

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi

The May meeting of the Mississippi Chapter featured Chief Justice William Waller Jr. of the Mississippi Supreme Court, who spoke about the plans to implement a uniform state-wide electronic filing system. The Electronic Filing and Case Management Pilot Project for the Courts of Mississippi is patterned after the federal electronic filing system. Chief Justice Waller and Clint Pentecost updated the chapter members on the status of the project and answered questions about its operation.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Chicago

On May 19, the Chicago Chapter held its 12th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Award Ceremony in conjunction with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The keynote speaker at the event was FBA National President Ashley Belleau. Chief Judge James Holderman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, attended the ceremony.

EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Minnesota

The American Bar Association selected the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA to receive the 2011 Harrison Tweed Award honoring the chapter's Pro Se Project. The Harrison Tweed Award, one of the ABA's most prestigious honors, was

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Orlando

On March 11, the Orlando Chapter presented a program entitled "The Supreme Court Experience," which was moderated by Michael V. Elsberry, an attorney with the firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed PA. During the event, local attorneys who had argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court discussed their experiences. These attorneys were

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Mississippi Chapter: At the May meeting—(l to r) Dean Jim Rosenblatt, Mississippi College School of Law and chapter vice president; Colby Lane, Office of the Governor and chapter president; Chief Justice Waller, Mississippi Supreme Court and featured speaker; and Clint Pentecost, a speaker at the meeting.

Chicago Chapter: At the 12th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Award Ceremony—(left photo, l to r) Chief Judge James Holderman of the Northern District of Illinois; Ashley Belleau, FBA national president; and Maria Z. Vathis, chapter president; At the June 20 Annual State of the Court Luncheon— (right photo, l to r) Maria Z. Vathis, chapter president; Chief Judge James F. Holderman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Fern C. Bomchill, national president-elect; and James D. Wascher, chapter 1st vice president.

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Bryan Gowdy, who argued *Graham v. Florida*, 130 Sup. Ct. 2011 (2010); Lisa Call, who argued *Johnson v. United States*, 130 Sup. Ct. 1265 (2010); Craig Crawford, who argued *James v. United States*, 550 U.S. 192 (2007); and Mark Horwitz, who argued *Fischer v. United States*, 529 U.S. 667 (2000). **TFL**

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Orlando Chapter:
At the March 11 program—(l to r) Drew Sorrell, Craig Crawford, Bryan Gowdy, Lisa Call, Mark Horwitz, and Michael Elsberry.

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