

## | Chapter Exchange |

### FIFTH CIRCUIT

#### Mississippi

Judge Leslie Southwick of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit provided an insider's view of his confirmation process at the chapter's July luncheon meeting. Judge Southwick attributes patience, steadfastness, and faith as the qualities that carried him through the lengthy political exercise.

Carolyn Romano, chief U.S. probation officer for the Southern District of Mississippi, was the speaker at the chapter's September meeting. Romano described the work of her office in the pre-trial and post-trial phases of criminal proceedings. The new chapter leaders also took office: Eileen Shaffer, president; Dave Fulcher, U.S. assistant district attorney, immediate past president; Ben Watson,



**Mississippi Chapter:** At the July luncheon—(top photo, l to r) Ashley Nader, student at the Mississippi College School of Law; Judge Leslie Southwick of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the luncheon speaker; Vicki Lowery, professor at Mississippi College School of Law; and Bill Leech, Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush; at the September meeting—(bottom photo, l to r) Carolyn Romano, chief U.S. probation officer for the Southern District of Mississippi; Eileen Shaffer, chapter president; and U.S. Assistant District Attorney Dave Fulcher, immediate past chapter president.

vice president; Colby Lane, treasurer; and Jim Rosenblatt, dean of the Mississippi College School of Law, secretary.



**San Antonio Chapter:** At the August meeting, which featured an address by Professor Robert Chesney—(top photo, l to r) Robert Chesney, professor at Wake Forest University School of Law and visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law, and Col. William C. Kirk (Ret.), chapter president. At the “Open Doors to the Federal Courthouse” brown-bag lunch in October—(bottom photo, l to r) Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Kay Perry, chapter board member.

#### San Antonio

Robert Chesney, professor at Wake Forest University School of Law and visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law, spoke on the implications and impact of the June 12, 2008, landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*, which gives “enemy combatants” held at the U.S. naval station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the constitutional right to petition U.S. district courts for writs of habeas corpus. Professor Chesney is a noted expert on national security law issues and is a frequent contributor to national publications and media broadcasts, such as the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and National Public Radio.

This year, the chapter is continuing its successful “Open Doors to the Federal Courthouse” program, in which participants meet with federal judges at informal brown-bag lunches at the courthouse. In the first of the series on July 25, Paul Barkhurst, a member of the chap-



**Broward County Chapter:** At the Sept. 25 luncheon with guest speaker, Hon. Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit—(left photo, l to r) Judge Barkett and Chapter President René D. Harrod; (right photo, l to r) Chapter President Jason Slatkin, Bankruptcy Judge Raymond B. Ray, Mark Roher, Robert Reynolds, and Lisa Schiller.

ter's board, coordinated a presentation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein-Novak and members of the Western District of Texas clerk's staff on case management/electronic case filing aimed at both lawyers and paralegals. On Oct. 3, Kay Perry, a member of the chapter's board, coordinated a presentation by Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, on major cases heard by the U.S. Supreme Court last term.

The chapter also continued its monthly luncheon series in September. U.S. District Judge W. Royal Ferguson of the Western District of Texas addressed the chapter on the foundations of law, emphasizing the strengths of the American judicial system that set it apart from others in the modern world. **TFL**

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**Sacramento Chapter:** On July 24, the Sacramento Chapter hosted a reception for Judge John Mendez's investiture onto the Eastern District of California bench—(l to r) Hon. William Shubb of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Jim Richardson, then national FBA president, and Hon. John Mendez.

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