Chapter Exchange

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter
Luncheon With US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge E. Grady Jolly
The Mississippi Chapter hosted U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge E. Grady Jolly for our July luncheon meeting at the Capital Club. This long-serving circuit judge, who took senior status in October, shared with the overflow crowd his insights on the operation of the Fifth Circuit and offered some observations of the court and its judges from his years of service. He entertained questions from the audience and used his well-known sense of humor to illustrate his points. Chapter President Brad Davis introduced Judge Jolly and noted the upcoming meetings of the chapter on the Gulf Coast and in Oxford, Miss.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Northern District of Ohio Chapter
Annual ‘One World Day’ Festival, Naturalization Ceremony Held in Ohio
Although not specifically a Federal Bar Association-sponsored event, for many years the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio has held an outdoor public naturalization ceremony as part of “One World Day,” an annual all-day festival which has been sponsored by the city of Cleveland and the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for over 70 years. The One World Day festival, which took place this year on Aug. 27, is held each year throughout Cleveland’s 100-year-old, 276-acre Cultural Gardens, which currently includes 32 individual nationality gardens (with eight more gardens dedicated and planned) running along a two-mile wooded corridor.

Northern District of Ohio Chapter: U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, gives welcoming remarks to 25 new U.S. citizens as part of a naturalization ceremony held during the “One World Day” festival in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens in Cleveland.
through Cleveland’s University Circle area. The naturalization ceremony is always a highlight of the festival’s opening ceremonies. This year’s event was presided over by U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, where 25 people from 17 countries were sworn in as new U.S. citizens.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford, Ill.) Chapter
Chapter Co-Hosts Spring CLE Federal Practice Update on Bankruptcy Law

The P. Michael Mahoney Chapter co-hosted its annual spring CLE, Federal Practice Update, with the Winnebago County (Ill.) Bar Association on June 23, 2017. This year, the focus was on bankruptcy law. Attorney Kim Casey, chair of the Federal Section of the WCBA, and Judge Thomas Lynch, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, who is a director of the Mahoney Chapter, co-hosted and coordinated the program.

Judge Lynch and fellow presenters—attorneys Lisa Kpor, Richard Bixter, Brad Koch, James Stephens, and Jason Rock—discussed “Fraud After Husky: Supreme Court Observations of Amicus Counsel, Debtor, Creditor, and Trustee Perspectives.”

Patrick Layng, U.S. trustee for the Northern District of Illinois, the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, and the Districts of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming; and Ari Telisman, senior litigation counsel, Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, discussed ethics in bankruptcy practice. Judge Mary Gorman, the chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois presented the case law update. Judge Lynch; his law clerks; and Raymond Matlock, chief deputy bankruptcy clerk for Western Division, finished out the program with a discussion of practical practice tips in the bankruptcy court.

The program was followed by a reception at which practitioners and judges were able to continue the discussion of weighty matters in the bar of the conference center.

Endnote


TENTH CIRCUIT

Oklahoma City Chapter
Tribal, State, and Federal Judicial Training Reception

On June 5, 2017, the Oklahoma City Chapter held the Tribal, State, and Federal Judicial Training Reception at Remington Park in Oklahoma City.

High School Court Camp Welcomes Students to 2nd Annual Event

On Monday, July 17, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City Chapter welcomed nine high school students for its Second Annual Court Camp. The students hailed from six local schools and ranged in class levels. After being greeted by U.S. Magistrate Judges Suzanne Mitchell and Bernard Jones, as well as Carmelita Shinn, clerk of court, the students heard from professor Kerry Maye, who presented them with various hypotheticals and cybersecurity questions regarding Fourth Amendment privacy rights and cell-phone usage. After a lunch at Max’s Grill, the courthouse’s in-house café, the students toured the U.S. probation office and the U.S. Marshals Service office, enjoying GPS monitoring and hands-on training.

On Tuesday, the students met with U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Judge Robert E. Bacharach and later U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sarah Hall and Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Janice Loyd for in-depth tours and discussions regarding those courts. In the afternoon, the students visited Oklahoma County Judge Patricia Parrish in her court-
room, accompanied by U.S. District Judge Timothy D. DeGuisti, for a Q&A session regarding the district functions of the state and federal courts. On Wednesday, the students observed the Court-Assisted Recovery Effort reentry court, enjoyed a lunch hosted by law firm Crowe & Dunlevy, and observed Chief U.S. District Judge Joe Heaton preside over a sentencing. On Thursday, Jessica Brown, president of the Oklahoma City University School of Law’s Law Student Division, gave the group a tour of the law school, followed by a fascinating presentation by professor Vicki Behenna, who runs the school’s Innocence Clinic. That afternoon, Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Stephens, joined by Assistant Federal Public Defender Tony Lacy, presented a mock proceeding involving Fourth Amendment search issues, in which the students played various roles.

The week rounded out with Naturalization Day on Friday. That morning, two naturalized citizens and FBA Law Student Division members, Elke Meeus and Aravind Ravi, spoke to the students about their paths to citizenship and peppered the students with questions from the naturalization test. The students observed the Naturalization Ceremony, where Ravi was the featured speaker. Ninety-four naturalized citizens were welcomed in a ceremony presided over by Chief Judge Heaton, U.S. District Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange, and Judge Mitchell. Following the ceremony, judges, FBA board members, and presenters from the week joined the students for a closing pizza lunch, followed by the presentation of certificates to each student. FBA members Melanie Jester, senior law clerk to Judge Jones; Carmelita Shinn; and Judge Mitchell coordinated the details of the camp.

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Broward County Chapter
Chapter Hosts ‘Cybercrimes: Prevention and Prosecution’ Luncheon

On June 7, 2017, the Broward County Chapter hosted a luncheon with Assistant U.S. Attorney Jared Strauss as the featured speaker on the topic of cybercrimes.

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10th Annual Summer Associates Day Held at Federal Courthouse
On June 16, 2017, the Broward County Chapter hosted its 10th Annual Summer Associates Day at the federal courthouse. Law students heard presentations from members of the U.S. attorney’s office and the federal public defender’s office, as well as private practitioners and observed a civil hearing, criminal hearings, and a U.S. naturalization ceremony.

DC CIRCUIT
District of Columbia Chapter
Chapter Sponsors District Court Tour, Meeting With Judge Royce C. Lamberth
On July 19, the District of Columbia Chapter sponsored a tour of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The tour was led by Aaron Adaway of the court. Attendees also had the opportunity to attend a portion of an ongoing criminal trial presided over by Judge Royce C. Lamberth and meet with Judge Lamberth afterward.

Top: Broward County Chapter: Attendees of the Summer Associate’s Day program pose for a picture after attending a naturalization ceremony presided over by U.S. District Court Judge Beth Bloom (center). Above: (l to r) Speakers Daniel Rashbaum and Stefanie Moon with Past-President Mark Levy. Right: (l to r) Past-President Mark Levy, U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry S. Seltzer, and President Jennifer Bullock. The Broward County Chapter presented Judge Seltzer with an award of appreciation for hosting the Summer Associate’s Day for the 10th year.