



FIRST CIRCUIT

Puerto Rico Chapter

Student Division Induction Ceremony

On Oct. 12, 2012, the Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter held an induction ceremony at the U.S. District Court for its FBA student divisions at the University of Puerto Rico, Interamerican University, and Pontifical Catholic University law schools. More than 140 new student members joined the FBA during this academic semester—the majority attending the ceremony, which was presided by FBA President Elect and U.S. District Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi. Also present at the event were U.S. District Judge Francisco Besosa, U.S. Magistrate Judge Marcos Lopez, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brian Tester, and Associate Supreme Court Justice Roberto Feliberti. All judges spoke about the benefits and opportunities students have through the FBA, and Judge Besosa gave a keynote speech on pro bono work. The president of the Puerto Rico Chapter, Oreste Ramos, and the YLD-Student Chair, Hector Ramos, also encouraged the students to be active within the FBA. The presidents of each Student Division also addressed those in attendance. The Puerto Rico Chapter holds this event annually at the federal courthouse.

Luncheon with Rep. Pedro Pierluisi

On Oct. 17, 2012, the Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter invited Rep. Pedro Pierluisi, Puerto Rico's only member of Congress, to speak at its luncheon. Rep. Pierluisi spoke about how his legal career, professional ethics, and practice in federal court have allowed him to be a successful representative of his nearly 4 million. He also addressed the upcoming status plebiscite and how it will shape the island's political future and union with the United States. The luncheon was attended by a large number of chapter members, including various past presidents, student members, federal judges, and Supreme Court justices.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Palm Beach County Chapter

Officer Installation Luncheon

The Palm Beach County Chapter held its first luncheon of 2012-2013 on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012, at the classic Colony Hotel on Palm Beach. The officers for 2012-2013 were installed: Jason Lazarus, president; Peggy Stumhofer, president elect; Ryon McCabe, secretary; Heather Ries, treasurer; and Sally Still, national delegate. September's speaker was Professor Michael Allen of Stetson University College of Law. Allen was thoroughly informative and entertaining as he discussed the 2011-2012 term of the U.S.

Supreme Court and his predictions regarding the Supreme Court's upcoming term. Allen teaches a number of courses at Stetson, including Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, the Federal Courts, and the Federal System. He also serves as the associate dean for faculty development and strategic initiatives and the director of Stetson's Veterans Law Institute. Of the 11 years that Allen has been teaching at Stetson, he has won the school's best professor award an amazing seven times!

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

Meeting with Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann

The Mississippi Chapter hosted Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, who spoke to FBA members and guests at the Capital Club during the September meeting. Hosemann shared a number of initiatives of his office that ranged from laws affecting business to public lands—some of which had Federal implications to include recent legislation regarding voter identification. A number of summer law clerks and interns attended as guests of their law firms or organizations. Third year law student Andrew Faggert, who is the president of the FBA Student Chapter at Mississippi College School of Law, and two of his officers attended the meeting.



Puerto Rico Chapter: At the Student Induction Ceremony—(l to r) Bankruptcy Judge Brian Tester, U.S. District Judge and FBA President Elect Gustavo Gelpi, and Justice Roberto Feliberti with members of the student divisions; At the October Luncheon—(l to r) Rep. Pierluisi greets past chapter president Carlos Valldejuly and Chapter President Oreste Ramos.

Meeting with Hon. Michael Mills, Northern District of Mississippi

The Mississippi Chapter met in Oxford on Nov. 2 with Chief Judge Michael Mills of the Northern District of Mississippi as the speaker. Chief Judge Mills shared with the members developments in the district to include information about the reorganization of the divisions. Chief Judge Mills described the role the Mississippi Chapter played in securing approval of the reorganization and thanked our chapter for their support. A number of the federal judges from the Northern and Southern Districts attended. Following the meeting the members and guests attended the wildly popular CLE and reception that Chief Judge Mills hosts each year.

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Tidewater Chapter

A Full Day: Luncheon CLE and Retirement Celebration of Hon. Bradford Stillman

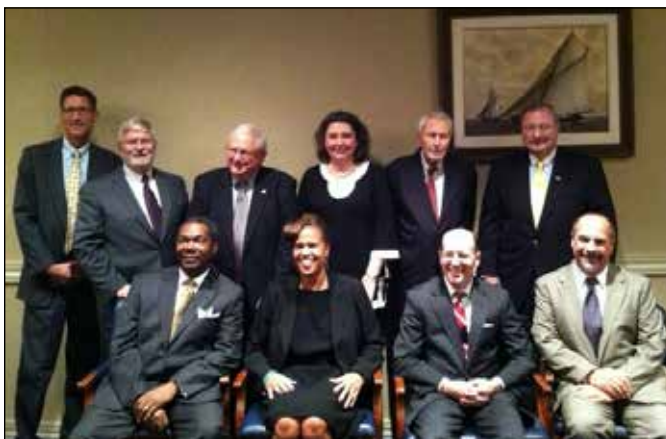
On Sept. 27, 2012, the Tidewater Chapter enjoyed a full day of federal bar events. To kick off the day, the chapter hosted a luncheon seminar at the Town Point Club in Norfolk. The seminar,

titled “Federal Trial Practice and the Federal Court Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011,” featured longtime federal court practitioners Conrad Shumadine of Willcox & Savage P.C. and Hunter Sims of Kaufman & Canoles P.C. Several judges and clerks from the Eastern District of Virginia attended, including the current chief judge of the district Rebecca Beach Smith, District Judge Mark Davis, District Judge Raymond Jackson, Senior District Judge Henry Morgan, Magistrate Judge Doug Miller and Magistrate Judge Bradford Stillman.

That evening, a number of chapter members returned to the Town Point Club for the retirement celebration of long-time magistrate judge Bradford Stillman. A decorated veteran from his time flying helicopters in Vietnam and a former litigation partner at McGuire Woods, LLP, Magistrate Judge Stillman ended his career on the bench effective September 28. Speakers at his retirement celebration included District Judge Smith, Senior District Judge Robert Payne, Magistrate Judge Tommy Miller, court representatives and an army colleague who served with Magistrate Judge Stillman in Vietnam and told vivid stories of their exploits together. ☺



Mississippi Chapter: At the September Meeting—(l to r) Diane Hawks, chief of staff, secretary of state; Dean Jim Rosenblatt, Mississippi College School of Law; Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann; Ryan Beckett, Butler Snow; and Kate Margolis, Bradley Arant; At the November Meeting in Oxford—(l to r) Dean Jim Rosenblatt, Chief Judge Mills, and Chief Judge Louis Guirola of the Southern District of Mississippi.



Tidewater Chapter: At the retirement celebration for Judge Stillman—(l to r) Magistrate Judge Larry Leonard, Magistrate Judge Bradford Stillman, Magistrate Judge Tommy Miller, Chief Judge Rebecca Beach Smith, Magistrate Judge William Prince, Senior District Judge Robert Payne; seated on front row (l to r) District Judge Raymond Jackson, District Judge Arenda Wright Allen, District Judge Mark Davis, Magistrate Judge Douglas Miller.



Palm Beach County Chapter: At the officer installation luncheon—(l to r) Jason Lazarus, chapter president; Professor Michael Allen, Stetson University College of Law; and Peggy Stumhofer, chapter president elect.