DC CIRCUIT

District of Columbia Chapter
Distinguished Lawyers Event

Former DC Chapter President Robie Baker was sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors by FBA Circuit VP Steven R. Miller.

Hon. Royce C. Lamberth Receives Honorary FBA Membership

DC Chapter: Hon. Royce C. Lamberth, former Chief Judge and now senior judge, U.S. District for the District of Columbia, accepts honorary FBA membership, and honorary membership on the Board of Directors of the FBA District of Columbia Chapter. Pictured with Judge Lamberth (left to right) are chapter board member Prakash Khatri, Circuit VP Steven R. Miller, Incoming Chapter President Brian C. Murphy, immediate Past Chapter President Frances Sclafani, and Past Chapter President and host Cary Devortsetz.

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter
September Luncheon with U.S. District Court Judge Sul Ozerden

The Mississippi Chapter hosted U.S. District Court Judge Sul Ozerden for our September luncheon meeting at the White House hotel on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Judge Ozerden shared practice pointers with the capacity gathering of attorneys and judges. President Davis shared information about the upcoming Oxford luncheon and conducted chapter business.

Chapter Meeting With Chief Judge Sharion Aycock

The Mississippi Chapter met in Oxford at the McCormick Café prior to the CLE hosted by the U.S. District Court of the Northern District. Chief Judge Sharion Aycock updated the overflow crowd with news of the district to include the transfer of federal prisoners and the plans for the new courthouse in Greenville, invited comments from her fellow judges from the Northern District, and responded to questions from the members and their guests.

November 2017 Law Student Division Panel

The Student Division of the Federal Bar Association at Mississippi College School of Law hosted a panel that focused on how the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office work together in the investigation and prosecution of federal crimes. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregg Kennedy and Special Agent in Charge Christopher Freeze of the Jackson FBI provided an interesting and informative outline of how these two agencies coordinate from the reporting of a crime to sentencing in federal court. The panelists took questions
from the MC Law students and described the career options in each agency. The Law Student Bar Association provided lunch for the attendees.

November Luncheon with U.S. District Court Chief Judge Dan Jordan

The Mississippi Chapter hosted U.S. District Court Chief Judge Dan Jordan for our November luncheon meeting at the Capital Club in Jackson with a record number of attendees. Members were pleased to hear from Judge Jordan who recently assumed the position of Chief Judge. Chief Judge Jordan answered a number of questions that had been submitted prior to the meeting and that were asked during his comments. Chapter President Brad Davis introduced Chief Judge Jordan, summarized the events over his year as president, and announced the details for the next meeting at which the leadership transition will take place.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Dayton Chapter
Dayton Chapter Annual Meeting

United States District Judge Joseph F. Bianco from the Eastern District of New York was the keynote speaker at the Dayton Chapter's Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sept. 21, 2017.© (From L to R) Dayton Chapter Treasurer Michael Rhinehart; Dayton Chapter President Erin Rhinehart; Judge Bianco; and FBA President Judge Michael J. Newman.
Memphis Mid-South Chapter Seminar hosted by Memphis Chapter

On Friday, October 27, 2017, the Memphis Mid-South Chapter of the FBA held its Annual Practice Seminar at the University of Memphis Law School.

To kick off the day, Kip Bollin, president of FBA National, encouraged federal practitioners to get more involved in their local FBA chapter and explained several national initiatives of the FBA. The keynote presentation was an engaging panel discussion on Women in the Law, Women in the Courtroom, featuring Judge Shira A. Sheindlin, S.D.N.Y. (Ret.); Kristen H. Albertson, Walmart Stores, Inc.; Maureen Mulligan, Peabody & Arnold; and Sharon R. Ryan, International Paper. The morning sessions provided attendees with an in-depth Supreme Court update and a deep dive into ethical issues attorneys face in the digital age. Judge Scheindlin then sat down with Tommy Parker for a fascinating discussion of her time on the bench, and her notable opinions on ediscovery and the Second Amendment.

The afternoon sessions featured two panels of judges. First, an all-female panel of appellate judges from both state and federal courts to discuss the tips and tricks of appellate practice. To close out the day, Ed Stanton moderated a panel of district and magistrate judges from the Western District of Tennessee, answering audience questions on local federal practice.

TENTH CIRCUIT

OKC Chapter OU Law Student Division’s Women in the Judiciary Program

On October 5, 2017, the University of Oklahoma College of Law’s Federal Bar Association Law Student Division hosted a panel of judges on “Women in the Judiciary.” The distinguished speakers were: Judge Diane S. Sykes, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Janice Loyd, United States Bankruptcy Court of the Western District Court of Oklahoma, Judge Cindy Truong District Judge, Oklahoma County District Court. The students hosted a short lunch before the event and then heard from the judges as they discussed their individual journeys to the bench and gave insight to those who aspire to one day be on the bench. Dean Joseph Harroz, Jr. welcomed the audience and Judge Suzanne Mitchell, President of the Oklahoma City Chapter, gave an overview of the FBA and introduced the student moderator and Law Student Division President, Julie Hunter.

The Twelfth Annual William J. Holloway, Jr. Lecture

On October 5, 2017, over two hundred members and guests of the Federal Bar Association’s Oklahoma City Chapter gathered at the Oklahoma History Center for the Twelfth Annual William J. Holloway, Jr. Lecture Series. Attendees gathered for a cocktail hour and dinner set against the musical backdrop of the Harding Charter Preparatory High School orchestral ensemble.

The Honorable Jerome A. Holmes, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, presented Holloway Scholarships to three law school students with demonstrated commitment to civility, professionalism, academic excellence, and community involvement. The recipients were third-year law students Devin Kerns and Gerard D’Emilio,