



New Orleans Chapter: Hon. Dana Douglas with Lunch with the Court attendees.

## FIFTH CIRCUIT

### New Orleans Chapter Unique Aspects of Handling a Maritime Personal Injury Case—Views From the Bench and Bar CLE

The Admiralty Law Committee of the New Orleans Chapter of the FBA met for a one-hour CLE on March 14 at 4 p.m. Retired Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Knowles III, Stevan Dittman, and Michael McAlpine presented on the “Unique Aspects of Handling a Maritime Personal Injury Case—Views From the Bench and Bar.” Moderated by Irving Warshauer, the program focused on: admiralty jurisdiction; Jones Act; vessel status; fleet doctrine; unseaworthiness; maritime wrongful death; punitive damages; maintenance, cure, and unearned wages; limitation of liability; Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; damages; and arbitration. Attendees enjoyed a social following the CLE. ☺

### Lunch With the Court

Hon. Dana Douglas, U.S. magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, hosted the Younger Lawyer’s Division

Lunch with the Court on April 16. Judge Douglas discussed her recent transition from private practice to the bench, and the most important “people” skills that young lawyers should develop—including respect

..and collegiality. Judge Douglas confirmed that Section 3’s practice is to set motions for oral argument. She encourages young lawyers who provide substantial assistance in drafting motions to request opportunities



New Orleans Chapter (l to r): Stevan Dittman, Hon. Daniel E. Knowles III (retired), Irving Warshauer, and Michael McAlpine.



Mississippi Chapter: Left (l to r): Dean Jim Rosenblatt, executive director (Mississippi College School of Law), and Chief Judge Sharion Aycock at the CLE following the FBA Luncheon. Right (l to r): Nick Morisani, secretary-elect (Phelps Dunbar); Patrick McDowell, vice-president (Brunini); Dean Jim Rosenblatt, executive director (Mississippi College School of Law); Krissy Nobile, president (Mississippi attorney general); Chief Judge Aycock; Kristi Johnson, secretary (U.S. Attorney's Office); and Mary Helen Wall, treasurer (U.S. Attorney's Office).

to argue before the court. The YLD extends a warm welcome to Judge Douglas and sincerely thanks her for involvement in FBA programming so early in her tenure. ☺

### Mississippi Chapter Oxford Meeting

Chief Judge Sharion Aycock spoke at the The Inn in Oxford at the Federal Bar Association meeting prior to the annual CLE the Northern District hosts each year. This luncheon afforded an opportunity for attorneys to interact informally with the federal judges of the Northern District. ☺

### Jackson Meeting

Chief Judge Sharion Aycock addressed the December luncheon meeting of the FBA Mississippi Chapter at the Capital Club in Jackson. Chief Judge Aycock spoke about caseloads and updated the members on how the transfer of federal cases from Puerto Rico following the hurricane played out. ☺

## EIGHTH CIRCUIT

### Minnesota Chapter

#### Pitfalls for All STEM Professionals in a New Era of U.S.-China Relations: National Security, Economic Espionage, Racial Bias?

On April 4, the Federal Bar Association Minnesota Chapter's Diversity Committee co-sponsored "Pitfalls for All STEM Professionals in a New Era of U.S.-China Relations: National Security, Economic Espionage, Racial Bias?" along with the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota's Outreach Committee, FBA Minnesota Chapter's Outreach

Committee, the University of Minnesota's China Center, and Kingsfield Law.

Over 200 people attended this event, which was aimed at educating all Twin Cities science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professionals, academics, and students—many of whom are Asian American—on two competing and ever-emerging phenomena in the U.S. justice system: potential threats on national security and economic espionage with the ascendancy of China on the one hand, and on the other, the potential racial profiling of Asians and Asian Pacific Americans resulting in accusations, such as the cases of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, professor Xi Xiaoxing, and hydrologist Sherry Chen.

The panel included Brian Sun, a Los



Minnesota Chapter: Top: Event program. Below: Peter Zeidenberg presenting at the "pitfalls" event.



Oklahoma Chapter: Left: Students participating in the mock trial. Right: Judge Suzanne Mitchell with all of the participants.

Angeles lawyer who represented Lee; Peter Zeidenberg, a Washington, D.C.-based attorney who represented Xi and Chen; and Jay Bratt, the chief of the Counterintelligence and Export Control Section of the National Security Division of the Department of Justice. Magistrate Judge Tony Leung moderated the panel. ☉

## TENTH CIRCUIT

### Oklahoma City Chapter 2019 Homeschoolers Middle School Mock Trial Competition

On April 25, Judge Suzanne Mitchell presided over the Homeschoolers Middle School Mock Trial Competition. Three teams competed in a round-robin style competition, which was held in the W.D. Oklahoma's Ceremonial Bankruptcy Courtroom. Judge Mitchell presented each student with a pocket constitution, each marked as donated by the Oklahoma City Chapter. ☉

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