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Criminal Law Section

On June 12, 2012, the Criminal Law Section and the New Orleans Chapter jointly presented a one-hour CLE devoted to Federal Sentencing Variances and Departures. Alan Dorhoffer, deputy director for the Office of Education And Sentencing Practice at the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and Kito Bess, chief U.S. probation officer, presented information regarding variances and departures from the advisory sentencing guideline range. At the request of New Orleans Chapter President Judge Kurt Engelhardt, New Orleans Chapter Board Members Walter Becker and Brian Capitelli, along with Criminal Law Section member Virginia Schlueter, put together a training attended by approximately

40 attendees comprised of federal judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law clerks, and FBA members.

Later that week, the Criminal Law Section and the New Orleans Chapter co-hosted speakers who presented at the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Annual Training which was held in New Orleans. There were over one thousand in attendance. Attendees included U.S. sentencing commissioners, commission attorney training faculty, federal judges, federal prosecutors, federal public defenders, Criminal Justice Act Panel lawyers, defense attorneys, and federal probation officers. In order to have a balanced presentation, the general panel format was comprised of a commission attorney, a

judge, a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a probation officer. Approximately 100 of the speakers who presented were in attendance at the reception.

Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section

On June 27, the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section, along with the Capitol Hill and DC Chapters, hosted a luncheon with Michael Bardee, general counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Office of General Counsel represents FERC before the courts and Congress and is responsible for the legal aspects of FERC's activities. Bardee began working at the FERC in 1990 as an attorney-advisor in the Office of General Counsel.



Criminal Law Section: At the CLE on June 12—(l to r) Walter Becker, section board member; Federal Public Defender Virginia L. Schlueter, organizer; Alan Dorhoffer, presenter; Brian Capitelli, section board member; and Kito Bess, chief U.S. probation officer.



Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Section: At the FERC event on June 27—(l to r) Michael Bardee, general counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Sheila Hollis, Duane Morris LLP



Federal Litigation Section: At the reception on May 31—(left photo) Judge Delissa Ridgway of the U.S. Court of International Trade engages in a conversation with several FBA members and local attorneys before dinner; (right photo, l to r) Chief Justice Sarah Parker of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Judge James Wynn of the Fourth Circuit, and Justice Dennis Adjei of the Court of Appeal of Ghana.



The luncheon discussion was hosted by Duane Morris LLP.

Federal Litigation Section

On May 31, the Federal Litigation Section sponsored a dinner and reception for judges in the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina. The event was held to allow local members of the bench to personally welcome their brothers and sisters who were visiting Durham, N.C., to study and teach in the inaugural class of the Center for Judicial Studies at Duke Law School. The program offers eight weeks of post-graduate legal education for active judges, leading to an LL.M. degree. Approximately 50 judges and other faculty attended the event with 30 members of the FBA and their guests. Among them were Hon. Sarah Parker, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Dean David Levy of Duke Law School, who is a former federal judge of the Eastern District of California, introduced the speaker, Pulitzer-winning author Linda Greenhouse of Yale Law School. The section's vice-chair, Rob Kohn, convened the formal part of the evening by thanking the FBA's Chapter Activity Fund, which contributed support for the event, as well as leaders of the Eastern District of North Carolina and the Middle District of North Carolina

Chapters. Camden Webb, president of the Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter, stated, "The event was a great occasion for our members to meet local North Carolina judges as well as judges from across the country who were attending the program. We also took the opportunity with this event to promote the benefits of joining the FBA and add members. I was grateful that we were able to participate in such a terrific event."

Section on Taxation

On June 26, the Section on Taxation held a program entitled "Women in Tax Law: Strategies and Perspectives on Tax Litigation," which was hosted by Mayer Brown LLP. The event featured a panel discussion which focused on strategies for developing a successful career as a tax litigator. Speakers included Hon. Christine O.C. Miller, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Judith A. Hagley, senior litigation counsel, DOJ, Tax Division, Appellate Section; Elizabeth Girafalco Chirich, branch chief, IRS Chief Counsel; and Miriam Fisher, partner, Latham & Watkins LLP.

Younger Lawyers Division

The Younger Lawyers Division has continued sponsoring the Summer Law Clerk Program, which features various

roundtables and site visits for law clerks, law students, and interns. On June 18, the Capitol Hill roundtable featured discussions from attorneys who are currently working in various offices on the Hill. The attorneys discussed their career paths and offered advice to students interested in working in or with the federal government on the Hill.

On June 22, the Department of Defense roundtable contained military panelists who discussed the duties, responsibilities, and unique life experiences of today's military attorney. Panelists included judge advocates from the U.S. Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. The panel was co-sponsored by the Pentagon Chapter of the FBA.

On June 28, the Department of Justice roundtable featured speakers from various divisions of the department, including attorneys from the Civil Division, National Security Division, Tax Division, and the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia. **TFL**

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or worse, because the company goes out of business? Would I forfeit the keys to my online life? The answer is no, because LastPass also stores the passwords on my computer where they're accessible through the browser. They cannot be changed or updated if the LastPass servers are down, but at least they're there.

An alternative brand to LastPass is Roboform.[™] (www.roboform.com.) If you're shopping around, you should check it out. An additional option worth investigating is OpenID[™], which can be investigated at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenID.

None of these three choices is a complete answer to online security, of course. Even a smart lawyer like you could still be duped into entering a password on a fake "phishing" site set up to look like your bank's. And, were someone to discover your LastPass master password in your sock drawer or your purse, that person could get all your passwords at once from your online vault. In that sense, online storage of the passwords is riskier than having them on your computer.

But even if there are risks to using LastPass, OpenID, or Roboform, they are better alternatives than using the same password for all your sites. They are probably also safer than writing down all of your passwords on sticky notes and carrying them around with you, as I have sometimes observed other lawyers doing.

Conclusion

See you next month in Cyberia. In the meantime, please forward your universal password and username to my email address below, for safekeeping. **TFL**

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