



FIRST CIRCUIT

New Hampshire Chapter Presents "The Path to the Bench"

On June 9, the New Hampshire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association co-hosted "The Path to the Bench" together with the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association. The program included presentations by Judge Landya McCafferty and Magistrate Judge Andrea Johnstone, both of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire, who provided an introduction to the federal bench, the roles of magistrate judges and Article III judges, and the "top 10 myths about becoming a federal judge." State court judges Diane Nicolosi, Elizabeth Leonard, Patricia Quigley, Suzanne Gorman, and Amy Ignatius also discussed their experiences with the judicial selection process, and representatives from the State Judicial Selection Committee and the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary participated as well. The presentations were informative, and there was a great deal of audience interaction with the judges, making the event a great success.

SECOND CIRCUIT

Eastern District of New York Chapter Presents a Tribute to Our Women Military Veterans

On May 14, the EDNY Chapter hosted a program honoring women military veterans in our community, as well as four organizations that provide services to military veterans. The event was held at the Alfonso M. D'Amato U.S. Courthouse in Central Islip, New York. The formal part of the program opened with welcoming remarks from Chapter President Russell Penzer as well as FBA Second Circuit Vice-President Ernest Bartol. District judges Arthur D. Spatt and Leonard D. Wexler, both World War II veterans, offered greetings to their fellow veterans in attendance. A keynote address was delivered by Maj. Aimee Bateman, who was introduced by Chapter President-Elect Dina Miller. Bateman described the program as the first of its kind that she is aware of honoring women military veterans. Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon presented certificates of appreciation to more than 50 women veterans. Plaques were also presented to the four honored



(Left to right) EDNY Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon, lifetime achievement award recipient Marian Egan O'Sullivan, EDNY Chapter President Russell Penzer, and EDNY President-Elect Dina Miller (Photograph contributed by Douglas Palmer)



Keynote speaker Maj. Aimee Bateman (Photograph contributed by Ron Pacchiana)



Presentation of the Colors in the atrium of the Long Island Federal Courthouse at the May 14 program (Photograph contributed by Cole Augello)



EDNY Magistrate Judge A. Kathleen Tomlinson (Photograph contributed by Ron Pacchiana)

organizations, as well as to the lifetime achievement award recipient, a 99-year-old World War II veteran. U.S. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand, who was introduced by District Judge Joanna Seybert, provided remarks via a recorded video. Closing remarks were delivered by Magistrate Judge A. Kathleen Tomlinson. Following the presentations, the veterans were invited to a reception and to visit informational tables set up by 25 organizations that provide services to veterans in our community. More than 250 people attended the program, including many judges from the federal and New York state courts.

Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter Presents Luncheon with Chief Judge William Byrd Traxler Jr.

On June 25, the Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter, along with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP's Appellate Practice Group, hosted a luncheon in Raleigh, North Carolina, with Hon. William Byrd Traxler Jr., chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The lively luncheon discussion covered everything from federal appellate practice to brief-writing to oral advocacy tips. The luncheon was at 18 Seaboard Restaurant in Raleigh and cost \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Attendees received one hour of CLE for this event (application pending).

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter Monthly Meetings

The Mississippi Chapter enjoyed record attendance at its February and April meetings. U.S. District Court Judge Dan Jordan was the draw for the February meeting with a presentation focusing on humorous situations he has observed from the bench. U.S. magistrate judges Linda Anderson and Keith Ball headlined the April meeting and offered practical practice pointers and discussed what they expected from attorneys.



Speakers and officers (left to right): Professor Meta Copeland (MC Law), chapter president; Professor Jim Rosenblatt (MC Law); Judge Linda Anderson, speaker; Judge Dan Jordan, speaker; Judge Keith Ball, speaker; Krissy Casey Nobile, liaison (MS AG); and Brad Davis, secretary/treasurer (Jones Walker)

New Orleans Chapter Members in London



(Left to right) Loyola law student Marshall Watson Jr., a member of the FBA Law School Division; Matthew B. Moreland, national president of the FBA; Ashley Belleau, ABA delegate; and Frank Neuner, a past president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, at the Royal Court of Justice July 11 in London.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Chicago Chapter presents State of the Court

On June 17, the chief judge of the Northern District of Illinois, Ruben Castillo, gave the Chicago Chapter's annual address about the state of the local federal court. The address covered the strong cooperation and joint programs held by the Chicago Chapter and the federal judges. One of the topics was how the court is reported in the media, e.g., when someone gets a 14-year sentence, it makes news; but when the court hires a person who had multiple felony convictions as part of rehabilitation, there is no report of that. The program also discussed some the great achievements of the court this past year, along with the number of filings and trials.



Hon. Ruben Castillo, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, using PowerPoint as part of the Chicago Chapter's Annual State of the Court program.