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 Dwerlkotte, Shook Hardy Bacon; and Casey Tourtillott, career clerk in the District of Kansas (DKAN)—as well as current FBA Chapter President Judge Stephen Bough, WDMO, the
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.