



FOURTH CIRCUIT

Tidewater Chapter

Book Signing for From Marshall to Moussaoui: Federal Justice in the Eastern District of Virginia by John O. Peters

On Nov. 7, 2013, Tidewater Chapter and the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia held a book signing for the recently published history of the Court entitled *From Marshall to Moussaoui: Federal Justice in the Eastern District of Virginia*. The author, John O. Peters, gave remarks and signed copies of the book.

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Dayton Chapter

Ohio Chapters Welcome FBA President and Executive Director

The three FBA chapters in the Southern District of Ohio (Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky) together celebrated a very successful and productive visit to the state by National President Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi Jr. and Executive Director Karen Silberman in October.

The centerpiece of the trip was the swearing-in of the new Dayton Chapter president, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Newman, who sits on the Southern District of Ohio

bench. General William K. Suter, recently retired clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, was the featured speaker at the swearing-in and luncheon. Attendance exceeded all expectations, and the Dayton Chapter was honored to have as luncheon guests numerous FBA leaders from throughout the Midwest, including Sixth Circuit Vice President Jim Satola (who traveled from Cleveland), Federal Litigation Section Member Tom McNeil (who traveled from Detroit), and Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter President Greg Ahrens and Vice President Pierre Bergeron.

During the luncheon, new board members were sworn in and Judge Newman presented the inaugural Mona Guerier Public Service Award (named in honor of attorney Mona Guerier, a public servant of the highest order, who lost her brave fight with cancer) to AUSA and Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker for his longstanding efforts to help minority high school and college students apply to, and then succeed in, law school.

As part of the three-day trip to Ohio, Judge Gelpi and Judge Newman together met with numerous law students interested in the FBA and also with the deans of the University of Dayton School of Law, the Ohio State Moritz College of Law, and Capital University Law School. Law Student Divisions are now being established at all three schools.

While in Ohio, Judge Gelpi also spoke at

two sentencing law continuing legal education seminars—at the Federal Courthouse in Dayton, and at the Ohio Supreme Court in Columbus—along with Alan Dorhoffer from the U.S. Sentencing Commission. At the Columbus CLE, Judge Gelpi and Alan were joined by two additional speakers, Judge Sargus and Judge Watson, both U.S. district judges from the Southern District of Ohio. Also in attendance in Columbus were the Southern District's U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Acting Federal Public Defender Dennis Terez. At the conclusion of the Dayton CLE, Judge Rose presented Judge Gelpi and Dorhoffer with certificates of appreciation from the U.S. District Court. All in attendance agreed this was the most successful event in the chapter's 60 year history.

TENTH CIRCUIT

Kansas Chapter

Judges Michelle Burns and Michael J. Newman Visit Kansas Chapter

Judges Michelle Burns and Michael J. Newman visited the Kansas Chapter on October 21, 2013. They made five presentations at the University of Kansas School of Law, including one to the entire law school on "Best Civil Practices."



Kansas Chapter: At the October event, left to right, Kansas Chapter President Arturo Thompson, Kansas Chapter Treasurer Hon. Elizabeth Kronk Warner, Dayton Chapter President Hon. Michael J. Newman, FBA Sections and Divisions Chair Hon. Michelle Burns, Kansas Chapter Member Lou Mulligan, and KU Law Career Services Director Leah Terranova.



Tidewater Chapter: Author John O. Peters poses with attending judges, left to right, Magistrate Judge Lawrence R. Leonard, District Judge Jerome Freidman (ret.), Magistrate Judge Bradford Stillman (ret.), Author, John O. Peters, District Judge Arenda Wright Allen, District Judge Henry C. Morgan, and District Judge Mark S. Davis.

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New Mexico Chapter

The FBA Comes to the Land of Enchantment: The New Mexico Chapter's Inaugural Event

In April 2013, the National FBA Board approved the Application for Charter of the New Mexico Chapter as one of the newest chapters of the growing Federal Bar Association. Already, the chapter has grown to 85 members. The New Mexico Chapter held its inaugural event for its members on October 11, 2013, at the University of New Mexico School of Law in Albuquerque, welcoming Professor Jonathan Turley of the George Washington University Law School as the keynote speaker at a luncheon and CLE event.

Professor Turley's engaging style and vast knowledge of the U.S. Supreme Court entertained a group of federal practitioners, law professors, and local judges. His presentation on "The History, Reform and Proposed Expansion

of the United States Supreme Court" is as captivating as it is controversial. Professor Turley reviewed the history of the U.S. Supreme Court and how the Court came to be comprised of nine Justices—a historical anomaly as opposed to constitutional mandate. Professor Turley also criticized what has become of the confirmation process in the U.S. Senate, where questions of substance are completely avoided, resulting in appointment of Justices about whom we know very little. He argued for greater diversity on the Court and expansion to at least 19 justices to overcome what he believes has become an insular Court where a swing vote of a single justice often decides issues of greatest national importance. Professor Turley's non-partisan critique of the Court and how its Justices are selected and appointed is a thoughtful and intriguing argument for a paradigm shift.

Former Tenth Circuit Vice President of the FBA and current Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert Bacharach was key in inviting Professor Turley to make the trip from Washington to New Mexico for this inaugural event. The chapter was honored to welcome to the event and recognize former Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, the Hon. Joseph F. Baca, who graduated from George Washington University in 1964. The New Mexico Chapter's next event was held January 16, 2014, with ever popular speaker Dean Erwin Chemerinsky of the U.C. Irvine Law School.

New Mexico has a single federal district which covers geographically the fifth largest state. As a border state, the District of New Mexico has a very busy criminal docket and a vibrant and talented group of Article III judges and magistrate judges. The founding



Iowa Chapter: Iowa Chapter President Jeffrey Goetz presenting honorary FBA memberships to U.S. Bankruptcy Judges (from left to right) Hon. Thad Collins, Hon. Anita Shodeen, Hon. Lee Jackwig, and Hon. Paul Kilburg at the chapter's 32nd Annual Judicial Reception and Dinner on Oct. 24, 2013, in Des Moines.



Delaware Chapter: At the October luncheon held in appreciation for the employees of the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, left to right, Delaware Chapter President Robert F. Kravetz, District Judge Sue L. Robinson, and Chief Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Gross.



New Mexico Chapter: At the inaugural event, left to right, Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber, Chapter Vice President Naomi Barnes, Professor Jonathan Turley, Chapter President Daniel Lewis, and Chapter Board Member Leslie Maxwell.



New Mexico Chapter: Left to right, Former New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph F. Baca, Professor Jonathan Turley, and Chapter President Daniel Lewis.

board of the New Mexico Chapter hopes to enhance the quality of practice in all areas of federal practice in New Mexico through a variety of chapter-sponsored events and through making New Mexico practitioners and judges aware of the educational, governmental relations and service activities sponsored by the national organization of the Federal Bar Association.

Oklahoma City Chapter

Eighth Annual Installation of the William J. Holloway Jr. Lecture

On Oct. 28, 2013, the Oklahoma City Chapter presented its eighth annual installment of the William J. Holloway, Jr. Lecture.

This series, named in honor of a long-standing and deeply respected Tenth Circuit judge, includes a lecture by a nationally prominent legal scholar. This year's lecture was delivered by Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, who spoke on the topic "In the Court Where I Live." Approximately 120 judges, law school deans, faculty, attorneys, and law students attended, much to their delight.

"Inside the Supreme Court" Lecture Series

The Oklahoma City Chapter has started a year-long lecture series, "Inside the Supreme Court." It features presentations by former law clerks for Justices Felix Frankfurter,

Robert Jackson, William Douglas, John Marshall Harlan II, Hugo Black, Abe Fortas, Warren Burger, Earl Warren, John Paul Stevens, and Stanley Reed. The lecture series began on Nov. 5, 2013, with a sellout crowd to hear Professor Andrew Kaufman, Harvard Law School, who clerked for Justice Felix Frankfurter from 1955 to 1957. Professor Kaufman spoke candidly about the justice's unique relationship with his law clerks and his testy relationship with Justice Douglas. The series continued on Dec. 6, 2013, when Professor William Kelley of Notre Dame Law School talked about his clerkship for Chief Justice Warren Burger. ☉



Oklahoma City Chapter: Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals with Senior Judge William J. Holloway, Jr., Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals



Oklahoma City Chapter: At the November lecture, Andrew Kaufman, the Charles Stebbins Fairchild Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and former law clerk to Justice Felix Frankfurter



Sections and Divisions

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

Legends of Environmental Law

On Oct. 15, the EENR Section co-presented a program with the District of Columbia Bar entitled "Legends of Environmental Law" featuring a discussion with Lois Schiffer, general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She shared her insights on lessons learned during her career with the federal government, her experiences in private practice, and her efforts with nonprofit organizations. The section also continued their general

counsels luncheon program on October 29, featuring a discussion with Thomas Hayes, general counsel of NASA.

VETERANS AND MILITARY LAW SECTION

Combat Veterans in the Criminal Justice System

On November 7, the Veterans and Military Law Section, the Criminal Law Section, and the FBA Jacksonville Chapter presented the program entitled "Combat Veterans in the Criminal Justice System: Resources for Change" at the Bryan Simpson U.S. Court-

house in Jacksonville, Fla. The program featured topics on veterans benefits claims, traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as effective defense advocacy for veterans. Speakers for the event included Hon. Paul Warner, U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah; Shannon Brewer; Stephen N. Xenakis, MD BG, USA (Ret.); William J. Sheppard; Jim Skuthan, First Assistant Federal Public Defender; and Charlotte Matthews, VJO, Gainesville. ☉

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