# **Chapter Exchange**



Palm Beach County Chapter. Above left (I to r): Dr. Pamela Brannon; Hon. Dave Brannon, U.S. magistrate judge; Chapter Vice President Garth Yearick, Carlton Fields; Carolyn Bell, assistant U.S. attorney; and Bruce Reinhart, Bruce Reinhart, P.A. Above right (I to r): Michael McAuliffe, Atherton McAuliffe & Reeder; and Hon. William Matthewman, U.S. magistrate judge.

### NINTH CIRCUIT

#### **Idaho Chapter**

#### Idaho Chapter, FBA Partners With Boise Firefighters For Annual Toy Brigade

We are delighted to report that our Chapter's partnership with Boise Firefighters
Ladder #149 raising toys for needy and sick
children was a huge success! Special thanks
to our FBA sponsors Gjording & Fouser;
Elam Burke; Ernie Hoidal (Hoidal Law); Bill
Dryden (Elam Burke); and Parsons Behle &
Latimer for their generous contributions of
toys, books, and cash donations. We especially recognize Patricia Trunnell, Parsons
Behle & Latimer, who suggested partnering
with the Boise firefighters, and Whitney
Fouser, Gjording & Fouser, for assisting with
coordination.

This is a very special program near and dear to our hearts, supporting sick or homeless children and their families in the city of Boise. Over 500 toys, games, teddy bears, etc. were collected during November and December! A week prior to Christmas, firefighters dressed up as Santa and his Merry Elf—and a team of firefighters and FBA members—drove around Boise on a

very special fire engine, horns tooting, and personally delivered gifts, including toiletries and other personal items.

Santa and his elves (FBA members) worked all day making merry, handing out toys and gifts, and an occasional hug, to children at Ronald McDonald House, Saint Alphonsus, and St. Luke's MISTI pediatric unit. Through the FBA's generosity and many others, we were also able to provide warm blankets and socks to adults at the St. Luke's adult oncology unit; and we were able to spend the afternoon with children at City Light Home for Women and Children, where Santa dispensed candy canes, toys and games for children of all ages, including several teens.

We hope this will become an annual Chapter event. If you are interested in participating in 2018, please contact Susie Headlee at sheadlee@parsonsbehle.com.

## **ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

### **Palm Beach Chapter Luncheon**

On Jan. 12, the Palm Beach Chapter held a luncheon at the Colony Hotel in honor of U.S. Magistrate Judge James M. Hopkins.





(L to R) Dylan Eaton, shareholder, Parsons Behle & Latimer; and Craig Martin, Boise firefighter, Ladder #149.

# Palm Beach Teen Discourse and Decisions (TD Squared)

TD Squared is a program that brings students into the federal courthouse, during which students engage with volunteer lawyers and the presiding judge. Students actively participate in discussions related to critical life skills, civil discourse, and adult decisions with permanent legal consequences. The students then participate as lawyers or jurors in a courtroom simulation using a Supreme Court case. Led by District Judges Robin Rosenberg and Beth Bloom, the pro-







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gram is presented in a three-hour period and coordinated through the local Federal Bar Association's Civics Outreach Committee. A special thank you to our volunteers Michael McAuliffe (moderator), PBCBA Lawyers for Literacy Chair Brad Avakian, Penny Birch, Martin Reeder, Scott Atherton, Joe Bilotta, and Kelly Schultz. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Hyman at kah@searcylaw.com.

This was the first time that students from Palm Beach State College were involved in the program. The group participated in an abbreviated mock trial type hearing before Judge Rosenberg while learning life skills such as how to engage in civil discussions with their peers and adversaries and how to make wise life decisions.

# **Broward County Chapter Monthly Luncheon**

The Broward County Chapter hosted its monthly luncheon where over 80 attendees learned about receiver practice in federal court.





Palm Beach County Chapter. Above left: Hon. James M. Hopkins, U.S. magistrate judge; Chapter President Kelly Hyman, McDivitt Law Firm; Chapter Secretary Joanne O'Connor, Jones Foster; Chapter Vice President Garth Yearick, Carlton Fields; and Chelsea Koester, national delegate and law clerk to Judge Hopkins. Above right: Adam Rabin, McCabe Rabin; Hon. James M. Hopkins, U.S. magistrate judge; Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley; and Bruce Reinhart, Bruce Reinhart, P.A.



Broward County Chapter (I to r): Michael Goldberg; Naim Surgeon; U.S. District Judge Darrin P. Gayles; and Chapter President Brian Lerner.



On Oct. 12, 2017, students from Palm Beach Lakes High School participated in the Teed Discourse and Decisions (TD Squared) program put on by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (U.S. District Judge Robin Rosenberg presiding) and the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.