Chapter Exchange

FIRST CIRCUIT

Massachusetts Chapter Holds Event at Suffolk Law School

The Massachusetts Chapter held a terrific event on Jan. 13 at Suffolk Law School, with Hon. Gustavo Gelpi and Prof. Karen Blum speaking on a number of timely topics, including legal issues around police brutality lawsuits, the importance of the independence of the judiciary to the rule of law, and the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

SECOND CIRCUIT

EDNY Chapter Honors Officers of Probation and Pretrial Services

On Jan. 21 the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted a reception at the Theodore Roosevelt Courthouse in Brooklyn to honor the probation and pretrial services officers of the Eastern District of New York (EDNY). Russell L. Penzer, president of the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, in making the presentations focused on the agencies’ unique contributions to the EDNY’s Pretrial Opportunity Program, Special Options Services prison diversion programs, and the Supervision to Aid Re-entry drug offender court. Some 200 people, including many judges and EDNY Chapter members, attended the event.

Massachusetts Chapter: At the January event—(l to r) Jack Schecter, Robert Farrell (clerk of court), Allen Barrett (president of the FBA Law Student Division at Suffolk Law School), Amy Bratskier, Scott Lopez, Chris Sullivan, Michelle Hinkley, Matthew Moschella, and Harvey Weiner, with Prof. Karen Blum and Hon. Gustavo Gelpi in front. Photo by Lisa M. Tittemore.

Eastern District of New York Chapter: At the January event—(l to r) District Judge John Gleeson; Roberto Cordeiro, chief pretrial officer for the EDNY; Robert Rando; Magistrate Judge Cheryl Pollak; Russell Penzer, EDNY Chapter President; Eileen Kelly, chief probation officer for the EDNY; Chief District Judge Carol Bagley Amon; District Judge Joan M. Azrack; Magistrate Judge Robert M. Levy; District Judge Joanna Seybert; Chief Magistrate Judge Steve M. Gold; and Ernest T. Bartol, FBA vice president for the Second Circuit. Photo by Douglas C. Palmer.

William D. Browning Tucson Chapter: The chapter held an event commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the Criminal Justice Act and the Civil Rights Act. The event, held on Dec. 12, 2014, was presented to a sold-out crowd of chapter members, FBA guests, and judiciary members.

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