



Sections and Divisions

BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION

The Bankruptcy Law Section and the Federal Bar Association (FBA) San Antonio Chapter held a bankruptcy program for state court practitioners to discover more about the interplay between common state court issues and bankruptcy entitled Who's on First in Bankruptcy Court? A State Court Player's Guide to the Bankruptcy Game at the Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in San Antonio, Texas, on April 10. The seminar addressed bankruptcy rules and procedures, family law, probate, real estate, secured transactions, tax issues, and removal/remand as it related to common state law matters. Presenters included Chief Judge Ronald B. King and Judge Craig Gargotta, along with many bankruptcy practitioners in the field.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

The Criminal Law Section and the William D. Browning FBA Chapter in Tucson presented the 1st Annual Roll-Zapata Criminal Law Seminar on April 25 at Aloft Tucson University. The program focused on electronic technology advances occurring with stunning frequency and how the law responds to this changing surveillance landscape. Speakers included David G. Campbell, United States District Judge; James G. Carr, District Judge, Northern District of Ohio; Nanci Clarence, Clarence Dyer and Cohen; Hanni Fakhoury, Electronic Frontier Foundation; Andrew Auerheimer in Third Circuit Appeal regarding corporate harvesting of unsecured email addresses; former Assistant Federal Defender, CASD; Albert Gidari, Jr., Perkins Coie, LLP; Richard Salgado, Google, Inc.; J. Douglas Wilson, Assistant U.S. Attorney; Chief of Criminal Division; and Frank R. Zapata, Senior United States District Judge. Topics included new developments in surveillance technology, wiretaps, particularly the necessity requirement, collection and protection of communications data warrants for electronic data or tracking, and advocacy tips and future issues. A reception followed the program which honored Senior District Judge Frank R. Zapata for his 40 years of service to the District of Arizona as an assistant federal defender, magistrate judge, and district judge.

FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION

The Federal Litigation Section's Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the FBA co-hosted an interactive CLE event on the acquisition and use of electronic evidence on March 27. The event in Alexandria was held in conjunction with the FBA's midyear meeting in Washington, D.C. The CLE featured a panel discussion on the acquisition of electronic evidence, such as social media postings and emails, and its use as evidence at trial. The Hon. Ivan D. Davis (U.S. Magistrate Judge, E.D. Va.) then presided over three trial-like demonstrations, using both criminal and civil fact patterns to highlight issues in admitting electronic evidence. Applying the "all object rule," audience members were encouraged to raise their own objections during the demonstrations.

"This event was an excellent example of collaboration between the Litigation Section and a local chapter to use our collective resources and expertise to address an emerging legal issue," said Rob Kohn, chairman of the FBA's Litigation Section. "Social media and other electronic evidence is quickly becoming an everyday tool for trial lawyers, and courts across the country remain divided in how to treat this evidence," added Chip Molster, a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter and moderator of the event.

SECURITIES LAW SECTION

The Securities Law Section and the Federal Litigation Section along with the FBA Southern District of New York Chapter hosted a live program and webcast at K & L Gates in New York entitled Recent High-Profile Securities Law Decisions. The program featured major developments in securities laws and securities litigation in the recession of the late last decade. The Supreme Court and other federal court rulings have been grappling with these new laws and regulations, and their rulings will have a substantial effect on the operations of corporations, financial institutions, and securities professionals. The seminar featured a panel of experienced securities litigators and experts that closely examined recent decisions involving allegations of market manipulation, insider trading, and misrepresentation of information. Speakers included Mary Jane Lee, director and associate general counsel, Citigroup; Prof. Paul Radvany, associate professor of law, Fordham University Law School; Jorge

Baez, senior consultant, NERA; Stephen J. Crimmins, partner, K&L Gates LLP; and Liam O'Brien, managing partner, McCormick & O'Brien LLP.

SECTION ON TAXATION

The Section on Taxation hosted the Women in Tax Law: Having it All program at the firm of Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C. on April 17. The program featured a panel discussion on balancing work, social obligations, hobbies, and family, as well as the long-term impact of the push for flexible and alternative work schedules. Panelists included Tracy Gostyla, U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division; Alexis MacIvor, I.R.S. Office of Chief Counsel; Dianna Miosi, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; and Angela Walitt, Baker & McKenzie.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY LAW SECTION

The Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section presented the a membership networking program at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. on March 27. Section members and local law students were invited to the program in order to network with each other on careers in transportation. The presenters of the program were Thomas Lehrich, chair-elect of the section and Monica Hargrove, past chair of the section and deputy general counsel for Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION AND THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS SECTION

The Younger Lawyers Division and the Government Contracts Section along with the FBA D.C. Chapter presented the Choice of Forum: Court of Federal Claims vs. Boards of Contract Appeals program on April 1 at DLA Piper LLP in Washington, D.C. The panel compared and contrasted litigation at the different forums and discussed thoughts for choosing between forums. Panelists included Chief Judge Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Mark A. Melnick, administrative judge, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals; Richard P. Rector, partner, DLA Piper LLP; and Kyle Chadwick, trial attorney, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, Contract and Fiscal Law Division. The program was moderated by Dawn Stern, associate, DLA Piper LLP. ©