

## | Chapter Exchange |

### FOURTH CIRCUIT

#### South Carolina

On March 22–23, 2012, the South Carolina Chapter held an Appellate Advocacy CLE in conjunction with the Fourth Circuit's historic sitting in Greenville, S.C. At the invitation of the South Carolina Chapter, the Fourth Circuit heard oral arguments in Greenville for the first time in almost 40 years. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor sat as a member of the Fourth Circuit panel on both days of argument, participated in a question and answer session for FBA members, and was the guest of honor at a reception following the CLE. FBA members observed oral argument as part of the CLE, where speakers included Fourth Circuit Chief Judge William B. Traxler Jr., District Judge Michelle Childs, Fourth Circuit Mediator Ed Smith, and Furman University President Rod Smolla. The event was wildly successful, was featured in every major newspaper in South Carolina, and drew the largest crowd to date for a South Carolina Chapter event.

#### Western District of Virginia

On May 1, the Clerk's Office for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia held its first Law Day program in Roanoke,

Va. Approximately 40 high school and middle school home schoolers were in attendance. Magistrate Judge Robert Ballou and Clerk of the Court Julie Dudley were the hosts. The students learned of duties and responsibilities of the Clerk's Office, the federal judiciary, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Probation Office, the U.S. Marshall Service, the defense bar, and the Roanoke Chapter of the FBA.

The presentation included the criminal trial of William H. Bonney, a/k/a Mad Dog. Mad Dog was charged with drug trafficking and use of a firearm during a drug trafficking offense. Pat Hogeboom and a student prosecuted the case. Scott Weber, Josh Johnson, and a student attendee provided a spirited defense, but the student jurors found Mad Dog guilty of all counts and Judge Ballou sentenced Mad Dog to 25 years in prison. Students also played the roles of Mad Dog and Mad Dog's girlfriend turned star government witness, Mercedes Ford. Gwen Mason from the U.S. Attorney's Office played the role of Mad Dog's mother and openly wept when Mad Dog received his 25-year sentence. At each stage of the trial, Judge Ballou would pause the proceedings, allowing the participants to explain what had occurred at each juncture of the proceedings.

### FIFTH CIRCUIT

#### Southern District of Texas

On June 13, the Southern District of Texas Chapter hosted a reception for the recipients of the 2012 Blask Fellowships. Each year, to encourage students to explore public sector careers, the chapter awards \$2,000 fellowships to law students pursuing internships with federal courts or agencies in the district. The fellowships are named in the memory of the late Ronald Blask, one of the first magistrate judges appointed in the district. This year's recipients are interning for Fifth Circuit Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod, Senior U.S. District Judge David Hittner, District Judge Sim Lake, District Judge Gray Miller, District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo, Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

### NINTH CIRCUIT

#### Inland Empire Chapter

On May 15, 2012, at the Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino, the chapter held its annual Erwin Chemerinsky Constitutional Law Update. Dean Chemerinsky's presentation of the constitutional material is always humorous and insightful and a wel-



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**Western District of Virginia Chapter:** At the Law Day program on May 1—(l to r) Clerk of the Court Julie Dudley and Judge Ballou.

## ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

come update for practitioners regarding the issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. In conjunction with the update, Dale Galipo was presented with the 2012 Erwin Chemerinsky Defender of the Constitution Award, which honors an attorney or jurist who puts him or herself on the line in defending the Constitution. Galipo practices all over Southern California, where his expertise is primarily in the civil rights area. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and UCLA Law School.

### Montgomery Chapter

On May 10, the Montgomery Chapter hosted a reception for Eleventh Circuit Chief Judge Joel F. Dubina. The reception was held to recognize and celebrate his service to the circuit and also his appointment by Chief Justice Roberts to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Many other judges, including Hon. Sue Bell Cobb, recently retired as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, were present. The FBA's Chapter Activity Fund contributed to support the event, which was organized

with assistance from the circuit vice presidents for the Eleventh Circuit and from the Federal Litigation Section's committee on federal rules of procedure and trial practice. **TFL**

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**Southern District of Texas Chapter:** Recipients of the Southern District of Texas Chapter's 2012 Blask Fellowships at an honorary reception—(l to r) David Isaak, Selection Committee chair; James Papenfus; Nicolas Brown; Sara Jo Dunstan; Lee Blask, widow of honoree Judge Ronald Blask; Liat Rome; Cristian Rosas-Grillet; and David Rodi, chapter president. Not pictured are fellows Marie Delahoussaye and Samuel Garcia.



**Inland Empire Chapter:** At the Erwin Chemerinsky Constitutional Law Update on May 15—(l to r) Dennis Wagner, Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym, Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, and Dale Galipo. Photo courtesy of Jacqueline Carey-Wilson.



**Montgomery Chapter:** At the reception for Chief Judge Dubina on May 10—(l to r) Chad Stewart, Rob Kohn, Rick Figlio, Judge Dubina, Garrett Bradford, Judge Frank H. McFadden, Mrs. Joyce Hobbs (wife of Judge Truman Hobbs), Julian McPhillips, John Bowman, Mrs. Marjorie Dubina (mother of Judge Dubina), Riley Roby (son-in-law of Judge Dubina), Karon Staples, Beth Dubina (wife of Judge Dubina), and Graham Esdale Jr.