



Mississippi Chapter: (l to r) Patrick McDowell, vice president (Brunini); U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Walker; Dean Jim Rosenblatt, executive director (Mississippi College School of Law); Krissy Nobile, president (Mississippi Attorney General's Office); Judge Kyle Duncan; and Mary Helen Wall, treasurer (U.S. Attorney's Office).

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Mississippi Chapter

Just after having taken the oath of office, U.S. Circuit Judge Kyle Duncan addressed the Mississippi Chapter for their annual Gulf Coast meeting at the historic White House Hotel in Biloxi. Judge Duncan spoke about his career prior to his judicial appointment and his confirmation process. A number of local federal judges turned out to see who would be reviewing their cases at the Fifth Circuit. ☺

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Dayton Chapter

In the Dayton, Ohio, federal courthouse, former national president Judge Michael Newman and his career law clerk Mike Rhinehart met with students from National Trail High School in New Paris, Ohio. ATF agents then explained their law enforcement role to the students and did a presentation. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Vipal Patel also discussed the history and current role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. ☺

TENTH CIRCUIT

Kansas and Western Missouri Chapter Civil Rights CLE

A full-day civil rights CLE offered participants eight hours of CLE credit and an opportunity to network with FBA members and federal judges. Panels presented on topical civil rights issues including: the use of force by police, immigration, privacy in the digital age, hate crimes, incarceration and sentencing in the United States, class actions and social justice, LGBTQ rights versus religious freedom, and voting rights legislation. ☺

Current Issues in MDLs and Class Actions

On March 26, 2017, the Western District of Missouri (WDMO) was proud to partner with the local chapter of the FBA to host an all-day conference on the current issues in multidistrict litigation (MDLs) and class actions. Led by three co-chairs—Tricia Campbell, Langdon & Emison; Brent Dwerkotte, Shook Hardy Bacon; and Casey Tourtillot, career clerk in the District of Kansas (DKAN)—as well as current FBA Chapter President Judge Stephen Bough, WDMO, the



Dayton Chapter: Judge Michael Newman and his clerk Mike Rhinehart pose with students at the Dayton, Ohio Federal Courthouse.



Kansas and Western Missouri Chapter: Top left: CLE participants enjoy lunch in the jury assembly room at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, Kan. Top right: Judge Catherine Perry, Abby McClellan, and Judge John Lungstrum. Middle left: Dawn Barrios, Judge Barbara Rothstein, and Julie Callsen. Middle right: Brent Dwerlkotte, Elizabeth Cabraser, and Professor Richard Marcus. Bottom left: Gretchen Garrison, Judge Duane Benton, and Sharon Nelles.

event was held at the courthouse in Kansas City, Kan., and welcomed 250 lawyers from across Missouri and Kansas. In addition to some of the top practitioners from both plaintiff and defense sides from Los Angeles to New York City, we heard from Eastern District of Missouri Judge Catherine Perry of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML), DKAN Judge John Lungstrum, D.C. District Judge Barbara Rothstein, UC Hastings professor Richard Marcus, District of Minnesota Judge Ann Montgomery, and Eighth Circuit Judge Duane Benton. From topics such as “Everything You Wanted to

Know About the JPML” to “Selection of Lead Counsel and Steering Committees” to “Appellate Review of MDLs,” the lawyers who participated in this CLE heard about the most timely topics from some of the top practitioners and judges in the country. ©