

Section on Taxation

The 21st Annual Insurance Tax Seminar was held in Washington, D.C., on May 28–29 and once again succeeded in informing and educating its audience on tax issues related to insurance companies and products during the one-and-a-half day program. The seminar provided a forum for the tax professionals from the Internal Revenue Service, who administer the specialized federal tax law provisions that apply to these corporations and their products, to have an open dialogue with their counterparts in national and international insurance companies and their attorneys and other tax consultants. The section’s seminar is the only one in its field that attracts a large number of tax professionals from both the government and the private sector, thereby enhancing the dialogue that has been a hallmark of this seminar throughout its 21-year history. This year’s seminar featured more than 19 sessions, which covered the most significant and timely tax topics, as well as a discussion of evolving regulatory issues arising from the current financial crisis. The 22nd Annual Insurance Tax Seminar will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 3–4, 2010.

Younger Lawyer’s Division

On June 8, 34 FBA members from 19 state bars around the country traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the annual Supreme Court Admission Ceremony, presented by the Younger Lawyers Division of the FBA. The applicants, who came from a variety of practice areas including members of the armed forces, civil service, and the private sector, were sworn in to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in the historic courtroom at the Supreme Court building. The members were admitted upon motion by the FBA’s immediate past president, James S. Richardson Jr., and each admittee received a plaque from the Court commemorating their admission. After the ceremony, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg joined the members during a reception in the Supreme Court’s West Conference Room and congratulated the newly admitted

attorneys; she then posed for photographs and spoke with the applicants on a variety of topics. Afterward, several attorneys attended an informational lecture on the Supreme Court.

The program was a great success, and the YLD Board would like to thank FBA staff member Adrienne Woolley for her assistance. The next admission ceremony presented by the YLD will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010; it is open to all FBA members in good standing who have been practicing for three or more years. If you have not

yet been admitted to practice before the highest court in the United States, you are strongly encouraged to participate in this memorable event. **TFL**

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Younger Lawyers Division: At the Annual Supreme Court Swearing-in Ceremony—FBA members admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Court’s West Conference Room.



Section on Taxation: At the 21st Annual Insurance Tax Seminar— (left photo) Keynote speaker Jay Angoff, former Missouri commissioner of insurance; (right photo) Nancy Vozar Knapp, Office of Chief Counsel, IRS, and Mark H. Kovey, Scribner, Hall & Thompson LLP, conference co-chairs.