



## INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

On March 11, the FBA and Fordham University School of Law celebrated International Women’s Day at a student-moderated program. The panelists included Hon. Mimi Tsankov, Women in the Federal Bar (Maria Vathis, National FBA president), Women in the Judiciary (Hon. Tanya Kennedy and Hon. Cenceria Edwards), Women Lawyers Leading in International Law (Margaret Taylor, co-chair of the American Bar Association), United Nations Women (Emily Kenny) and professor Clare Huntington. (For a full breakdown of the event, see “The Federal Bar Association Celebrates International Women’s Day at Fordham” on page 20.)

The FBA ADR Section, Litigation Section, and International Law Section co-sponsored Cardozo’s Symposium on The New Singapore Convention on Mediated Settlements on March 18. The Symposium explored the need for the Convention and its significance, the role of UNCITRAL, legal issues surrounding mediated settlements, and key issues debated in the Convention’s adoption.

On March 19, FBA International Law Section Chairman Roger Kobert and Vice Chairwoman Stephanie Gomez presented at the Women’s Initiative Program at Florida International University Law School. Topics

included careers in international law and business litigation as well as cultivating a growth mindset for success in the legal profession.

The FBA International Law Section shared the United Nations International Day of Remembrance: March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The FBA International Law Section shared the U.N. International Day of Remembrance: March 24 as the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.

The FBA D.C. Chapter, Capitol Hill Chapter, and International Law Section co-sponsored a Distinguished Lawyer Luncheon in honor of Ben Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg trials prosecutor. The event was held on March 28 at the Library of Congress.

On April 3, the FBA International Law Section co-sponsored a performance of “*Korematsu v. United States: Fred Korematsu’s Fight for Justice.*” The reenactment was especially poignant as it was Fred Korematsu’s 100th birthday. The roster of performers included Fordham Law students, community members in the legal profession, and Hon. Denny Chin.



Attendees of the FBA Young Tax Lawyer Group happy hour with Michael Desmond.



Top: Attendees at the Missoula Montana Veterans Law Panel. Bottom: The panel speaks to the attendees.

The ABA Section of International Law's Mayre Rasmussen Award was presented to retired U.S. Air Force Col. and Senior Military Judge Linda Murnane at the ABA International Law Section Annual Meeting on April 13. The FBA International Section submitted Judge Murnane's nomination.

On April 25, the FBA International Law Section, FBA Los Angeles Chapter, and the Beverly Hills Bar Association hosted a program titled "Litigation Impacts: The GDPR, the California Consumer Privacy Act and a Possible Federal Privacy Act." The panel was moderated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal. The panelists were Dominique Shelton Leipzig, co-chair of Perkins Coie's Ad Tech Privacy and Data

Management Group, who testified before the California State Legislature regarding the California Consumer Privacy Act; Jeff Tsai, partner at DLA Piper, who addressed the impact of Europe's GDPR; and Joel Richlin, deputy general counsel and chief litigation counsel at Prime Healthcare, who addressed the impact of data privacy laws on the health care industry. ☺

## VETERANS LAW SECTION

On March 20 and 21, the Veterans and Military Law Section (VMLS) sponsored a CLE program on assisting Native American veterans at the University of Montana Law School in Missoula, Mont. Nearly 100 attorneys and

veterans service officers attended the two-day program, which devoted an entire day to the subject of discharge upgrading. Prominent among the presenters was Chief Judge Robert Davis of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Other presenters included VMLS board members Carol Scott, John Wells, and Maura Clancy, along with Section Chair Alan Goldsmith. Another VMLS board member, Hillary Wandler, a professor at the law school, was the prime organizer of the program. ☺

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECTION

The FBA Labor and Employment Law Section returned to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for its 9th Biennial Labor and Employment Law Conference on Feb. 21 and 22. It was held at the beautiful La Concha Resort and Casino. A total of 114 participants from several states and Puerto Rico attended the conference. Our event partners were iDiscovery Solutions and the law firm of Pizarro & González. We were also honored to have the law firms of Estrella LLC and Jackson Lewis, P.C., as general session sponsor.

Paul Grossman of the Los Angeles office of Paul Hastings, who is a renowned author on employment discrimination law, provided an Equal Employment Opportunity Update. Grossman was the first of 25 seasoned speakers, including five outstanding moderators, who shared their knowledge and experience in different areas. The extraordinary speakers included former FBA National Presidents Joyce E. Kitchens (2003–2004) of Kitchens New Cleghorn in Atlanta, who participated in the panel on new developments in cases of LGBT harassment and discrimination under Title VII, and Hon. Chief Judge Gustavo Gelpí (2013–2014) of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, who discussed interesting hypothetical scenarios for an interactive discussion of ethics during the luncheon. Also from the District Court of Puerto Rico, Hon. Daniel R. Domínguez participated as a panelist to discuss new developments in cases of LGBT harassment and discrimination under Title VII. Several former section chairs also participated. James Hammerschmidt from Paley Rothman in Bethesda, Md., and Corie Anderson from Seaton, Peters and Revnew in Minneapolis took part in the Persuasive Trial Strategies Panel and the Employment Contracts Panel, respectively.



Panelists present at the Veterans Basics Panel.

Former FBA First Circuit Vice President Katherine González-Valentin, of Ferraiuoli LLC in San Juan, also participated as a panelist in the Employment Contracts Panel.

The first day ended with an entertaining reception sponsored by the Raymond L. Acosta-Puerto Rico Chapter; law firms Best & Flannagan, Ferraiuoli LLC, McConnell Valdés LLC, and Seaton Peters & Revnew P.A.; and Rums of Puerto Rico. Chapter President María Ligia Giraldez presented the luncheon speakers and also gave the welcoming remarks at the reception.

Also sponsoring the event were: Xact Data and the law firms of Littler Mendelson P.C., Oliver Manner LLP, and Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart P.C.

The sessions received excellent reviews from all participants. Based on those reviews, one of the most engaging sessions was presented by the panel on best practices for handling #MeToo or #TIME'S UP allegations. The panel comprised Joel P. Schroeder of Minneapolis law firm Best & Flannagan; David Jiménez from the Hartford, Conn., office of Jackson Lewis; Ivelisse Bonilla of Averkamp, Bonilla & Giles in Tucson, Ariz.; and Dawn Blume, senior counsel for global employment law at Lincolnshire, Ill.-based Zebra Technologies.

Another highlight was the Persuasive Trial Strategies Panel given by Hammerschmidt, Sara Gullickson McGrane of Felhaber Larson in Minneapolis, Samantha Holmes of Edge Litigation Consulting in Memphis, and Enrique Mendoza of the Mendoza Law Office in San Juan.

The L&E Law Section members Caitlin Andersen, Danielle Brewer, Phil Kitzer, Hammerschmidt, Schroeder, and José R. González-Nogueras served as the organizing committee for the event. ☺



Top: Chief Judge Davis presenting gifts. Bottom (l to r): Panel members Professor Hillary Wandler, Alexander Blewett III School of Law; Chief Judge Robert Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Amy Odom, president of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association; and Ken Walsh, Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel.



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