DC CIRCUIT

Pentagon Chapter

Reception for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces’ End of 2015 Term

On May 12, the Pentagon Chapter sponsored a reception at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces to mark the end of the oral argument session. Brief remarks were offered by William DeCicco, clerk of the court for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Alan Goldsmith, secretary of the Veterans and Military Law Section, and John Harms, president of the Pentagon Chapter. The featured speaker for the reception was Chief Judge Charles E. “Chip” Erdmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. The reception was well-attended, and everyone present enjoyed the pizza and drinks.

SECOND CIRCUIT

Southern District of New York Chapter

“Passing the Torch” Ceremony Honors Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska and Incoming Chief Judge Colleen McMahon

In April, the Southern District of New York Chapter held a “Passing the Torch” ceremony to honor Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska, who is stepping down as chief judge, and incoming Chief Judge Colleen McMahon. The event was very well-attended and a big success.
FIFTH CIRCUIT
Mississippi Chapter
March Meeting With Professor Matt Steffey of the Mississippi College School of Law
Professor Matt Steffey of the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Miss., spoke at the March meeting of the Mississippi Chapter and provided a review of recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and some predictions about the approaches the Court might take in pending cases. He fielded questions from the members in a lively exchange regarding the philosophies of constitutional interpretation.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT
Tampa Bay Chapter
Retirement Celebration Honoring Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins
On April 28, the Tampa Bay Chapter hosted a retirement celebration in honor of retiring U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins. The event was held at Le Meridien Tampa, a historic building that was once the U.S. courthouse for the Tampa Division of the Middle District of Florida. The hotel was selected for its special significance to Judge Jenkins, who began her career as a federal judge when sworn in at that courthouse. The venue was filled to capacity by members of the Tampa Bay Chapter, Judge Jenkins’ colleagues from throughout the Middle District of Florida, and the judge’s special guests. The program included remarks from Judge Charles Wilson of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Chief Judge Steven Merryday of the Middle District of Florida, with additional remarks by representatives of Judge Jenkins’ law clerks and her family.

Palm Beach County Chapter
30th Anniversary of Judge Kenneth Ryskamp’s Appointment to the Southern District of Florida Bench
On April 22, the Palm Beach County Chapter hosted a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Judge Kenneth Ryskamp’s appointment to the Southern District of Florida bench. The surprise event was coordinated with the help from Judge Ryskamp’s law clerks and assistants, the clerk of court for the Southern District of Florida, and chapter members. Former Chief Judge Federico Moreno presented Judge Ryskamp with a crystal vase engraved with the names of all the judges with whom Judge Ryskamp has served over the past 30 years and the flag of the Southern District court. The Chapter officers adopted an eagle’s nest in Haines, Alaska, in honor of Judge Ryskamp because he is particularly fond of eagles. Judge Ryskamp then spoke to the group about some of his more interesting and notorious trial experiences.
Top Left: Tampa Bay Chapter: (left to right) Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, president of the Tampa Bay Chapter, and Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins.

Top Right: Tampa Bay Chapter: (left to right) Gary Trombley, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins, and Judge Manuel Menendez.

Bottom Left: Tampa Bay Chapter: Chief Judge Steven D. Merryday.

Bottom Middle: Tampa Bay Chapter: Judge Charles Wilson.

Bottom Right: Tampa Bay Chapter: Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins with her FBA rocking chair.

Top Left: Palm Beach County Chapter: Judge Kenneth Ryskamp and Judge Federico Moreno.

Top Right: Palm Beach County Chapter: (left to right) Kelly Hyman, Palm Beach County Chapter secretary; Judge Kenneth Ryskamp; Sally Still, Palm Beach County Chapter president; Stephen Giovenco, Palm Beach County Chapter vice president; and Garth Yearick, Palm Beach County chapter treasurer.

Bottom: Palm Beach County Chapter: Judge Kenneth Ryskamp.