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### Bankruptcy Law Section

The FBA's Bankruptcy Law Section and the association's Eastern District of New York and Southern District of New York Chapters hosted a program dealing with ethics and civility in bankruptcy cases on Jan. 31 in Long Island and Feb. 2 in Brooklyn.

The program in Long Island was moderated by Judge Alan S. Trust and featured the following panelists: Professor G. Ray Warner, St. John's University School of Law; Michael Amato, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek PC; Mickee Hennessy, Westerman Ball Ederer Miller & Sharfstein LLP; and Richard Stern, Macco & Stern LLP.

The Brooklyn program was moderated by Chief Judge Carla Craig and featured the following panelists: Professor Lawrence Solan, Brooklyn Law School; David Doyaga, Doyaga & Schaefer; Marianne Derosa, Chapter 13 trustee for the Eastern District of New York; and Ronald J. Friedman, Silverman Acampora LLP.

Both programs presented discussions on certain ethics issues and the standards of civility adopted by the Eastern District of New York Bankruptcy Court (Administrative Order 568, dated Oct. 28, 2010).

### Federal Career Service Division

On Jan. 27, the FBA's Federal Career Service Division co-sponsored the 10th

Annual Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair at George Mason University School of Law. The career fair offered law students an opportunity to learn about participating organizations and agencies, including available summer and postgraduate positions. The event also provided an excellent opportunity for employers to meet talented students seeking public service careers and for students to develop their job search strategies and interviewing skills.

The event featured table talk opportunities and a place to submit résumés for students from seven area law schools that co-sponsored the event: American University's Washington College of Law, Catholic University's Columbus School of Law, George Mason University's School of Law, Howard University's School of Law, University of Baltimore's School of Law, University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, and the University of Maryland's School of Law.

### Intellectual Property Section

On Jan. 25, the Intellectual Property Section co-sponsored the Art, Law, and Beer event with the Southern District of New York Chapter. The program featured a visit to an art gallery, networking, and beer tasting, and featured Richard Combes, artist; Ted Max, attorney specializing in intellectual property

at Sheppard Mulin; and Daniel Fisher, beer blogger and advocate of craft beer.

### Section on Taxation

The 36th Annual Tax Law Conference was held on March 2 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Featured speakers at the conference included William J. Wilkins, chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service, and Nina E. Olson, national taxpayer advocate for the Internal Revenue Service. Conference attendees received an update on tax legislation from chief tax counsel from the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

Concurrent sessions throughout the day focused on critical developments in employee benefits and executive compensation. The sessions featured discussions of the impact of the Affordable Care Act on employers and health plans; domestic corporate tax rates, highlighting § 382 and its policy considerations; international law, including topics such as the new Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and transfer pricing practices; tax practice and procedure, featuring discussion of appellate tax litigation issues; tax accounting and proposed tangible property repair regulations; partnerships and pass-throughs, including limited partner interests; financial products, emphasizing short sale principles and tax rules; enforcement



**Section on Taxation:** At the 36th Annual Tax Law Conference—(left photo, l to r) Steve A. Sherman, trial attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and Mark H. Kovey, recipient of the 2012 Kenneth H. Liles Award; and Michael Quigley, partner at White & Case Law Firm; (right photo, l to r) Zeb Kelley, attorney, Office of Chief Counsel at the IRS and co-chair of the 2012 Writing Competition; Chris Davis, George Washington School of Law, second-place winner; Kara Baquizal, Fordham Law School, first-place winner; and Graham Green, U.S. Tax Court, and co-chair of the 2012 Writing Competition.

and criminal tax codes, including information on the criminal tax process and the investigation process; and a symposium for young tax lawyers, which provided instruction on job practices and advancement.

Winners of this year's Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition awards ceremony were announced at the event: Kara Baquizal of Fordham Law School, first place; Chris Davis of George Washington School of Law, second place; and Robert Wynne of Georgetown University Law Center, honorable mention. This year's Tax Law Conference was chaired by Andrew C. Strelka and Stuart J. Bassin, trial attorneys in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

At the conclusion of this year's conference, the Section on Taxation presented the Kenneth H. Liles Award to Mark H. Kovey. The section presents this award annually to recognize individuals for outstanding service and dedication to tax policy and administration as well as for their contributions to the bar and the legal profession.

The 36th Annual Tax Law Conference would not have been possible without the generous support of its sponsors. The elite sponsors for the 2012 conference included Baker & Hostetler LLP, Caplin & Drysdale Chartered, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, Grant Thornton LLP, Hochman Salkin Rettig Toscher & Perez PC, Ivins Phillips & Barker Chartered, Mayer Brown LLP, Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Morrison & Foerster LLP, and

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP. Patron sponsors included Baker & McKenzie LLP, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Deloitte Tax LLP, DLA Piper, Goodwin Procter LLP, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, SNR Denton LLP, and Williams & Connolly. The vendor sponsor was Wolters Kluwer. The Section on Taxation would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

### Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section

On Feb. 28, the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) presented the 2012 Transportation Security Law Forum. The program took place at TSA headquarters in Arlington, Va., and consisted of two panel discussions that focused on first amendment issues at airport checkpoints and legal issues surrounding risk-based security initiatives. Margot Bester, principal deputy chief counsel, gave the introduction to the program. Robert Allison, federal security director at Washington Reagan National Airport gave the keynote address discussing his operational perspectives regarding TSA's Risk-Based Security (RBS) programs as area airports continue with these RBS initiatives.

The first panel consisted of Paul Leyh, general manager, TSA Commercial Airlines; Daniel Burche, division director, TSA Office of Security Capabilities; Chris Bidwell, vice president, security and facilitation, ACI-NA; Rachel

McGlynn, supervisory transportation security specialist, TSA Office of Security Operations; Randy Harrison, managing director of security, Delta Airlines; and Richard Davis, managing director of security, United Airlines, and was moderated by Matthew Webb, senior counsel, Enforcement Division, TSA Office of Chief Counsel. This panel focused mainly on risk-based security initiatives, pre-check and assessor programs, procedures for seniors and minors, and behavior detection officers.

The second panel consisted of Kimberly Walton, special counselor to the administrator and the deputy administrator, TSA Office of the Special Counselor; Amy Ruggeri, deputy chief counsel for litigation, TSA Office of Chief Counsel; John Bauer, assistant chief counsel for criminal enforcement, TSA Office of Chief Counsel; and Chris Calabrese, legislative counsel, American Civil Liberties Union, and was moderated by Thomas Lehigh, assistant chief counsel, TSA Office of Chief Counsel. This panel focused on constitutional issues at checkpoints. **TFL**

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**Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section:** At the 2012 Transportation Security Law Forum—(left photo) Keynote speaker Robert Allison, federal security director, Washington Reagan National Airport; (right photo, l to r) Panelists Matthew Webb, senior counsel, Enforcement Division, TSA Office of Chief Counsel; Paul Leyh, general manager, TSA Commercial Airlines; Jennifer King; Chris Bidwell, vice president, security and facilitation, ACI-NA; Rachel McGlynn, supervisory transportation security specialist, TSA Office of Security Operations; Randy Harrison, managing director of security, Delta Airlines; and Richard Davis, managing director of security, United Airlines.