



FIFTH CIRCUIT

Austin Chapter

Chapter Hosts Spring Happy Hour

On May 21, 2014, the Austin Chapter hosted a spring happy hour on the veranda of the newly remodeled Hotel Ella. The event's special guests were the federal judges and their chambers staff. Members were also invited to bring a friend who was interested in joining the Federal Bar Association (FBA).

At the event, the chapter presented Paul Parsons with an award for outstanding community service. This award recognized his exceptional contribution to the local community through the creation and direction of beautiful and impressive naturalization ceremonies in Austin for more than 25 years.

Mississippi Chapter

Portrait Honors Judge Pepper

The late Hon. W. Allen Pepper, Jr., U.S. district judge of the Northern District of Mississippi, was honored with a portrait unveiling on April 25, 2014, on the campus of Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. Judge Pepper, whose chambers were in the U.S. courthouse in Greenville, Miss., was appointed to the position in 1999 by President Bill Clinton. He resided in Cleveland and passed away suddenly on Jan. 24, 2012.



Federal Judges Association Quadrennial Conference: Held at the White House and hosted by President Barack Obama, the Federal Judges Association gathered for reception in May 2014 (l to r) Hon. Gustavo Gelpí, Jr., U.S. district judge, District of Puerto Rico, and FBA national president; Ernest T. Bartol, vice president for the Second Circuit; Hon. Peter Hall, judge for U.S. Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit; Gustavo Gelpí, Sr.

In attendance were retired Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), five U.S. district judges, three U.S. magistrate judges, and one U.S. bankruptcy judge. Also among the distinguished guests were Judge Pepper's wife, Virginia "Ginger" Brown Pepper, son William Allen Pepper III, and daughter-in-law Samantha Pepper, as well as the President of Delta State University, William N. LaForge, who also served as national president of the Federal Bar Association in 2006-07.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Alaska Chapter

Alaska Chapter Participates in Naming Ceremonies for Two Federal Courthouses

On March 3, 2014, the Alaska Chapter participated at the dedication ceremony for the newly named Robert Boochever U.S. Courthouse in Juneau. Alaska Chapter President Darrel Gardner was among the numerous speakers who recounted Judge Boochever's inestimable contributions to Alaska's early judiciary. Gardner



Austin Chapter: At the May event (l-r): Austin Chapter membership chair, Betsy Chestney, honoree Paul Parsons and chapter president Stacy Rogers Sharp.



Mississippi Chapter: At the April event (l to r): Hon. Allan Alexander, U.S. magistrate judge; Samantha Pepper; Will Pepper III; Ginger Pepper; Hon. Michael Mills, chief U.S. district judge; Hon. Debra Brown, U.S. district judge; Hon. Jenny Virden, U.S. magistrate judge; and Hon. Dave Sanders, U.S. magistrate judge Back Row: (l to r) Hon. Glen Davidson, U.S. district judge; Hon. Shariyon Aycock, U.S. district judge; President William LaForge; Hon. Daniel Jordan, U.S. district judge; and Hon. Jason Woodard, U.S. bankruptcy judge.

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presented the court with an engraved plaque from the Alaska Chapter memorializing the date of the dedication ceremony. The Alaska Chapter also donated financially to the event and reception that followed. Other speakers included two of the judge's daughters, Barbara Boochever Lindh and Ann Boochever; Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) who was instrumental in obtaining the congressional act needed to name the courthouse); Hon. Timothy M. Burgess, U.S. district judge for the District of Alaska (presiding); retired Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti; Bart Rozell on behalf of the Alaska Bar Association; and, Renee Wardlaw on behalf of the Juneau Bar Association. Sen. Begich ended the program by performing a ribbon-cutting for the numerous spectators and Boochever family members present.

Similarly, on April 14, the Alaska Chapter was involved in the naming

ceremony of the James M. Fitzgerald U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Anchorage. Chapter President Gardner again made comments and presented the court with an engraved FBA plaque honoring the dedication event. Sen. Begich was also present and spoke in honor of Judge Fitzgerald's enduring legacy. Other speakers included Hon. H. Russel Holland (presiding); Lloyd Miller, master of ceremonies and former lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; and, Dana Fabe, chief justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. Judge Fitzgerald's daughter, Debra Fitzgerald, who along with her brother Kevin went on to become lawyers themselves, spoke in recognition of Sen. Begich's dedicated efforts to achieve passage of the federal law necessary to name the Anchorage courthouse and federal building in Judge Fitzgerald's honor.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Tampa Bay Chapter

Chapter Presents the George Carr Award to Julie Sneed

On Feb. 26, 2014, the Tampa Bay Chapter hosted a reception to celebrate the commencement of its 2014 mentoring program and to present the chapter's most distinguished award, the George Carr Award. This year's Carr Award recipient, Julie Sneed of Akerman Senterfitt, was joined by several members of the local judiciary, chapter members, friends, and family. Sneed received the award for her integrity and service, as well as her contributions to the Federal Bar Association. She previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Chapter. The Tampa Bay Chapter's mentoring program has been extraordinarily successful and popular, and this year's chairman of the program, Katherine Yanes, inspired attendees to participate and get involved. ☺



Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter: Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter members attend the educational program, Case Management in the Eastern District Court, in Reading, Penn. on April 29, 2014.



FBA Board of Directors: Hon. Elizabeth Kronk Warner and Matthew Moreland met in Istanbul, Turkey, while each was separately traveling this summer. Small FBA world!



Tampa Bay Chapter: At the award ceremony – (l to r) Julie Sneed and Hon. Chris W. Altenbernd, State of Florida Second District Court of Appeal.



Alaska Chapter: At the courthouse dedication in Anchorage - (l to r) Sen. Mark Begich and Alaska Chapter President Darrel Gardner.