



Chapter Exchange

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

Monthly Chapter Meetings

The chapter's November meeting was held in Oxford and featured the judges of the Northern District of Mississippi. The luncheon meeting was attended by more than 70 attorneys and judges, many of whom later attended the annual CLE hosted by Chief Judge Michael Mills. Chief Judge Mills spoke at the luncheon meeting and offered an update on matters in the Northern District to include budget planning as well as a description of the role played by the Mississippi Chapter in supporting his plan to realign the divisions in the Northern District.

At its December meeting, the Mississippi

Chapter honored J.T. Noblin, who is retiring as the U.S. District Court clerk for the Southern District of Mississippi. The overflow crowd came to the Capital Club to pay special tribute to this long-serving clerk for whom there is universal respect and admiration. A number of speakers offered highlights of J.T.'s career with a mix of serious and humorous accounts. The turnout was the largest for the chapter in five years and resulted in several new memberships.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Northeast Tennessee Chapter

Senior District Judge Jordan Recognized at Civil/Criminal Law Seminar

The Northeast Tennessee Chapter of the

Federal Bar Association held a civil/criminal law seminar on Nov. 22, 2013, at the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, Tenn. Judge Jane Branstetter Stranch, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, was the guest speaker for the luncheon during which Senior U.S. District Judge Leon Jordan (profiled in this issue of *The Federal Lawyer*) was recognized for his 25 years on the federal bench. Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis H. Inman and First Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr shared memories of Judge Jordan's service to the bar at the state and federal level and his instrumental role in the creation of the Northeast Tennessee Chapter of the FBA. Following the seminar, Hunter, Smith & Davis sponsored a cocktail reception for attendees. ☺

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Sections and Divisions

BANKING LAW SECTION

On Nov. 12, the Banking Law Section hosted the annual General Counsels' Dinner in Washington, D.C. Speakers included Scott Alvarez, general counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Amy Friend, senior deputy comptroller and chief counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Meredith Fuchs, general counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Michael McKenna, general counsel, National Credit Union Administration; Richard Osterman, acting general counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The program was moderated by Jean Veta, Covington & Burling LLP.

BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION

On Nov. 19, the Bankruptcy Law Section and the Dallas Chapter of the FBA presented the Bankruptcy Workshop program at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. The program featured a panel presentation on jurisdic-

tion, withdrawal of the reference, removal, remand and lingering issues after *Stern v. Marshall*, as well as a discussion of U.S. trustee issues, guidelines, and recent litigation trends. Speakers included Omar Alaniz, Baker Botts, LLP; Jason Binford, Kane Russell Coleman & Logan, PC; Katie Grissel, Vinson & Elkins LLP; Lisa Lambert, assistant U.S. trustee, U.S. Trustee's Office, Region 6; Albert Loftus, paralegal specialist, U.S. Trustee's Office, Region 6; Hon. Harlan D. Hale, U.S. bankruptcy judge, Northern District of Texas; Daniel "Corky" Sherman, Sherman & Yaquinto, LLP; and Dan Stewart, Vinson & Elkins LLP.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS SECTION

On Nov. 20, the FBA Government Contracts Section and the WMACCA Government Contractors Forum hosted a corporate-government counsel luncheon in Washington, D.C. The events featured a meet-

and-greet that united both corporate and government counsel to strengthen professional ties across organizational boundaries.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY LAW SECTION

On Nov. 21, the section held its annual Counsels' Reception in honor of the transportation and transportation security law general counsels and chief counsels and the recipients of the section's awards. This year, the section recognized Stephen P. Wood, assistant chief counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for the John T. Stewart Jr. Transportation Lawyer of the year award, and Jane E. Petkofsky, assistant chief counsel, Transportation Security Administration, for the John T. Stewart Jr. Transportation Security Lawyer of the year award. Monica R. Hargrove, outgoing section chair, received the section chair award honoring her dedication and commitment to the section. ☺

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