



FIRST CIRCUIT

New Hampshire Chapter Holds Kick-off Event

In December 2014, the New Hampshire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association held its inaugural event, featuring a tour of the Warren Rudman United States Courthouse in Concord, New Hampshire, conducted by Hon. James Starr, previous clerk of the court, and also featuring a technology presentation and reception. Former Clerk Starr provided an enlightening and entertaining presentation on the history of the building and some of the unique challenges facing the design and architectural teams, with anecdotes ranging from a controversy over the statue of Justice to a revelation as to why “Spring” Street earned its name. In addition to providing an historical overview, former Clerk Starr conducted a tour through the courthouse, featuring not only the courtrooms themselves but also a behind the scenes look at the courthouse from the judges’ chambers to the library and other areas not typically accessible to the public. The current clerk of the court and magistrate judge, Hon. Daniel J. Lynch, and his staff also presented an informative technology presentation, featuring the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS) and a preview of new courtroom technology. Our reception at the courthouse followed, and the event was well-attended. The New Hampshire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is welcoming new members, and looks forward to presenting more programming and events in the spring.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Chicago Chapter Hosts Annual Employment Law Seminar

On Jan. 15, the Chicago Chapter hosted its annual Employment Law Seminar. The program covered trends in wage and hour litigation and the use of credit, criminal, and other background



Chief Judge Ruben Castillo moderated the “12 Ways To Lose a Trial” program in Chicago in February.

checks, and it featured speakers from private practice and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. A panel of in-house counsel from Walgreens, Exelon, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals discussed how they evaluate cases for settlement. A panel of federal judges answered questions about how best to present your case.

Chicago Chapter Presents “12 Ways to Lose a Trial”

On Feb. 20, 2105, the Chicago Chapter hosted live and simultaneously webcast the “12 Ways to Lose a Trial” program with a distinguished panel of federal judges who shared their observations of sure-fire ways lawyers lose trials—and how to avoid them. The panel included district judges Sharon Johnson Coleman, James Holderman, Thomas Durkin, Virginia Kendall, and Ronald Guzman. The program was led and moderated by Chief Judge Ruben Castillo of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.



FBA Leaders at the Supreme Court: (l to r) W. West Allen, FBA Government Relations Committee chair; Hon. Michael J. Newman, FBA national treasurer; Mark Vincent, FBA national president-elect; and Matthew B. Moreland, FBA national president.