committee.