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FIRST CIRCUIT

Puerto Rico

On April 8, the Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter's three student divisions (University of Puerto Rico, Interamerican University, and Pontifical Catholic University) held an induction ceremony for students who joined the FBA during the spring semester. U.S. Magistrate Judge Camille L. Velez-Rive, a longtime FBA member and Fellow of the Foundation of the FBA, presided over the ceremony, which was held at the U.S. courthouse. Judge Velez-Rive spoke to the law students about the practice of law in the federal court and also provided wise legal and ethical advice to those in attendance. Carlos Valldejuly, chapter president, and Janitza García, member of the board, also addressed the students.

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter

On April 28, the chapter hosted a reception for the chapter's Francophone Section. A very special thank you goes to Judge Rebecca Doherty, who welcomed our guests, and to Heather Edwards, her law

clerk and a member of the chapter, who did so in French. Judge Doherty went above and beyond the call of duty by providing all the international guests with a tour of the courtrooms and chambers after the reception and stayed to answer the many questions about the federal judicial system posed by visiting professors, students, and legal professionals who attended the event. Along with Marc Charbonneau, the *batonnier* (president) of the Montreal Bar Association, guests included Professor Olivier Moreteau from Louisiana State University; three French exchange students who are assisting him in translating the Louisiana Civil Code into French; Professor Martine Lachance from the University of Quebec at Montreal; *notaires* from France and Belgium; André Douget, president of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association; and Jimmy Davidson, president-elect of the Louisiana State Bar Association. The chapter also expresses its sincere appreciation to Ashley Belleau, national president of the Federal Bar Association, and Jim Apple, chair of the FBA's International Section, who came to the event to welcome the international visitors.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Chapter hosted two luncheons on April 22 and May 3. The April luncheon featured celebrity attorney Mark Geragos, and the May luncheon featured long-time member of Congress and constitutional scholar Mickey Edwards. Geragos discussed many of his high-profile cases and clients, including Michael Jackson, Greg Anderson (Barry Bonds' trainer), Winona Ryder, Scott Peterson, Congressman Gary Condit, and Susan McDougal. Congressman Edwards discussed his concerns about the increased partisanship in the legislative branch of government.

On April 27, the Oklahoma City Chapter, the Young Lawyers Division, and Oklahoma City University School of Law co-hosted a luncheon at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club, where local attorneys, law students, and professors were able to meet with Judge Lawrence Walsh, a former federal judge, deputy U.S. attorney general, and prosecutor. Judge Walsh has practiced law in both the public and private sectors. He graduated from law school in 1935 and served as assistant counsel to New York's



Puerto Rico Chapter: At the chapter's April 8 event—(left photo, l to r) Carlos Valldejuly, chapter president; Nicole Rodríguez; Agustín Aponte; Magistrate Judge Camille L. Velez-Rive, District of Puerto Rico; Manuel Franco; Travis M. O'Neal; Marta Acevedo; Danna Planas; and Janitza García Marrero; (right photo, sitting, l to r) U.S. District Judge Daniel Dominguez; Bob DeSousa, FBA treasurer; U.S. Magistrate Judge Camille Velez-Rive; (standing, l to r) Alfredo Castellanos, past chapter president; Carlos Valldejuly, chapter president; U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce McGiverin; U.S. District Judge Gustavo Gelpi; U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brian Tester; U.S. District Judge Jay Garcia-Gregory; Puerto Rico Supreme Court Justice Roberto Feliberti; and Nestor Mendez-Gomez, Foundation of the FBA board member.



Minnesota Chapter: At the reception following the presentation of the 29th Annual FBA Law Student Scholarship Awards hosted by the University of Minnesota Law School—(l to r) Judge John Tunheim, District of Minnesota; Judge Donovan Frank, chapter president; award recipients: Tim Flynn, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Nick Datzov, Hamline University School of Law, Mikka Conway, University of Minnesota Law School, Jenna Yauch, William Mitchell College of Law; Judge Ann Montgomery, District of Minnesota; Judge Joan Ericksen, District of Minnesota; and Judge Paul Magnuson, District of Minnesota.

Governor Thomas Dewey from 1943 to 1949 and as counsel to the governor from 1950 to 1951. From 1951 to 1953, Judge Walsh served as counsel for the New York State Public Service Commission, and, in 1954, President Eisenhower appointed him to a federal judgeship for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of

New York. In 1957, Judge Walsh resigned from the bench to become the deputy attorney general of the United States, a position in which he served until 1960. In 1986, Judge Walsh served as the court-appointed independent counsel charged with investigating the Iran-Contra affair during the Reagan administration. He

has published an account of the investigation in his book *Firewall: The Iran-Contra Conspiracy and Cover-up*. Judge Walsh is currently of counsel at Crowe & Dunlevy and was previously a partner at the New York law firm of Davis, Polk & Wardwell.

The luncheon was followed by an informal question-and-answer session, during which Judge Walsh encouraged the law students and young lawyers to pursue careers in public service early on, before becoming partners at various private firms. Judge Walsh said “I enjoyed politics. Enjoyed politics on the street more than politics on Capitol Hill and in committee meetings.” His inspirational stories were educational and insightful, and the young attendees enjoyed their time hearing from the 99-year-old judge who continues to exhibit his sharp legal mind. **TFL**

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Fifth Circuit: At the Judicial Conference of the Fifth Circuit Court—(l to r) Patrick O’Keefe, FBA vice president for the Fifth Circuit; Ashley Belleau, FBA president; Chief Judge Edith Hollan Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; and Barry Ashe, president of the New Orleans Chapter.



Oklahoma City Chapter: At the April 27 luncheon co-hosted by the Young Lawyers Division, Oklahoma City Chapter, and Oklahoma City University School of Law—(last row, l to r) Chris Stephens, chapter president; Steven Hough; and Lawrence Hellman, dean of Oklahoma City University School of Law; (second to last row, l to r) Gus Buthman; Elizabeth Barnett; and Cherish Ralls; (second row from front, l to r) Kate Holey; Brenda Woodard; Stacy Chen; and Brandee Bruening; (front row, l to r) Hilary Blake; Judge Lawrence Walsh; and Georgeann Roye.