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### Government Contracts Section

On April 22, the section held a luncheon featuring Hon. Daniel Gordon, administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy. The program's title was "An Update on the Obama Administration's Procurement Initiatives." Congress established the OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy in 1974 to provide overall direction for governmentwide procurement policies, regulations, and procedures and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in acquisition processes. The Office of Federal Procurement Policy has a key role in developing the policies and practices that federal agencies use to acquire goods and services for their needs. The section would like to thank the co-sponsors of the event: Federal Publications Seminars, the D.C. chapter of the National Contract Management Association, and Crowell & Moring LLP.

On May 11, the section, in conjunction with the George Washington University's Paralegal Studies Program and the law school's Government Procurement Law Program, held a seminar entitled "Government Contracts Citations" at George Washington University Law School. Representa-

tatives of both programs participated in the group that has written a new section on government contracts citations for 19th edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, which describes how to cite legal documents, decisions, and actions involving government contracts. Participants in the project included the project managers, Toni Marsh, director of the George Washington University Paralegal Studies Program, and Steven Schooner, associate professor of law and codirector of the law school's Government Procurement Law Program; Richard Lieberman and Gabriel Soll, McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway PC; Jason Morgan, GWU Paralegal Studies Program; and Philip Greene, graduate

of the GWU Paralegal Studies Program. The discussion was moderated by Richard Lieberman.

### Indian Law Section

The theme for the 35th Annual Indian Law Conference was "Reflecting Back, Looking Forward." The conference was held in Indian Country—for only the second year—at the Pueblo of Pojoaque's Buffalo Thunder Resort just outside of Santa Fe, N.M. This anniversary conference provided an opportunity to acknowledge and learn from the advocates who have worked on behalf of Native Americans for decades, while thoughtfully reflecting on the critical role of history in fed-



Government Contracts Section: Featured speaker at the luncheon on April 22—(left photo) Hon. Daniel Gordon, administrator, OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy. At the Government Contracts Section's seminar on May 11—(right photo, l to r) Richard Lieberman, McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway PC; Toni Marsh, director of the George Washington University Paralegal Studies Program; and Gabriel Soll, McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway PC.



Indian Law Section: At the 35th Annual Indian Law Conference—(bottom left photo, l to r) Lawrence Baca, FBA president; John E. Echohawk, executive director, Native American Rights Fund; D. Michael McBride III, Crowe & Dunlevy, and chair of the section's 2010 Awards Committee; (bottom right photo, l to r) D. Michael McBride III; Elizabeth Kronk, assistant professor, University of Montana School of Law, and section chair.

eral Indian law. At the same time, this event took a deliberate look forward in order to identify and engage in the complex issues that will affect tribes for years to come. Several plenary sessions addressed the contemporary status of governmental functions in Indian Country, including Indian health services, criminal justice, and the enforcement of tribal protective orders. Specialized panels contemplated the constitutional status of tribes, tribal sovereign immunity in the commercial law context, re-engaging the executive branch, and confidentiality in tribal representation. Focus group sessions allowed smaller audiences to discuss several topics, including legal services in Indian Country, tribal language and the law, protection of cultural resources, and the dialogue between and tribal governments. With a respected group of speakers that included recent federal appointees, academic scholars, and our community's visionaries, the FBA's 35th Annual Indian Law Conference was one of the best yet.

In conjunction with the conference, John Echohawk received the Baca Lifetime Achievement Award, and Elizabeth Kronk, assistant professor, University of Montana School of Law, and chair of the Indian Law Section, received the section's Distinguished Service Award.

The section would like to thank the conference chairs for organizing a wonderful conference: Kristin A. Carpenter, associate professor, University

of Colorado Law School; Angela R. Riley, visiting professor, UCLA School of Law; Paul Spruhan, assistant attorney general, Navajo Nation Department of Justice; and Tracy Toulou, director, Office of Tribal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

### Transportation & Transportation Security Law Section

On April 6, the section held its annual legislative update at the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The featured speakers included David Heymsfeld, staff director, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Gael Sullivan, senior Democratic professional staff member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology, Aviation Subcommittee; and Jim Kolb, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Highways and Transit Subcommittee. **TFL**

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**Transportation & Transportation Security Law Section:** Speakers at the legislative update on April 6—(left photo) Gael Sullivan, senior Democratic professional staff member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology, Aviation Subcommittee; (right photo, l to r) Jim Kolb, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Highways and Transit Subcommittee; and David Heymsfeld, staff director, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.



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