



## Sections and Divisions

### FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION

On July 17, 2014, the Federal Litigation Section and recently formed Admiralty Law Section co-sponsored a CLE program in New Orleans entitled, "*McBride v. Estis*: The Past, Present, and Future of Punitive Damages." The Honorable Rebecca Doherty of the Western District of Louisiana moderated a panel discussion from maritime law experts, Paul Sterbcow of Lewis, Kullman, Sterbcow & Abramson, Professor Michael Sturley from the University of Texas Law School, and Douglas Truxillo of the Onebane Law Firm. There was a lively discussion of the historical

context of punitive damages in light of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals panel decision in *McBride v. Estis*. The distinguished panel members good heartedly sparred over defense vs. plaintiff perspectives, predictions for a Fifth Circuit *en banc* ruling and possible *writ* to the U.S. Supreme Court, and the practicalities of punitive damages in modern litigation. The rapt audience gave such rave reviews that this successful seminar may merit an encore after the *en banc* decision! Special thanks goes to the Federal Litigation Section from the Admiralty Law Section for its generous sponsorship.

### IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

On July 9, the Immigration Law Section and the District of Columbia Chapter held a leadership luncheon program in Washington, D.C., featuring speaker Jeff Rosenblum, general counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), U.S. Department of Justice. He was appointed General Counsel of the EOIR in 2012. From 2010 to 2012, he served as a supervisory attorney in EOIR's Office of General Counsel. The event was moderated by Prakash Khatri, attorney, Khatri Law Firm LLC. ☺

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## Become a Member of the Supreme Court Bar

Monday, Dec. 15, 2014



The Younger Lawyers Division is hosting its annual Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony at the Court. As in years past, we will be inviting the Justices to join us for a breakfast reception after the ceremony. Although the Younger Lawyers Division sponsors this event, FBA members of all ages and levels of practice are welcome to participate.

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