



Above left: Broward County Chapter: (left to right) Law Clerk Committee Members Constantine Economides of Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd LLP and Trevor Jones of Akerman LLP, are pictured with employer representatives Jason Sternberg of Hogan Lovells LLP and Mark Schweikert of Weil, Snyder, Schweikert, & Ravindran P.A. Above right: U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Seltzer, Broward Chapter President-Elect Phil Rothschild, U.S. Magistrate Judge Shaniek Maynard, Broward County Chapter President Brian Lerner, Judge Maynard’s Courtroom Deputy Colette Griffin Arnold, and Judge Maynard’s Law Clerk Mario Marin.

### Broward County

The Broward County Chapter hosted its Second Annual Law Clerk Recruitment Reception. The event, organized by the Chapter’s Law Clerk Committee Members Constantine Economides, Eli Glasser, Trevor Jones, Anne Reilly, and Phil Rothschild, paired together dozens of law firms with federal law clerks actively seeking employment at the completion of their clerkships. ☺

### Monthly Luncheon

The Broward County Chapter hosted its monthly luncheon. Attendees listened to U.S. Magistrate Judge Shaniek Maynard discuss her personal journey to becoming a U.S. magistrate judge. ☺

### Dayton

#### Federal Judges Meet With More Than 1,400 Dayton Students This Year

The FBA’s Judicial Liaison for Civics, Judge Michael Newman, and his career law clerk, Mike Rhinehart, recently met with more than 90 high school students at Versailles High School in Versailles, Ohio, and hosted nearly 40 more students from Tippecanoe High

School in Tipp City, Ohio, to talk about the workings of the federal courts. The Tippicanoe High students are studying leading U.S. Supreme Court cases and precedents.

This school year (2017-18), federal judges in the Dayton, Ohio, seat of court have met with more than 1,400 elementary, middle, and high school students as part of the FBA’s national civics initiative. These school outreach efforts are in addition to the 10,000 students all across the country who met in the past year with a federal judge pursuant to the civics initiative. ☺



Above left: Dayton Chapter: Judge Newman and Michael Rhinehart, with Tippicanoe High School Teacher Randy Sentman Above right: Judge Newman and Michael Rhinehart with 40 students from Tippicanoe High School

### New Orleans

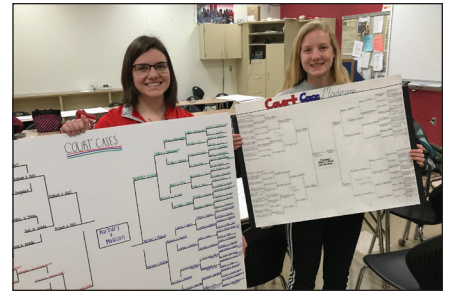
#### Admiralty Committee Meeting

The Admiralty Committee held its inaugural event of the committee’s second year at the Port of New Orleans on March 7. Aaron Smith, president and CEO of the Offshore Marine Service Association, and Ronald Wendell, vice president of the Port of New Orleans, spoke to the group. Rusty Barkerding, chair of the Board of Directors of the Port, also addressed the attendees, which included attorneys, law students, and Chapter President Raley Alford. The meeting





Dayton Chapter: Judge Newman and Michael Rhinehart with 90 students from Versailles High School



Dayton Chapter: Two of the Tippecanoe High students pose with their March Madness Supreme Court Case Brackets.



Dayton Chapter: 2016-17 FBA President, Judge Michael Newman and his career law clerk Mike Rhinehart pose with high school government teacher Randy Sentman after speaking about the federal courts to high school students at Tippecanoe High School in Tipp City, Ohio. Last year, Sentman was one of the government teachers who attended the Southern District of Ohio's first Teacher's Institute in Columbus with Chief Judge Sargus and Judge Newman.

concluded with light refreshments in the reception area.

The April 25 meeting of the Admiralty Committee was held close to Lafayette Square so that attendees could walk over to the square for the Wednesday afternoon music following the panel presentation. ☉

### Law Student Mentorship Program

The New Orleans Federal Bar Association kicked off February with the launch of a new mentorship program. The program consists of a series of breakfasts connecting students from Tulane and Loyola law schools with local practitioners, allowing students the unique opportunity to meet experienced attorneys in an informal setting and to pick their brains about what it's like to practice law in New Orleans.

Each breakfast was attended by three to five students, one attorney, and an NOFBA representative. Over coffee at Tartine, a small French café tucked in the Uptown Triangle behind the two law schools, mentors talked about their own experiences in

law school, how they transitioned from law school into practice, and what they wish they had known when they were still law students. Students gave effusive feedback following the events; one student so enjoyed the experience that he came back the next day for another breakfast!

Mentors included Jake Weixler, whose practice at Schonekas, Evans, McGoey & McEachin centers on white-collar civil and



New Orleans Chapter: (left to right): New Orleans Chapter President W. Raley Alford III, New Orleans Admiralty Law Committee Chair Patricia Krebs and President and CEO of Offshore Marine Service Association Aaron Smith

criminal matters; Beau Jones, an environmental attorney with Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer; and Helen Buckley, whose litigation practice at Manion Gaynor & Manning focuses on complex litigation involving toxic torts and premises, products, and general liability.

The diverse backgrounds and practice areas of the FBA mentors allowed students to delve into how a wide range of the substantive law they are learning in the classroom applies in a real-world setting in practice. ☉

### Clerkship Panel

The New Orleans Chapter's Law Schools Committee hosted a clerkship discussion panel for Tulane and Loyola law students on Jan. 24. Panelists Chloé Chetta (Barrasso Usdin), James Gilbert (Phelps Dunbar), Rebekka Veith (Sher Garner), Chris Zainey (Huber Slack), and Micah Zeno (Gordon Arata) talked about the benefits of judicial clerkships, the do's and don'ts of the application process, what to expect in an interview, and more.

Special thanks to Tulane Law School's student chapter of the FBA for hosting!—  
*Written by Alex Aughtry* ☉



New Orleans Chapter: Loyola College of Law student Jasmyrn Soldatos, Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer attorney Steven "Beaux" Jones, and Tulane University Law School student Zachary Wessler



Above left: New Orleans Chapter: Lawyers Who Lunch attendees explore *Prospect 4: The Lotus In Spite of the Swamp* while listening to tour guide John d' Addario. Above right: Clerkship panelists James Gilbert , Rebekka Veith, Micah Zeno, Chris Zainey, and Chloé Chetta.

### Lawyers Who Lunch

On Feb. 22, the New Orleans Chapter's Younger Lawyers Division hosted its third Lawyers Who Lunch event at the Old U.S. Mint. Approximately 10 members enjoyed a guided tour of "Prospect 4: The Lotus In Spite of the Swamp," led by John d'Addario, art writer and educator. D'Addario guided the group through the exhibit, which included several musically inspired artworks, such as an extensive set of original collages made by jazz legend Louis Armstrong and video and sound installations. After the tour, attendees enjoyed lunch while learning about Prospect New Orleans from past FBA President and current Prospect New Orleans President and Board Chair Chris Alfieri. Alfieri spoke with members about Prospect New Orleans, a citywide triennial of contemporary art presenting the work of diverse local, national, and international artists in unique and culturally exceptional venues, and engaging with residents and visitors through education and arts programming. The event was a unique way for FBA members to gather over lunch to socialize with local attorneys and to learn about this international contemporary art triennial in New Orleans. The YLD looks forward to the next installment of Lawyers Who Lunch. ☺

### Rockford, IL

On March 8, 2018, as part of the the Civics Initiative, the P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford IL) Chapter welcomed 5th graders from Rockford Christian School. The students observed the court proceedings occurring in Judge Thomas Lynch's and Judge Iain Johnston's courtrooms. Judge Lynch held a mock trial involving a stolen lunch. The students were given a tour of the courthouse, including the U.S. Marshal's holding cells. Special thanks go to FBA members Jana Brady and Jordan Emmert of the Rockford office of Heyl Royster for organizing the event. ☺

### South Florida

On Wednesday, March 14, our Hyatt luncheon featured a panel discussion with Hon. John J. O'Sullivan, Hon. Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes, and Hon. William Matthewman, U.S. magistrate judges for the Southern District of Florida, that was moderated by FBA board member Stephen Warren of Holland & Knight.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Federal Magistrates Act of 1968, and we learned about the constant evolution of the responsibilities of a U.S. magistrate judge. The panel discussion touched on a variety of topics, which ranged from discussing the

practice of consenting to trials before magistrate judges, settlement conferences, judicial pairings, discovery practices, and reports and recommendations. Each judge provided a behind-the-scenes look into their practices and their thought process on these topics and others. Practitioners were also given several pointers on how to keep the judges happy when there are discovery disputes or other issues that arise. The similarities and differences between practice in Miami and West Palm Beach were discussed, as were the differences as compared to other districts throughout the country. The panel was kind enough to take additional questions from the audience. We had a great turnout from the judiciary, members of the bar, and law students.

Thanks to our distinguished panel and thanks to everyone who attended! ☺



Rockford, IL Chapter: Judge Thomas Lynch and future attorneys



South Florida Chapter: Hon. John J. O'Sullivan, Hon. Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes, and Hon. William Matthewman, U.S. magistrate judges for the Southern District of Florida