



Alaska Chapter: Anna Russel gives a presentation on current trends in legal research.

FIRST CIRCUIT

Massachusetts Chapter Law of Wine Seminar

On Sept. 26, 2018, the Massachusetts Chapter co-hosted a Law of Wine seminar, which it had once before successfully held seven years earlier. District Court Judge Richard G. Sterns, a wine expert, examined the history of national and local alcohol laws, particularly as to wine. Then, a sommelier gave the participants a crash course in wines, along with a tasting of four diverse wines. Each participant received a copy of the ABA book *The Little Red Book of Wine Law*. Unlike most legal seminars, this one seemed to become even more enjoyable as the evening progressed.

District of Pennsylvania Chapter heard from a panel of state and federal government attorneys on how they work to combat this epidemic. The panel included Benjamin Field, divisional deputy city solicitor at the City of Philadelphia Law Department; Erica

Bartlett, trial attorney at the Defender Association of Philadelphia; and Karen Marston, chief of the narcotics and organized crime unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

THIRD CIRCUIT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Combatting the Opioid Crisis: A Panel Discussion

The opioid crisis has been ravaging communities across the nation in recent years and was responsible for nearly 50,000 overdose deaths in 2017. On Jan. 17, the Eastern



EDP Chapter (l to r): Benjamin Field, Erica Bartlett, and Karen Marston.

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Hampton Roads Chapter

Introduction to Federal Courts Seminar and E.D. Va. Admission Ceremony

Since at least 1984, the Hampton Roads Chapter has annually hosted both an educational seminar intended to familiarize newly admitted members of the Virginia State Bar, and attorneys otherwise new to the area, with federal practice in our court, along with a group admission ceremony. This year, the Chapter continued this important tradition on Jan. 11. Attendees heard substantive, practical presentations from the chief U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, a U.S. magistrate judge, the supervisor of our division's Clerk's Office, an assistant federal public defender, and two young federal practitioners. At the conclusion of the seminar, President Katie Dougherty moved the admission of interested participants before a panel of six judges. A short reception allowed the new admittees to meet the judges and other speakers.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Alaska Chapter

Tools and Trends in Legal Research

On Jan. 15, the Alaska Chapter held a CLE on Tools and Trends in Legal Research. Anna Russell, the Anchorage Branch librarian for the Ninth Circuit, gave an informative and interesting presentation on current trends in legal research.



Hampton Roads Chapter: Walter E. Hoffman
Courthouse, Norfolk, Virginia



Above Left: Massachusetts Chapter (l to r):
Judge Richard G. Sterns, Sommer Jennifer
Sculley, FBA President Harvey Weiner, and MBA
President Chris Sullivan



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