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## Letter from the President

#### Dear SDNY FBA Members:

A big thank you to all of those that joined us on October 10, 2018 at the courthouse for our swearing in ceremony. We were honored to have Chief Judge McMahon host the swearing-in ceremony in her courtroom, and for the presence of many members of the bar and bench at the ceremony and reception, including SDNY Judges Preska, Sullivan and CMJ Maas (Ret'd); and State Court Judges Tanya Kennedy and Machelle Sweeting. The reception had great food, wine and even a singing rendition of everyone's favorite rule of law, the First Amendment, thanks to Rev Billy & The Stop Shopping Choir. We were privileged to have a dozen of the beautiful courtroom sketches created by Elizabeth Williams and Aggie Kenney at the FBA Annual Convention, framed and on display, along with the presence of the artists, and to hear Judge Richard Sullivan's poignant and uplifting introduction before I provided my remarks on the state of the Chapter. The entire night was made even more special as I was able to share it with the officers, and members of the chapter, my parents and my fiancé. I wish all future FBA SDNY Presidents a similar special night at their swearing in.

What an incredible year the FBA SDNY has had. We hosted so many programs, we have seen some home-grown programs go international (Big kudos to Olivera Medenica and her Fashion Law Program in Paris, France), and we had an incredible annual convention with a ton of effort from so many of our members and prior officers including our past-President Donna Frosco, and from our energizer convention chair and Former Chair of the FBA's National ADR Section, Simeon Baum. Not only did we set a high bar for future conventions, each of the programs - CLE panels; Thursday Night to Remember at Tribeca Rooftop (Thanks Lanie !!), the fun run (Steve Landis and Michael Zussman *tour* it up); and the EDNY Bridge Walk - but our chapter members also shined bright receiving many national awards for their leadership in FBA National Sections, including Mimi Tsankov receiving the National Leadership Award for her work as Chair of the International Section. The SDNY Chapter was also honored with the Presidential Excellence award.

## Letter from the President

What more could a chapter do?

I'm glad you asked. The Chapter of the Year Award. It is a stated goal of the current officers and directors to receive this award at the FBA Convention in 2019 in September. While we are well on our way with the programming you have read about in this newsletter, we need your help. Please sign up for a painless digital training for NY Cares. https://www.newyorkcares.org/ We plan on participating once per month with a New York Cares community outreach event, and to follow each event with a membership social the same evening. To participate, we each need to satisfy an easy, painless training (digital available from comfort of your own computer). For more information, please reach out to our incredible Vice-President Wendy Stein.

It has been expressed to me that there is a bad tradition in the FBA for convention host chapters to have a lull year following the convention. I am committed to ensuring this does not happen in 2018/19 for the Mother Court Chapter, and quite obviously, I need your help. On behalf of the FBA SDNY 2018/19, I welcome you to this new year, buckle up, its going to be a great one.

Regards,

Wylie Stecklow

# SDNY Chapter Event

# FBA SDNY 2018-2019 Swearing In Ceremony







# SDNY Chapter Event

FBA 2018 Annual Meeting
New York City – September 12-16, 2018



Captain Marc Sawyer presents his case to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (Judges John E. Sparks, Margaret A. Ryan, Chief Judge, Scott W. Stucky, Gregory Maggs, Kevin A. Ohlson) at Southern District of New York Federal Court

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Drafting, Negotiating, and Enforcing Intellectual Property License Agreements: Strategies and Pitfalls

Speakers:
Maria Z. Vathis,
Donna Frosco,
Olivera Medenica,
Viviana Mura,
Rita M. Odin



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# SDNY Chapter Event

# FBA 2018 Annual Meeting New York City, September 12-16, 2018



How to Win a Case From a Judge's Perspective

Speakers:

James M. Wagstaffe

Hon. Loretta A. Preska

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Trends in First
Amendment Policing

Speakers:

Wylie Stecklow

**Brandon Del Pozo** 



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## **Mark Your Calendar!**

# Civil Jury Project at NYU School of Law Jury Improvement Lunch

Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. NYU Greenberg Lounge, 40 Washington Square South

# Politics and Prosecutors: Where Will the Special Counsel Investigation Lead Us?

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 6PM-8PM NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South

### Fashion Law and Innovation Conference

October 24, 2018
Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris, France

#### **United Nations Lunch**

November/December TBD
Coordinated with FBA Law Student Chapter

# 20th Annual D.C. Indian Law Conference

November 2, 2018 FHI 360 Conference Center, Washington D.C.

FBA Celebrates Fordham Law's 100 Years of Women in the Law Honoring Judge Loretta Preska and FBA President Maria Vathis

December 11, 2018

# **Mark Your Calendar!**

# FBA Civil Rights Law Section, Civil Rights Étouffée

February 15, 2019 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation

# 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Labor and Employment Law Conference

February 21 & 22, 2019 Labor and Employment Law Section, San Juan, Puerto Rico

# **Annual Asylum Law Conference**

February, 2019, Date TBD New York Law School

# International Women's Day Celebration

March, 2019, Date TBD Fordham Law School

# FBA Midyear Leadership Conference

March 20, 2019 – March 23, 2019 Ritz Carlton Pentagon City



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Re: Jury Improvement Lunch

August 23, 2018

Dear New York City Attorney:

The Civil Jury Project is organizing a Jury Improvement Lunch in New York City on Tuesday, October 23 at NYU Law School's Greenberg Lounge located at 40 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. The lunch has the support of both the federal bench and state bench, many of whom will attend and invite recently discharged jurors to attend as our guests. It will also be sponsored by local Bar Organizations. The purpose of the lunch is to honor the jurors and to learn from them about what can be done to improve civil trials.

We are asking practicing lawyers to pay \$32 for their own lunches. The host law firms will share the costs of the lunches for the judges and jurors. Lawyers who attend will receive 1 hour of Continued Learning Education credit. Anyone interested in improving their trial skills will not want to miss this lunch. Because we assign tables (to make sure the lawyers from the same firms, the judges and the jurors are divided) and have limited space, we ask that you make a reservation in advance if you want to attend. You can do so by using this link: <a href="https://civiljuryproject.law.nyu.edu/jury-improvement-lunch-registration/">https://civiljuryproject.law.nyu.edu/jury-improvement-lunch-registration/</a>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Civil Jury Project's Administrator, Kaitlin Villanueva, at <a href="KV20@nyu.edu">KV20@nyu.edu</a>.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Susman Executive Director

Daniel S.Goldman, Joon H. Kim, Anne Milgram, Lisa Monaco

Politics and Prosecutors: Where Will the Special Counsel Investigation Lead Us?

**RSVP TODAY** 

BRENNAN CENTER
FOR JUSTICE TO NYU LAW



Politics and Prosecutors: Where Will the Special Counsel Investigation Lead Us?

Wed, October 24, 2018 | 6PM-8PM

NYU Kimmel Center 60 Washington Square South NYC

RSVP: https://bit.ly/2pLxq8O

Special Counsel Robert Mueller III's investigation into the Trump campaign and the Russian infiltration of the 2016 election has consumed the public and the President for more than one hear now. Now, with more central players cooperating with the probe, what will the investigation reveal, and when? Will the investigation - and the rule of law - survive regular attacks from the President? And does the Special Counsel bear too much oversight responsibility of our elections and democracy?

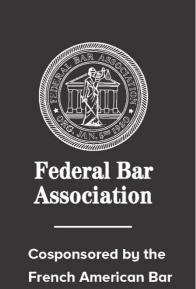
Three former prosecutors will weigh in on these questions and more, sharing perspective from experience as top officials in the Department of Justice, the White House, the Southern District of New York, and a state attorney general's office.

**Anne Milgram**, Special Counselor, Lowenstein Sandler; Professor of Practice and Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Senior Fellow, NYU School of Law; former Attorney General of New Jersey

**Joon H. Kim**, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb; former Acting U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York

**Lisa Monaco**, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Law and Security, Cybersecurity; Adjunct Professor of Law, NYU School of Law; former Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism

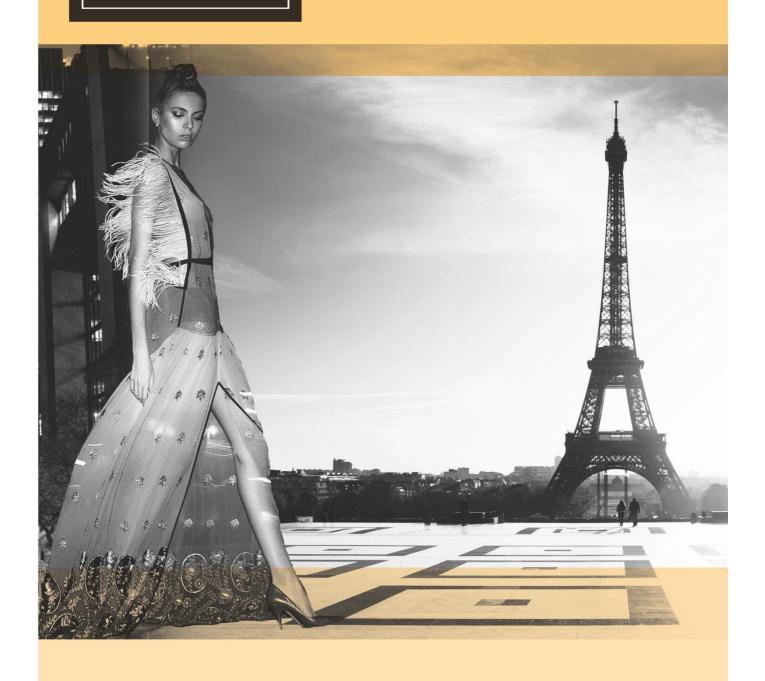
Moderator: **Daniel S. Goldman**, NBC News/MSNBC Legal Analyst; Fellow, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law



Association

# FASHION LAW AND INNOVATION CONFERENCE

October 24, 2018
Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne • Paris, France



#### **CONFERENCE AGENDA • OCTOBER 24, 2018**

#### 4:00 - 4:15 p.m.

#### **Opening Remarks**

Céline Bondard, Principal, Cabinet Bondard; President, French-American Bar Association

Olivera Medenica, Partner, Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP

#### 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

# Panel I: Wearable Technology, Fashion Tech, and Smart Fabrics

This panel will examine the latest in wearable technology, fashion tech and smart fabrics. Panelists will examine the essential terms of deals marrying brands with technology, and the scope of rights and restrictions typically addressed by both sides. The panel will include the perspective of in house counsel, as well as a fashion tech startup focusing on smart fabrics. Panelists will discuss the challenges encountered in launching a new brand, or product, in a nascent field from both a US and EU perspective.

Moderator: Céline Bondard, Principal, Cabinet Bondard; President, French-American Bar Association

Olivera Medenica, Partner, Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP Michael E. Schu, Senior Corporate Counsel, E.l. duPont de Nemours and Companu

Regina Polanco, Founder and C.E.O., Pyrates Smart Fabrics

#### 5:15 - 6:15 p.m

# Panel II: Fashion and Labor Considerations - A Comparative Perspective

This panel will discuss some of the most salient topics relating to labor and employment considerations in France/EU and the United States. The discussion will include an analysis of how models are treated under both US and French law. US side panelist will also discuss essential considerations in terms of being litigation ready for foreign companies doing business in the US.

Moderator: Céline Bondard, Principal, Cabinet Bondard; President, French-American Bar Association

Maria Vathis, Of Counsel, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP; President Federal Bar Association

Frédéric Galinier, Legal Director, Fédération de la Haute Couture et de la Mode

Bénédicte Roumy, Legal Director, Chanel

#### 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

#### Panel III: Modern Day Challenges in Fashion Shows

This panel will address the latest issues relating to trademarks and branding in both France/EU and the United States. Panelists will include perspectives from in house as well as outside counsel, and will cover issues pertaining to online infringement, unlicensed distribution, unfair competition, and counterfeit products. Panelists will also cover issues relating to unauthorized uses of a brand by enthusiastic fans, and IP issues in social media.

Moderator: Esther Hagege, Attorney Admitted in Paris, California and New York Nathalie Dreufus, Partner, Dreufus & Associates

Olivera Medenica, Partner, Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP Zeeger Vink. IP Director, Maus Frères

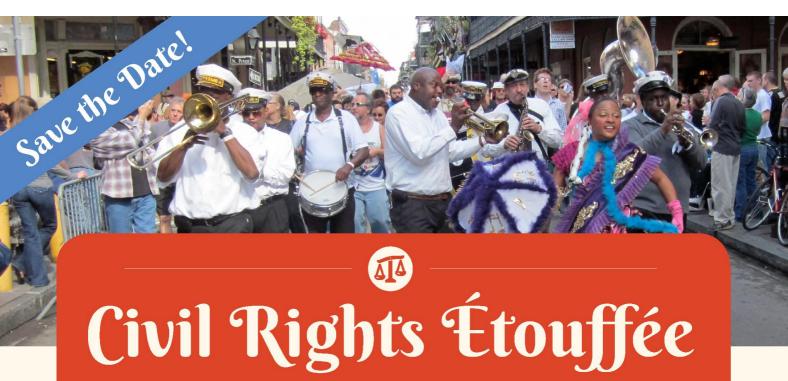
#### 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

#### **Cocktail Reception**





The FBA Indian Law Section will be holding the 20th Annual D.C. Indian Law Conference on November 2, 2018 in Washington, DC at the FHI 360 Conference Center. Topics will include healthcare, Indian Country jurisdiction, self-determination and litigating in the appellate courts, and workplace sexual harassment.



A FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION CIVIL RIGHTS CLE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019 • NEW ORLEANS



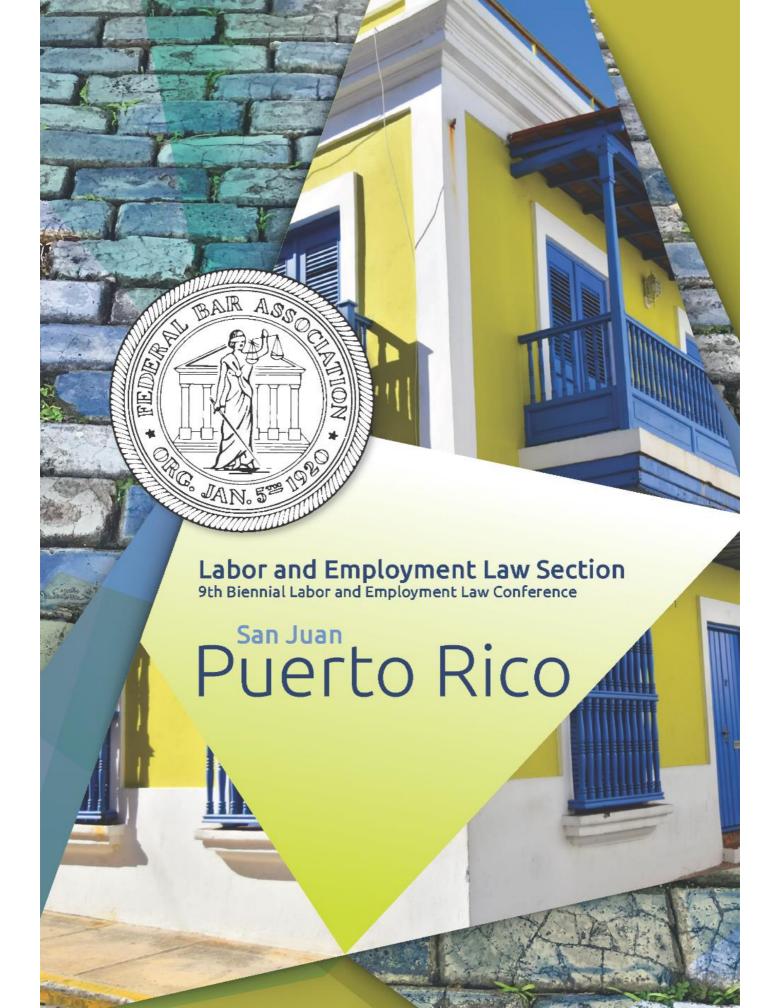
Brought to you by the FBA Civil Rights Law Section, FBA New Orleans Chapter, FBA SDNY Chapter, and the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Including panelists from ACLU, FBA Civil Rights Law Section, Southern Poverty Law Center, MacArthur Justice Center, Vera Institute of Justice, Utah Attorney General's Office, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Louisiana Law School Deans, National Police Accountability Project

For more information: www.EtouffeeLaw.com

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

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