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FIRST CIRCUIT

Puerto Rico

On Aug. 19, the Council of Past Presidents of the Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter hosted an Inaugural Joint Council of Past Presidents, Fellows, and Board of Directors Meeting and Summer Dinner held at the Casa Manolo Restaurant in San Juan, P.R. The event, which was co-sponsored by the Puerto Rico Chapter and local Fellows, included an induction ceremony of new Fellows and a special recognition of Hon. Justo Arenas, chief magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, who was inducted as Life Fellow and honorary past president.

On Sept. 8, the newly elected board of directors of the chapter held a lunch with the U.S. district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges. At the meeting, Chief Judge Jose A. Fuste swore in the new board members. Chapter President Carlos Valldejuly then presented to the judges the board's agenda for 2010–2011.

Massachusetts

At a recent panel, two federal judges offered divergent viewpoints on how courts should address the declining numbers of federal civil jury trials. Judge D. Brock Hornby of the District of Maine and Judge William Young of the District of Massachusetts spoke at a Sept. 17 program titled “The Future of the Civil Jury Trial in Federal Court.”

Judge Young advocated for court system changes to encourage judges to spend more time on the bench; Judge Hornby said that outside forces, not judges, are causing the decline in the number of civil jury trials. And he isn't convinced that's an entirely negative development, because many disputes are private.

NINTH CIRCUIT

San Joaquin Valley

On Sept. 2, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter was pleased to host a luncheon that featured outgoing FBA President Lawrence Baca, who spoke

about Native American law and history, a poignant and timely topic in the San Joaquin Valley. In addition to the members of the chapter, several Native Americans attended this luncheon. The following week, Judge Mary Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals visited the chapter and was honored with a rooftop reception in the Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse. Judge Schroeder enjoyed the entertainment provided by a local high school string quartet and the special “pie party” celebration. Judge Schroeder delivered the keynote address at a luncheon the next day and also Schroeder swore in young attorneys to the Ninth Circuit Bar. The San Joaquin Valley Chapter sponsored the young attorneys' Ninth Circuit Bar applications.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Oklahoma City

On Sept. 27, the Oklahoma City Chapter hosted the Fifth Annual William J. Holloway Jr. Lecture, an annual tribute to Judge Holloway, who for more than 42 years has served with integrity and honor on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Holloway Lecture was delivered by

Judge Diane Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. At the event, attended by more than 100 attorneys and judges, including eight federal judges, five state judges, and two law school deans, the Oklahoma City Chapter announced the formation of an annual scholarship to be given in honor of Judge Holloway. The Sixth Annual William J. Holloway Jr. Lecture will take place on April 14, 2011, and will feature Judge Guido Calabresi.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Atlanta

The Atlanta Chapter hosted its annual Luncheon Honoring the Federal Judiciary on June 15. The event was sold out, with more than 350 attending, including federal judges, their law clerks, and local attorneys. **TFL**

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Mississippi Chapter: The Mississippi Chapter welcomed Judge Rhesa Barksdale of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, who recently took senior status, as the speaker at their bimonthly meeting in Jackson—(l to r) Ben Watson, chapter president; Kaytie Pickett, recent judicial clerk for Judge Barksdale; Judge Barksdale; and Dean Jim Rosenblatt of the Mississippi College School of Law and chapter treasurer.