



Top left: Massachusetts Chapter: (l to r) Rob Farrell, clerk of court; Michelle Shaffer, past president; Nate Olin, national delegate; Harvey Weiner, vice president; Matthew Baltay, president; Jonathan Handler, treasurer; Marty Rooney; Juliet Davison, secretary; Lisa Tittlemore, immediate past president; Susan Weise; Scott Lopez, president-elect; Erika Reis; Howard Freidman; Brian Perez-Daple; David Lawless; and Pat Curran. Top middle: Massachusetts Chapter: (l to r) Matthew Baltay of Foley Hoag, president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the FBA, presents an award to Susan Weise of the litigation division of the city of Boston. Top right: Hon. Nathaniel Gorton introduces the honoree.

FIRST CIRCUIT

Massachusetts Chapter

Panel Discusses Implications of the Supreme Court's Ruling on False Claims Act Cases

The dog days of summer did not stop nearly 60 attorneys, including four sitting judges, from attending the Massachusetts Chapter's Civil Health Law Section's panel discussion, "Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's June *Escobar* Ruling on False Claims Act Cases—Perspectives From all Sides of the Issues."

Escobar recognized the important "implied certification" theory in False Claims Act cases and created numerous questions about the reach and application of that theory. Hon. Dennis Saylor provided valuable judicial insight about *Escobar's* implications.

The panelists' diverse experience provided attendees with practical insight about future FCA cases. Gregg Shapiro, chief of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, shared his individual perspective based on his years of experience.

The defense and whistleblower perspectives were shared respectively by Lawrence Krauss, a litigation partner in Foley & Lardner's Boston office, and Suzanne Durrell, a nationally known attorney and affiliate of the Whistleblower Law Collaborative in Boston.

The panel was moderated by Michelle Peirce, the Civil Health Law Section's co-chair.

The diverse panel generated interesting and spirited discussions about this long-awaited ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court. Attendees continued the discussion at a reception that followed at the Moakley Courthouse.

The Health Law Section is co-chaired by Peirce and Jason Drori. Peirce is a shareholder at Donoghue Barrett & Singal, P.C.,



Massachusetts Chapter: (l to r) Michelle Peirce, Judge Dennis Saylor, Gregg Shapiro, Suzanne Durrell, and Lawrence Krauss



Massachusetts Chapter: Top left: (l to r) Matthew Baltay and Lisa Tittmore of Sunstein Kann Murphy & Timbers, immediate past president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the FBA. Top middle: Hon. F. Dennis Saylor IV addresses the crowd. Top right: (l to r) Matthew Baltay presents an honorary FBA chair to Judge Saylor.

and co-manages the firm's litigation group. Drori is senior counsel at Foley & Lardner.

Annual Judicial Reception

By Tracy Roosevelt, associate at Foley Hoag, editor of the FBA-MA Newsletter
On June 7, the Massachusetts Chapter held its Annual Judicial Reception at the Boston Harbor Hotel and proudly recognized Hon. F. Dennis Saylor IV for his years of service.

Hon. Nathaniel Gorton introduced Judge Saylor with a history of his life and experience before coming to the bench. Judge Saylor provided brief remarks to the community of lawyers, judges, and family members gathered to celebrate him.

Matthew Baltay, a partner at Foley Hoag and president of the Massachusetts Chapter, presented awards to Lisa Tittmore of Sunstein Kann Murphy & Timbers for her service as immediate past president of the chapter and to Susan Weise of the city of Boston's litigation division for her 20 years of exemplary service to the Federal Bar Association.

The board of directors and members of the FBA-MA came together from around the state for this momentous evening.

SECOND CIRCUIT

Southern District of New York Chapter
Open House on Advance Health Care Directives for Federal Court Staff Proves Popular

On May 25, the Health Law Committee of the Southern District of New York Chapter, in cooperation with Chief Judge Loretta A.

Preska, sponsored a lunchtime open house on advance health care planning for courthouse and court security personnel. Despite it being the first nice day of spring and the judges being out of town, it was wildly

successful and the number of participants exceeded our every expectation.

Attorney volunteers and health care professionals answered questions and provided information and tips on discussing advance



SDNY Chapter: Top: (l to r) Edward Greason; Mira Weiss, Health Law Committee chair; Elaine H. Nissen; Tina Janssen-Spinosa; Natalie Kaplan; Lissett C. Ferreira; and Chelsey Axel. Bottom left: (l to r): Paula Rice; Mira Weiss, Health Law Committee chair; Michael Zussman, president; and Natalie Kaplan. Bottom right: Tina Janssen-Spinosa



Left: Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter: (l to r) Presenters for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter's "How to Use Rule 16" included Andrew N. Howe of Spruce Law Group, LLC, Hon. Jeffrey L. Schmehl, and Jeffrey R. Elliot of Kozloff Stoudt. The panel also included Magistrate Judge Richard A. Lloret (not shown). Right: Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter: Hon. Joy Flowers Conti and Hon. Nora Barry Fischer of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and Gregory M. Monaco of the FBA's Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter present fellow FBA member Richard Lettieri, Esq., with an award recognizing his contributions to the field of e-discovery in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

health care directives with family and friends. Attorneys assisted participants with completing their own health care proxy and living will on-site and acted as witnesses to the documents. Community groups, Caring Kind, and the New York Legal Assistance Group provided additional support. Thanks to a community activities grant from the FBA that funded copying costs, we were also able to distribute educational and commemorative materials.

The topic seemed to hit a chord with participants; they appeared grateful for our efforts and overwhelmed that the resources were made available, without charge, as a thank you from members of the bar. To a person, the volunteers were all glad they participated. It would not be at all surprising if we received a request to hold a similar event in the future.

THIRD CIRCUIT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter

'How to Use Rule 16' Brown Bag CLE Covers Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16

On June 20, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter hosted a successful brown-bag CLE at the courthouse complex in Philadelphia. Originating from a proposal by Judge Jeffrey L. Schmehl, the session offered guidance and insights regarding Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16. The session was well-received according to post-session feedback. The large audience included more than 20 law clerks who attended for free thanks to the chapter's generosity. The chapter expresses its thanks to Michael Finney, supervisor of court operations, for his help coordinating law clerk attendance and with the facilities and technology.

Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter

Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter Honors Richard Lettieri for Contributions to the Field of E-Discovery

On June 14, the Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the FBA, in conjunction with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, honored fellow FBA member Richard Lettieri, Esq., for his outstanding contributions to the field of e-discovery in the Western District of Pennsylvania. Lettieri founded the Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter's Quarterly E-Discovery Series in 2007 and served as the program coordinator for the series until April 2016. He also partnered with the District Court to author numerous articles and gives countless presentations on the subject, including "E-Discovery Ethics: Emerging Standards of Technological Competence," which was presented at the FBA Annual Meeting and Convention in Cleveland in September.

Through his programs, presentations, and articles, Lettieri placed the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at the forefront of emerging issues in e-discovery. Over the last nine years, he kept the bench and the bar abreast of legal and technological developments in this constantly evolving area of the law. In addition, his work was instrumental in helping the District Court to implement its Electronic Discovery Special Master and Electronic Discovery Mediation Programs, which are among the first programs of their kind to utilize court-approved attorneys to assist in resolving disputes relating to the preservation, collection, and production of electronically stored information during the litigation process.

Gregory M. Monaco, second vice president and CLE director of the Western District of

Pennsylvania Chapter of the FBA, delivered the opening remarks at the ceremony. Hon. Joy Flowers Conti, chief U.S. District Court judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Hon. Nora Barry Fischer, U.S. District Court judge for the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania, then presented the award and remarked on Lettieri's contributions. In accepting his award, Lettieri acknowledged and thanked members and staff of the District Court and professionals in the legal community with whom he has worked closely over the years and offered keen insights into the future of e-discovery and its impact on the legal profession. Attendees included Hon. Lisa Pupo Lenihan, magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania; officers of the Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the FBA; and fellow chapter members, all of whom expressed their appreciation for Lettieri's contributions. ☺

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Maryland Chapter

Night at the Ballpark

On June 17, the FBA board of directors, local federal judges, and leaders from the Maryland Chapter jointly attended an Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards following the board's June meeting in Baltimore. ☺

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

Hon. Charles Pickering Speaks at May Luncheon Meeting

Former Fifth Circuit Judge Charles Pickering spoke to the Mississippi Chapter at the May luncheon meeting at the Capital Club. Judge Pickering described his work as a



Left: Mississippi Chapter: (l to r) Executive Director/Dean Emeritus Jim Rosenblatt, Mississippi College School of Law; Chapter President Mike Hurst, MS Center for Public Policy; U.S. District Court Judge Henry Wingate; Judge Charles Pickering; U.S. District Court Judge Tom Lee; Treasurer Patrick McDowell, Brunini; and Past President Dean Meta Copeland, Mississippi College School of Law.



Maryland Chapter: (l to r) Back row: Judge Michael Newman, Christian Adams, Ray Dowd, Mark Vincent, West Allen, Rob Clark, Bruce Moyer, and Simeon Baum. Front row: Peter Killough, Kevin Maxim, Anh Kremer, Kip Bollin, Christie Varnado, Celeste Bruce, Judge Stephanie Gallagher, Chad Curlett, and Stephanie Lane-Weber.

long-serving U.S. District Court judge and the confirmation process associated with his recess appointment to the Fifth Circuit. Following his federal judicial service, Judge Pickering served as a litigation mediator and maintained a law practice in Petal, Miss. A number of Judge Pickering's former judicial colleagues attended the luncheon. ☺

Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter
Brown Bag Bankruptcy CLE Features Bankruptcy Judge Robert Summerhays

A brown bag CLE with Hon. Robert Summerhays, chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana, was hosted by the Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter on July 27 at the U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse in Lafayette, La. Judge Summerhays presented to a group of 36 attorneys, which included both bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy practitioners. Following a catered lunch, attendees were given an overview of recent trends in consumer and commercial bankruptcy filings at both the national and

local levels, which prompted an interactive discussion of the potential economic factors influencing those trends. In addition, Judge Summerhays discussed several recent and notable bankruptcy rulings from the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The seminar concluded with announcements of the chapter's upcoming events in 2016, including another brown bag CLE, a fishing rodeo, and the inaugural lecture series honoring Hon. W. Eugene Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. ☺

SIXTH CIRCUIT

John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter Judges' Night Dinner Features Gen. William K. Suter, 19th Clerk of Court for the US Supreme Court

The John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter hosted its annual Judges' Night Dinner on June 8. The Judges' Night Dinner provides an informal setting for

members of the bar and judiciary to mingle and exchange pleasantries. The dinner was well attended, with 130 guests that included federal Judges Danny Boggs, Deborah Cook, and Jane Stranch of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; Southern District of Ohio District Court Judges Edmund Sargus (chief judge), Michael Barrett, Michael Watson, and Sandra Beckwith (senior district judge); Magistrate Judges Stephanie Bowman and Karen Litkovitz; Eastern District of Kentucky Magistrate Judge J. Gregory Wehrman; and state court Judges Jennifer Sargus (ret.), from the Belmont County Court of Common Pleas, and Tom Heekin, newly appointed to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

The dinner featured an awards portion honoring student members of the John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter. Scholarships were awarded to Byron Turner of Northern Kentucky Chase Law School and Connie Kremer of the University of Cincinnati Law School. In addition, the 2016 John Weld Peck Trial Advocacy Award Win-



Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter: Gen. William K. Suter

ners—Brandon Brown and Darnell Wilson for the University of Cincinnati Law School and Melissa Bodner for Northern Kentucky Chase Law School—were also honored. The John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter has funded the trial advocacy award for 37 years at the University of Cincinnati and established an identical award this year for a deserving Chase Law School student.

The featured speaker was Gen. William K. Suter, the 19th Clerk of Court for the U.S. Supreme Court. Suter spoke about the qualities of leadership as he views it following a distinguished career in the U.S. Army and 22 years with the Court. ☉

Northern District of Ohio Chapter
Northern District of Ohio Chapter Presents Constitutional Law Awards

On May 14, the Northern District of Ohio Chapter awarded its FBA award to the two students who received the highest grade in constitutional law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. The awards went to Mitchell R. Prentis and Karey E. Werner, both of whom graduated *summa cum laude* the following day. They were honored for their achievement in the basic course in constitutional law during their first year. Werner also got the top grade in federal courts and received the law school's Patricia Burgess Award as the outstanding student in public law courses. ☉

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Central District of Illinois Chapter
Annual Summer Seminar 'Demystifies' Federal Court

On July 20, the Central District of Illinois Chapter held its Annual Summer Seminar.

The seminar featured presentations about “demystifying federal court,” a refresher course on the Federal Rules of Evidence and privileges, filing confidential documents, an overview of the local rules of the Central District of Illinois, and a presentation about what happens when a civil attorney has a client who is served with a search warrant by federal or state agents. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from Hon. James Shadid, chief judge of the Central District of Illinois; Hon. Sue Myerscough of the Springfield division of the Central District of Illinois; Assistant Federal Public Defender Robert Alvarado; the career law clerks of the Hon. Michael Mihm and Hon. Joe Billy McDade; in addition to many more. Among the nearly 100 attendees, live and webinar combined, the Central District of Illinois Chapter had the pleasure of hosting Sheri Mecklenburg, vice

president for the Seventh Circuit, and Maria Vathis, newly elected FBA treasurer. The Central District of Illinois Chapter thanks all who attended, and the Chapter welcomes you all to attend any future events. ☉

NINTH CIRCUIT

William D. Browning Tucson Chapter
20th Anniversary Celebration of the William D. Browning Tucson Chapter

The William D. Browning Tucson Chapter proudly hosted its 20th Anniversary Celebration on June 9. The event began with The Legends, a two-hour CLE presentation featuring practitioners Bruce Heurlin, Burt Kinerk, and Grace McIlvain, and moderated by retired Arizona Supreme Court Justice Stanley Feldman. An awards presentation followed in which the chapter awarded the inaugural Nancy Fiora Professionalism Award to Jesse Figueroa and the Frederick Kay Award for Distinguished Service to the District of Arizona to Bruce Heurlin. The event concluded with a cocktail reception honoring all of the chapter's past presidents. Nine past presidents were in attendance, and the entire event was well-attended and enjoyed by all. ☉



Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter: (l to r) Joey Ashbrook, Nathan Colvin, Lauren Kuley, Larisa Vaysman, Rich Nagel, Scott Kane, and Pierre Bergeron

Oklahoma City Chapter

Summer High School Program Introduces Students to the Federal Courts

The Oklahoma City Chapter conducted a two-week community outreach program over the summer designed to introduce metro high school students to the federal courts. With the help of local judges, board members, and numerous volunteers, the students were able to gain a unique perspective on the courts. The program allowed students to observe a range of courtroom proceedings including Court Assisted Recovery Effort (CARE) Court, a revocation hearing, plea hearings and detention hearings; tour various agencies including the Office of the Federal Public Defender, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Probation Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service; and get one-on-one time with Tenth Circuit Judge Robert E. Bacharach, Chief Judge Sarah Hall of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of Oklahoma, and Magistrate Judges Suzanne Mitchell and Bernard M. Jones, also of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Students also explored downtown Oklahoma City, and the National Park Service provided a tour of the Oklahoma City Memorial. The program closed with a reception held at the William J. Holloway Jr. Courthouse. The students received certificates in recognition of their demonstrated commitment to civic duty and the pursuit of learning about the legal profession and the federal judicial system. ☉



Northern District of Ohio Chapter: (l to r) Former Northern District of Ohio Chapter President Dennis Terez; Karey E. Werner; Sixth Circuit Vice President James W. Satola; Mitchell R. Prentis; professor Jonathan L. Entin, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's representative on the Northern District of Ohio board of directors.



Central District of Illinois Chapter: (l to r) Central District Chief Judge James Shadid, Hon. Joe Billy McDade's law clerk Mohammed Ahmed, Hon. Judge Michael Mihm's law clerk Shig Yasunaga, and Hon. Sue Myerscough during a panel discussion about demystifying the federal courts.



Tucson Chapter: (l to r) The Legends—Hon. Stanley Feldman, Grace McIlvain, Bruce Heurlin, and Burt Kinerk



Oklahoma City Chapter: The students with Chief Judge Sarah Hall of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of Oklahoma.