

## | Chapter Exchange |

### ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

#### Palm Beach

The Palm Beach County Chapter hosted a luncheon where Magistrate Judge James Hopkins spoke to chapter members on the differences between common law and civil law, following his return from a conference in Italy. The luncheon was held at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach on Jan. 13, 2012, as part of a regular series of chapter lunch forums with the federal judges assigned to the West Palm Beach courthouse. The luncheon was sponsored by Squire Sanders.

#### South Florida

On Oct. 20, 2011, the South Florida Chapter held its annual Awards and Installation Dinner at the Biltmore Hotel. Approximately 200 guests gathered to see Senior District Judge William M. Hoeveler receive the Edward B. Davis Award for Service to the Federal Bench & Bar in a moving speech by Senior District Judge Alan S. Gold. Mrs. Pat Davis presented the award to Judge Hoeveler. Judge Kathleen M. Williams and Judge Robert N. Scola were both recognized and congratulated as the two newest district judges. In addition, the new chapter officers and board members were installed.

On Jan. 11, 2012, the chapter held its first general membership lunch of the new year at the Bankers Club. The newest district judge, Judge Robert Scola Jr., was the featured speaker and shared his insights on issues as varied as the differences between being a jurist in our state courts and federal courts (having spent about 15 years on the state court bench); his pet peeves; his favorite jurist; and how he will operate his chambers. Both informative and insightful, Judge Scola's humor (with occasional assistance from Chief Judge Federico A. Moreno) wowed the record crowd of 150.

Also on Jan. 11, 2012, the chapter hosted its first Law Clerk/Young Lawyers Division happy hour in partnership with the Younger Lawyers Division of the Bankruptcy Bar Association. Seventy-five of current and former federal law clerks and young lawyers attended the event.

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**Chicago Chapter:** At the Chicago Chapter's annual holiday reception on Dec. 13, 2011—(l to r) Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and chapter treasurer; Michael W. Dobbins, retiring clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Hon. James D. Wascher, chapter president; Thomas G. Burton, incoming clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and Hon. James F. Holderman, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. At this event, the chapter recognized Michael W. Dobbins for his 14 years of exceptional service to the people of the Northern District of Illinois as clerk of the court by presenting him with the chapter's Frank J. McGarr Award.



**Hawaii Chapter:** At the 2011 FBA Hawaii Conference in December—(l to r) Chief Judge Susan Oki Mollway, U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii with conference speakers Judge Jeffery S. Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judge Susan P. Graber of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Prof. Jesse Choper, Boalt Hall School of Law, Associate Justice Goodwin Liu, California Supreme Court, Fern Bomchill, FBA president, Prof. Pamela Karlan, Stanford Law School, and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UC Irvine School of Law.

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**Intellectual Property Section**

On Jan. 12, 2012, the Intellectual Property Section co-sponsored a breakfast series along with FBA Massachusetts Chapter and the Boston Bar Association Litigation and Intellectual Property Sections that featured Judge Douglas P. Woodlock. The event was held at the John Joseph Moakley Federal Court-

house. Judge Woodlock provided his perspective on practical tips for claim construction (Markman) hearings. The interactive discussion touched on issues common to Markman hearings, including the use of technology tutorials, live witnesses, and experts, as well as mistakes made by attorneys (and judges) during these proceedings. **TFL**

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**Los Angeles Chapter:** At the 8th Annual Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Ethics Symposium on Dec. 9, 2011, co-sponsored by the chapter and the Bankruptcy Section—(l to r) Judge Neil W. Bason, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Michel L. Tuchin, and Salvatore A. Sciortino.



**Palm Beach Chapter:** At the January luncheon forum with a federal judge—(l to r) Law clerks Daria Pustilnik and Heather Kenney, Magistrate Judge James Hopkins, and chapter member Patricia Lowry with Squire Sanders, luncheon sponsor.



**South Florida Chapter:** At the Annual Awards & Installation Dinner—(left photo) Senior District Judge William M. Hoeveler receiving the Edward B. Davis Award; At the Bankers Club Luncheon in January—(right photo) Hon. Robert Scola Jr.

