



Bankruptcy Law Section

Section Cosponsors Bankruptcy Law Update Program

On April 29, 2013, the FBA Bankruptcy Law Section, along with the Nassau and Suffolk County (New York) bankruptcy law sections, cosponsored a consumer bankruptcy law update program. This interactive bankruptcy roundtable addressed various topics of interest in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases, dos and don'ts from law clerks, and views from the bench.

Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section

General Counsels Lunch Series Event Features Eric J. Fygi

On April 10, the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section presented their continued General Counsels Lunch Series program with featured speaker Eric J. Fygi, deputy general counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy. He has served in this position since the department's founding in October 1977, and periodically has served since then as the department's acting general counsel. Together with the general counsel, he is responsible to the secretary of energy for all the department's legal affairs. The program was held at the law offices of Duane Morris LLP in Washington, D.C.

Immigration Law Section

Immigration Leadership Monthly Luncheon Series Program Features Jeffrey Gorsky

On April 17, the Immigration Law Section and the DC Chapter of the FBA presented their continued Immigration Leadership Monthly Luncheon Series. This month's program featured Jeffrey Gorsky, chief, Legal Advisory Opinion Section, Visa Office, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The monthly luncheons are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Tony Cheng's Restaurant in Washington, D.C.

Section on Taxation

Recent Developments in Tax Controversy

On April 4, the Section on Taxation presented the program Recent Developments in Tax Controversy at New York University Law School. The event featured recent developments in tax controversy and discussions on recent court opinions on economic substance, debt-versus-equity, expert witness testimony, and discovery. The speakers included Brian Power of Mayer Brown LLP and Elizabeth McGee of Shearman & Sterling LLP.

Young Tax Lawyers Group Hosts Judges from the U.S. Tax Court and U.S. Court of Federal Claims

The Section on Taxation's Young Tax Lawyers Group hosted a panel discussion and networking reception with judges from the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims at the Georgetown University Law Center on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. The panelists included Hon. Robert A. Wherry Jr., Diane L. Kroupa, and Albert G. Lauber from the U.S. Tax Court and Hon. Francis M. Allegra from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. The panelists discussed practical tips for lawyers handling tax cases before their respective courts. The panel discussion was moderated by the co-chair of the Young Tax Lawyers Group, Ryan Kelly of Baker & McKenzie LLP. More than 100 tax practitioners, L.L.M. students, and J.D. students attended this event. Mark Milton, co-chair of the Young Tax Lawyers Group, noted that this was an excellent event for attendees to gain valuable insights from the judiciary while also networking with other tax attorneys. The Section on Taxation's Young Tax Lawyers Group will host its next networking event in June.



Bankruptcy Law Section: At the Bankruptcy Law Update Program on April 29—(l to r) Marianne DeRosa, Chapter 13 trustee; Michael Macco, Chapter 13 trustee; Kenneth Silverman, Chapter 7 trustee; Salvatore LaMonica, Chapter 7 trustee; and Judge Robert Grossman and Judge Alan Trust of the Eastern District of New York Bankruptcy Court.



Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Section: At the General Counsels Lunch Series event on April 10—(l to r) Section Chair Sheila Hollis, Duane Morris LLP, with featured speaker Eric J. Fygi, deputy general counsel, U.S. Department of Energy.

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Indian Law Section

Annual Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, N.M.

The 38th Annual Indian Law Conference took place in Santa Fe, N.M., at the Pueblo of Pojoaque's Buffalo Thunder Resort on April 11-12. The theme of the conference was "Energy! Enlightening & Invigorating the Practice of Indian Law." Topics that were covered reviewed and analyzed current litigation, legislation, and policy developments in the field of Indian Law.

Panel discussions included discussions on topics such as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's effects on tribal economies as well as its legislative efforts and the financial and legal impacts in Indian Country. Other plenary sessions included talks on innovations in tribal state compacting and tobacco taxes as well as Indian mascots. The topic of the use of

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 19 and the shifting vitality of tribal sovereign immunity was discussed. Breakout sessions included specialized panels on preserving *Morton V. Mancari's* legacy and same-sex marriages as an emerging trend in tribal policies, as well as strengthening the practice of Indian law regarding state bar exams. Speakers included respected professionals from private practice, education, and government to help make this year's conference a success.

Carole Goldberg, Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA and recent appointee to the Indian Law and Order Commission by President Barack Obama, was presented with the Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is given annually by the FBA Indian Law Section to an outstanding practitioner or professor in the Indian law community

who has practiced for 20 years or longer.

The section would like to thank this year's conference chairs for their dedication and hard work: Patrice H. Kunesh, deputy solicitor-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; Andrew Adams III, associate, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson, & Hogen P.C.; Angelique Townsend EagleWoman, associate professor, Univ. of Idaho College of Law; and Venus McGhee Prince, attorney general, Parch Band of Creek Indians. ☺



Indian Law Section: At the Annual Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, N.M.—(left photo l to r) Conference chairs Andrew Adams III, associate, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson, & Hogen P.C.; Angelique Townsend EagleWoman, associate professor, Univ. of Idaho College of Law; Patrice H. Kunesh, deputy solicitor-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; and Venus McGhee Prince, attorney general, Parch Band of Creek Indians; (right photo l to r) Section Chair Jennifer Weddle; Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Carole Goldberg; Angela Riley, director, UCLA American Indian Studies Center; and D. Michael McBride, FBA Board of Directors member and past section chair.

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1860's who envisioned a black President, most in that time would never have thought such a thing possible. Even today, it seems that views on progress differ. Some say we have come a long way, others feel that we have not come far enough and still have a long way to go. Minorities and women have attained positions of great wealth, power, and responsibility, yet we have inner-city poverty and schools where children have an easier time finding drugs than an education. Where does lack of education lead? According to statistics from the Pew Center on States, in 2010, one in three young black men who are behind bars do not have a high school diploma or GED. Speaking of prison, we have more than 2.3 million people

incarcerated in the United States and, of that number, some 67 percent of the overall prison population are of a minority race. According to a recent study, once convicted and imprisoned, more than 40 percent of released prisoners commit crimes within three years of their release and wind up back behind bars.

I will leave it to you to decide where we are on the civil rights progress continuum and suggest you ponder that as you peruse the remainder of this issue on civil rights. Also, remember that those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. ☺