



# FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

## *Recent Accolades From the Community*

On behalf of the JSK community, a heartfelt thank you to the Southern District of New York, Federal Bar Association’s National Community Outreach Project.

Our visit to the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse provided our scholars access to authentic civic learning opportunities. By observing sentencing proceedings, oral arguments, and a personalized tour of the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse and Justice Learning Center exhibit, their exploration of our government systems was bolstered by skill-building in communication.

The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan greeted each student and shared insights to further their knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for post-secondary and career readiness. Over lunch, The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan, and the Honorable George B. Daniels led reflective deliberations of the cases we observed today. Judge Sullivan reviewed the ethical considerations in the determination of a JUST sentence. Student-driven inquiry and analysis of the proceedings had Judge Daniels imparting invaluable legal guidance. Our aspiring entrepreneurs learned about the value of verbal versus written understandings in regards to the remuneration of services. He thoroughly had students grappling with the assertion of "Alternate Legal Theory But Not Alternative Facts."

Ultimately, as civic-minded leaders of our school community, students evaluated the core elements of the courts and legal system from various perspectives including lawyers, judges, and civil service members. Mr. Carlos Ramirez from the Department of Pre Trial Services shared his journey and learnings to his successful entry into the demanding 21st-century academic and career pathway in law. Ms. Hinderley Huffman from The U.S. Probation Department detailed the relevance of preparing the pre-sentence reports and how "A greater tomorrow starts with making a good decision today."

Our collaboration resulted in our D79 scholar's interactive experience to learn about the law, society, and the connection between the Constitution, Courts and Legal system. The fruits of our collaborative efforts are evidenced by a scholar who has expressed interest in touring both John Jay and Fordham campuses to explore law related post-secondary options. Another, expressed interest in participating in the Justice Learning Center - Podcast/ Media initiative with Tiffany. An additional resource opportunity to explore for scholars with "Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts" was secured. The possibilities are boundless with the continued participation of ALL our stakeholders in today's events. Again, a special thank you, to Nancy Morisseau, and Angel Cox, Attorneys from the Office of Legal Services and Wylie M. Stecklow, Civil Rights Lawyer and President of the Federal Bar Association Southern District New York. *You guys rock!*

With your continued support, and the collaborative team efforts of the D79 family, Judith S. Kaye, Co Op-Tech High School, Manhattan Youth and Camba, interdisciplinary community-driven civic initiatives can heighten appreciation for academic studies and stimulate interest in post-secondary and law-related careers. – *Titus O’Rourke*, Teacher, Judith S. Kaye High School

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## Letter from the President

*Dear SDNY FBA Members:*

The FBA SDNY Chapter continues to strive for success and community outreach, while connecting with local attorneys, students and the judiciary. Welcome to Spring 2019. First, thanks to all those that joined me and our chapter's **Mother Kourt Krewe** at the annual Fat Friday Mardi Gras fundraiser on March 8 in the LES of NYC. A great time was had by all.

I want to start with Kudos to our star **President-Elect Mimi Tsankov** who organized two incredible programs in the months of March and April. On March 11, 2019, at Fordham Law School, the FBA SDNY, along with **The FBA International Law Section and FBA Judicial Division**, co-sponsored the **International Women's Day Event** – a student moderated presentation by 8 distinguished speakers. The sold-out event included **FBA President Maria Vathis** and **Honorable Judges Tanya R. Kennedy, Lisette Shirdan-Harris and Cenceria P. Edwards**, among other interesting presenters. On April 3, our tireless President-Elect participated in the Trial Reenactment of **Korematsu v. US**, co-sponsored by the **FBA SDNY, Fordham APALSA and the Asian American Bar Association**, with **Second Circuit Judge Denny Chin** presiding over the reenactment.

### **FBA SDNY 2019 Spring CLE Series**

On April 10, 2019, the FBA SDNY Chapter kicked off its **2019 Spring CLE Series** at the SDNY Courthouse. The Civil Rights Committee chaired by **Jessica Massimi** presented a 2 hour CLE including 4 presentations by **Marjorie Mesidor** on NDA in the Age of #MeToo; ACLU Attorney **Julie Ebenstein** on Voting Rights; **Jennifer Frankola Crawford** on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and Committee Vice Chair **Christopher Fitzgerald** on an overview of 1983 litigation. We thank the DEO, including **Jordan Prince**, for their great assistance in all of our programs at the courthouse. The **FBA SDNY 2019 Spring CLE Series** continued on May 1 at **NYCLA** as we co-sponsored: *Building a Cyber-Shield for Your Law Firm and Clients*. Discount registration for FBA Members: <http://tiny.cc/FBAMAY1CLE>.

The **FBA 2019 Spring CLE Series** will conclude on May 16 at the SDNY Courthouse, as three long-time active FBA SDNY members, **Simeon Baum, Joan Hogarth and Alexander Zimmer**, present a CLE, to be co-sponsored by the FBA ADR Section, *Grasping Victory with an Open Hand: Effective Representation in Mediation*. The FBA SDNY Chapter proudly thanks **Judge George B. Daniels** for committing to provide opening remarks at this CLE. Free registration: <http://tiny.cc/FBAMAY16CLE>

# Letter from the President

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In the Fall of 2019, FBA National challenged each chapter to participate in both community programming and mentoring. The FBA SDNY Chapter accepted this challenge and knocked it out of the park!! Each month since November, our members have participated in community outreach programs at a nursing home on the Upper West Side and at Good+ Foundation, organizing clothing for less fortunate New Yorkers. Kudos to our **student member Brooke Gottlieb** for her continued attention to this program.

## MENTOR PROGRAM

I must take my proverbial hat off to **Mentor Chair Nancy Morisseau**. I passed the FBA Mentor challenge onto Nancy in December, and she successfully maneuvered between the chapter, national, the NYC Department of Education and the executive offices at the Second Circuit and Southern District of New York to provide an experience to 20 high school students that will be difficult to match, and continue to impact these young scholars for years and decades to come. This two-part program began on April 11 when **FBA SDNY President** presented an hour-long discussion on civics, civil rights lawyering in New York City, a history lesson on **Thurgood Marshall**, and a Q&A on know your rights – theory v. reality. One week later, on April 18, 20 students from two high schools joined our Mentor Chair and President to attend a sentencing before **Judge Richard Sullivan** and an oral argument before **Judge George B. Daniels**. Each judge took the time to meet with the students and also joined us for lunch, where a representative of the pre-trial services and probation office spoke with the students. The day was capped off with a tour of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, including a visit to the Thurgood Marshall interactive exhibit. Many thanks to the staff of both courthouses, and chambers of these Judges for facilitating this incredible experience. There is already discussion and scheduling for more of these civics presentations at high schools.

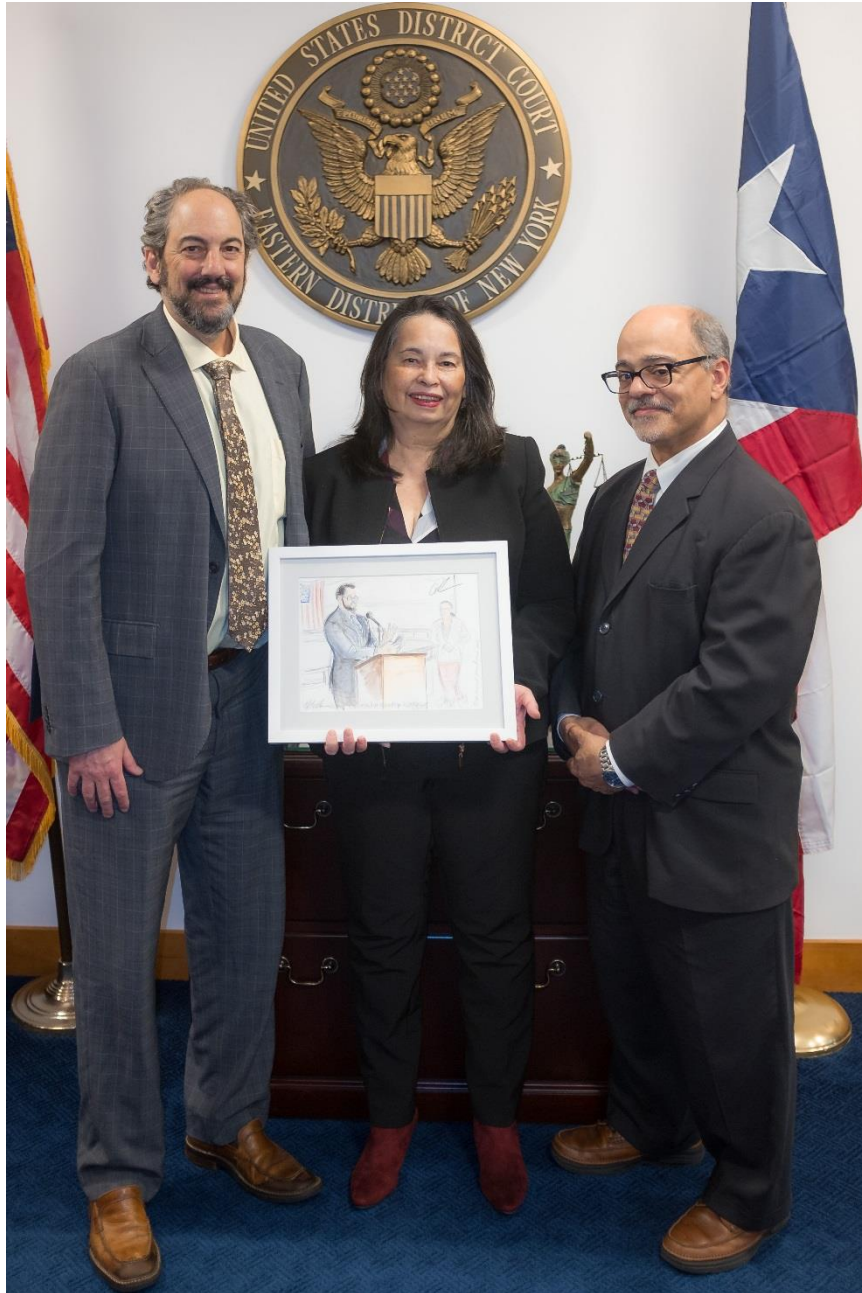
The FBA SDNY Chapter continues to push back on the post-convention year being a let down year. We couldn't be busier, we couldn't be more active and we couldn't be more enthused by all of our activities. I hope you will join us at one of the upcoming **2019 FBA SDNY Spring CLE Series**. And last, but certainly not least, every member should mark their calendars and keep **Monday September 16, 2019 for the 2019 FBA SDNY Presidential Rule of Law Award**.

Yours Very Truly,

Wylie Stecklow  
FBA SDNY President

# ***SDNY Chapter Event***

**SDNY Chapter President Wylie Stecklow and FBA  
EDNY Board Member MJ Ramon Reyes Present  
Convention Sketch to EDNY Chief Judge Dora Irizzary  
*January 24, 2019***





# SDNY Chapter Event

## Civil Rights Étouffée, New Orleans, Louisiana February 15, 2019

On February 15, 2019, the FBA SDNY chapter co-sponsored the Civil Rights Étouffée in New Orleans, Louisiana, along with the FBA New Orleans Chapter, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and main organizer, FBA Civil Rights Law Section.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Rights Étouffée was a fabulous success. There were ten amazing panels with attorneys from the ACLU, Vera Institute of Justice, MacArthur Justice, National Police Accountability Project, Utah Attorney General's Office, Southern Poverty Law Center, EFF and many FBA attorneys. The Étouffée was duly honored to welcome local law school deans - including David Meyer from Tulane Law and Southern University Law School's Chancellor John Pierre, who presented a plenary panel: Lawyers as Social Engineers; and also to welcome Omari Neville as the funky lunchtime NOLA music entertainment.

Two SDNY members also led panels during the Étouffée. FBA SDNY Immigration Attorney Jeffrey Feinbloom brought together Judge Paul Schmidt and FBA National Immigration Section Chair Elizabeth "Betty" Stevens, to seek support for an Article I United States Immigration Court. FBA SDNY President Wylie Stecklow led a panel with Magistrate Judge Stephen Smith (retired), Electronic Freedom Foundation counsel Jamie Lee Williams and retired NYPD Captain turned attorney Robert Brown, to discuss 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Technology and the intersection of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> amendments.

The FBA SDNY Chapter continues to support diverse and important programming nationwide.



*Jamie Lee Williams, Robert Brown, Judge Stephen Smith, Wylie Stecklow*



*Tulane Dean David Meyer, Wylie Stecklow, Southern University Law Chancellor<sup>5</sup> John Pierre*

# ***SDNY Chapter Event***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Magistrate Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Thurgood Marshall Courthouse  
*March 5, 2019***



**SDNY Chapter President Wylie Stecklow  
EDNY Chapter President Judge Alan Trust**





# ***SDNY Chapter Event***

**Fat Friday Mardi Gras Fundraiser – Angel Orensanz  
March 8, 2019**

On March 8, 2019, the FBA SDNY chapter members, as the Mother Kourt Krewe, sponsored a table at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Fat Friday Mardi Gras fundraiser on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. More than \$25,000 was raised for charities including Equal Justice Initiative, Lower East Side Girls Club, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation and others.



***Past FBA SDNY President William & Tara Dahill***



***FBA SDNY Chapter Treasurer Steve Landis & Julie Irwin***



***NOLA Legend Cyril Neville and Wylie Stecklow***

# SDNY Chapter Event

## The Federal Bar Association (FBA) Celebrates International Women's Day During Fordham School of Law's Second Annual National Event



By Fordham School of Law International Law and Justice Practicum LL.M. Students<sup>1</sup>

On Monday, March 11, 2019 the FBA SDNY Chapter, the FBA International Law Section, and the FBA Judicial Division co-sponsored Fordham University's Second Annual International Women's Day Event -- A Student-Moderated Evening of Discussion, hosted by the Fordham School of Law. This two-hour program involved presentations by eight distinguished speakers and FBA leaders. Co-sponsoring the program was the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY).

FBA SDNY Chapter President-Elect and Adjunct Professor Mimi Tsankov kicked off the event with a welcome in her capacity as both Fordham School of Law Adjunct Professor and Chair of the National Association of Immigration Judges, Gender and Equality Committee. She announced the evening's theme as "Balance for Better" -- in accordance with the United Nations'

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<sup>1</sup> Lucila Casado Ardizzi, Vincenzo Debolini, Melissa Mateo, John Yeboah Mensah, Stephanie Ro, Tomoko Yamazaki, Arwa Sharif, Joaquin Hermoso Carrasco, Nandar Win Kerr, Mimoza Konjusha, Won Young Song, Mandalena Prelashi, Miaqing Lu, and Nikita Barykin.



2019 International Women's Day guidance. Framing the evening's anticipated discourse, she posited three questions: "To what extent do the laws that we have in place support gender balance?" "Where do we need to improve?;" and "What have we succeeded in doing so far?" Challenging the presenters to consider how they see gender equality in terms of the stated theme, she invited their personal remarks in light of their positions of leadership within the various state, federal, and international governmental bodies in which they work.

Fordham LL.M. student Lucila Casado Ardizzi introduced the next speaker, FBA President Maria Vathis. Ms. Vathis provided a detailed presentation about how gender balance is better for business as it offers diversification of talent. She pointed out how highly regarded studies suggest that the inclusion of women increases the global gross domestic product. As to the role of women in the law in the U.S., she pointed out a number of firsts including (1) the first gender discrimination case dating back to 1872; (2) the first female admission to a state bar in 1876; (3) the right of women to practice law in all 50 states in the 1950's; and (4) the confirmation of the first woman to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981. Despite these successes, she pointed out that although the women represent the majority of law school graduates, they still represent a minority within the FBA. She pointed out that some industries are particularly affected by underrepresentation especially in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields where only one in four women hold positions. She called on women to fight stereotypes and encourage young girls to pursue careers in these fields. She identified how this impacts attorneys who practice patent law. Since the patent bar requires the completion of an undergraduate degree in a science field, this disproportionately affects women who make up only 25 percent of STEM university graduates. Ms. Vathis highlighted the work that FBA Circuit Vice President Olivera Medenica has been doing to change the rules related to participation in the patent bar to be more inclusive of women. She concluded her remarks by quoting Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who when asked how many women should be on the Supreme Court? responded, "There will be enough women on the Supreme Court when there are nine."



Next, Fordham LL.M. student Vincenzo Debolini introduced the Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy, Immediate Past National President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Judge Kennedy presented on “Women in the Judiciary - A U.S. Perspective.” She began her remarks by noting that in order to truly achieve equality, we must invite men to the table and to find ways to join forces. She remarked at the presence of so many males in the program’s audience. Judge Kennedy said that 2018 statistics reflect that women make up 33 percent of the state court judiciaries nationwide, and that New York State courts are doing even better -- at 37%. She explained that a) women outnumber the men in the First and Second Departments; b) that the Presiding Justice of the Third Department is a woman and that there are three women out of nine justices on the court; and c) that there are four woman in the Fourth Department. She said that this should come as no surprise since women are effective judges since they are known for their skills in compassion, thoughtfulness, listening, and multi-tasking. She explained how in the past, these types of qualities had not been viewed favorably, and yet that these qualities serve to strengthen the quality of a judge. By embracing them we exercise the full power of being a woman. She said that the characteristics of a good judge include open-mindedness, patience, courage, firmness, understanding, compassion, and basic common sense. She compared these characteristics with those of being a female and highlighted how many qualities the two had in common. In addition, she pointed out how in the pursuit of justice, women can provide a unique perspective, and enhance the judicial experience by educating males to see things from another perspective. She closed by referencing that NAWJ held a legislative caucus entitled “WeToo in the Legal Workplace” to ensure a healthy work place free of sexual harassment. “WeToo in the Legal Workplace” has now been trademarked.

Judge Lisette Shirdan-Harris appeared in her capacity as International Director to the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and North American U.S. Delegate to the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). She was introduced by LL.M. Students Nandar Win Kerr

and Mimoza Konjusha, both of whom wish to work in the area of International Human Rights, Gender-Motivated Violence, and International Criminal Law. By way of background, Judge Shirdan-Harris presides over matters of gender and discrimination. In her leadership role at the IAWJ, she has led judges around the world break down gender stereotypes, change attitudes, and raise awareness through programs, partnerships, and training. She has presented at panels and programs around the world, including the Netherlands and Morocco. She is very interested in women's issues, and her presentation focused on woman in the judiciary from the international perspective and, in particular, the work of IAWJ. Judge Shirdan-Harris explained that IAWJ's key programs are: gender-based violence, property rights, human trafficking, HIV (AIDS), child marriages, and abuse of power (also called sextortion). She explained that "sextortion" is a terrible issue to deal with in the equation of lack of freedom and equal rights for women. Also, women and girls are facing deeply entrenched attitudes and customs worldwide posing potential for discrimination. These programs are designed to bring a new perspective in examining law and procedure and reinforcing the application of international law. She added that as a result of these programs we are seeing an increase in the number of women on the bench. This is important because women judges around the world are helping to create "balance for the better." She proclaimed that IAWJ hosts a bi-annual worldwide conference which will next be held in Auckland, New Zealand, in May 2020. The anticipated topic will be a celebration of diversity. She challenged the group to join IAWJ's efforts at achieving equality of justice and combating violence around the world vis-a-vis women and children, and to support appropriate judicial responses to these crises.





Fordham LL.M. students Melissa Mateo and Miaoqing Lu, who plan to work in the field of International Human Rights, introduced the next speaker, Honorable Cenceria P. Edwards. Judge Edwards presides in Kings County Civil Court and serves as the NAWJ's District Two Director supporting New York, Connecticut and Vermont. Judge Edwards provided specifics about "Women in the Judiciary" from a U.S. Perspective. She started her speech by sharing her experience within the Courts and how she was surprised at the continued imbalanced ratio of women to men. Judge Edwards mentioned that of the four circuits in the Kings County Civil Court and in the remainder of the circuits, the majority of the attorneys that appear are men. She stated that although the representation of women in law school is quite balanced, most trial attorneys are still men. Judge Edwards summarized that "we (women) do have a way to go in terms of our representation within the Bar and the Bench".

Fordham LL.M. student John Yeboah Mensah, a Ghanaian student planning to work in the area of Public Interest and International Human Rights, introduced the next speaker: Ms. Margaret Kuehne-Taylor, Co-Chair, American Bar Association, International Law Section, Immigration and Naturalization Committee. Ms. Kuehne-Taylor, appearing in her personal capacity, focused on Women's Issues in Immigration Asylum Proceedings. She noted the existence of gender bias in the rule of law and protection of gender-related asylum cases, and acknowledged that leaders in the field are making a conscious effort to bring about change. In her remarks, she discussed two cases: In re S-A and In re R-A. The first case, In re S-A, involved a Moroccan-Muslim woman who had been subject to strict dress code restrictions, limited educational opportunities, and a dearth of career opportunities. After suffering brutal abuse, she was able to seek asylum based not on a notion of gender-based persecution, but rather based on religious persecution on account of the fact that her religious beliefs were different -- in this case more liberal -- than those of her father. Since asylum law does not include gender as a basis for asylum, this case offered a different legal theory to address what clearly involved a gender component. The second case that she mentioned was In re R-A. This case involved a Guatemalan woman who fled to the United States to escape domestic abuse. She explained that the case is relevant because it considered a gender-based claim in the context of membership in a particular social group. Although the law didn't identify gender as a specific ground, the court crafted a specific particular social group that was cognizable and granted her asylum.



LL.M. Students Stephanie Ro and Arwa Sharif, introduced the next speaker, Ms. Emily Kenny, Policy Specialist on Transitional Justice at UN Women. Ms. Ro and Ms. Sharif hope to work in the area of Human Rights, and were very excited to present UN Women's approach to "Investigating Gender-Based Violence" and its award-winning interactive website, available at <http://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/infostory/justicenow/en/index.html>. Ms. Kenny explained how UN Women advocates for the notion that women and girls have a right to "non-discrimination" and focuses on developing mechanisms for addressing large scale crimes against women. Focusing on the Rome statute and the International Criminal Court, UN Women has helped female victims access justice in countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo where there is alleged to have been widespread instances of war crimes including rape. She explained that the Justice Rapid Response team has supported Truth Commissions in Cambodia and the Solomon Islands, and in bringing about meaningful reparations and access to justice for women in Columbia and Kosovo. In her leadership role at the UN Women, she has led works on women's access to justice in conflict-affected countries. She is very interested in women's issues, and her presentation focused on UN Women's informative website, "Investigating Gender-Based Violence." She explained that sexual and gender-based violence is a pervasive human rights violation. This is important to know because sexual and gender-based crimes are considered especially grave violations of international law. She challenged the group to think about the survivors of these crimes and how their lives can be improved measurably when justice was served.

Closing out the evening was Professor Clare Huntington who serves as Fordham School of Law Associate Dean for Research and Joseph M. McLaughlin Professor of Law. She was introduced by LL.M. student Tomoko Yamazaki, who hopes to work in the area of criminal procedure. Professor Huntington is an expert in the fields of family law and poverty law. Professor

Huntington has published widely on a range of topics in these two areas, with a recent focus on non-marital families. Professor Huntington discussed women's access to justice in the family law context related to three topics: (1) the problems of children and divorced or separated parents; (2) domestic violence; and (3) the child welfare system. She pointed out that 60% of victims of domestic violence are not represented by counsel. She said that many women try to handle divorce matters alone, such as divorce procedures, custody problems, locating a safe place. She remarked that although there are some nonprofit organizations and law school clinics providing support to women as they access assistance in the court systems, access to justice continues to be a fundamental challenge.

Following the series of presentations, the students led a discussion session during which many of the distinguished guests were able to participate substantively. Audience participation included the following distinguished guests: (a) the Honorable Delissa A. Ridgway, U.S. Court of International Trade; (b) Ms. Greta Kolcon, WBASNY President; (c) Ms. Fay Parris and Ms. Maria Cortese, WBASNY Committee Co-Chairs; (d) Ms. Linda Chiaverini, WBASNY Executive Director; (e) Ms. Christina Blacklaws, President, The Law Society of England and Wales (The Law Society); (f) Ms. Lizzette Robleto de Howarth, International Programmes Manager, The Law Society; and (g) Stephanie Brown, International Policy Assistant for The Americas, et al., The Law Society. At the conclusion of the question and answer session, all participants enjoyed a catered reception.





## ***SDNY Chapter Event***

### **Volunteering with New York Cares *March 26, 2019***

On March 26, 2019, the FBA SDNY Chapter volunteered at the GOOD+ Foundation. The GOOD+ Foundation relies on corporations, retailers and individuals to provide financial and product donations to families in need throughout the country. We sorted, screened and bundled items, including books, toys and clothing, for future distribution based on the age and gender of recipients. Brooke Gottlieb, Zara Watkins and Mimi Tsankov attended.

# SDNY Chapter Event

## Trial Reenactment of *Korematsu v. U.S.* April 3, 2019

On April 3, 2019, the FBA SDNY co-sponsored the second annual Reenactment program at Fordham Law School. This year's program covered the case of *Korematsu v. United States*. *Korematsu* is a landmark United States Supreme Court case concerning the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, which ordered Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II regardless of their citizenship. The program was entitled "*Korematsu v. U.S.*: Fred Korematsu and His Fight For Justice." With a cast including members of a variety of groups, the Federal Judiciary, leaders of multiple associations, students, and professors at Fordham Law School, as well as FBA membership, the FBA joined an esteemed group, raising the profile of the FBA within New York and throughout the country.



FORDHAM APALSA & FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION (FBA) &  
ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (AABANY) PRESENTS

## TRIAL REENACTMENT OF KOREMATSU V. U.S.

The landmark U.S. Supreme Court case concerned the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, which ordered Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II. Second Circuit Court of Appeals the Hon. Judge Denny Chin will be presiding over the reenactment.

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019**

**TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY A Q&A AND  
RECEPTION**

**LOCATION: FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURTROOM**

Contact [apalsa@law.fordham.edu](mailto:apalsa@law.fordham.edu) for questions & opportunities to participate



# ***SDNY Chapter Event***

## **National Community Outreach Project** ***April 11 and April 18, 2019***

During the month of April, the FBA held its fourth annual National Community Outreach Project, which had approximately 35 chapters, practice area sections, and career divisions across the nation conduct programs in federal courts that reached out to the community, in particular the youth.

In partnership with the mentoring program of the New York City Department of Education's ("DOE") Office of General Counsel, the SDNY chapter of the FBA held a two-part program to expose students in the Humanities-Civic Engagement class at Judith S. Kaye High School ("JSK") to the federal courts and justice system. JSK is a high school for students who are aging out of the traditional high school setting. Most of the students are transitioning out of state juvenile court systems and/or foster care, but remain committed to receiving their high school diploma.

On April 11, 2019, FBA-SDNY chapter president and civil rights attorney Wylie Stecklow, gave a presentation on civil rights and police interactions for the JSK Humanities-Civic Engagement class. Stecklow discussed many facets of lawyering from counseling clients to negotiating resolutions to trying cases, provided examples of police misconduct cases he has handled, and conducted a primer on what to do when interacting with the police. Stecklow provided a background on Thurgood Marshall to prepare students for their visit to the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse the following week and distributed pocket constitutions to the students.





# ***SDNY Chapter Event***

## **National Community Outreach Project** ***April 11 and April 18, 2019***

On April 18, 2019, the students in the Humanities-Civic Engagement class were invited to the Southern District of New York's Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse, to observe civil and criminal proceedings and have lunch at the courthouse. The JSK students were joined by students from the School of Cooperative Technical Education on that day. In total, 18 students and several school staff attended.

In the morning, the students met with the Honorable Richard J. Sullivan (2d Circuit) where they were able to ask questions and discuss a sentencing that Judge Sullivan was conducting that morning. The students observed the sentencing and then went to the courtroom of the Honorable George B. Daniels (SDNY) to observe an oral argument related to the Showtime program "Billions." The students were provided a pizza lunch in a conference room at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse. During lunch the students were given an overview of SDNY's Pretrial Services Office by Carlos Ramirez and of the U.S. Probation Office by Hildery Huffman. Both Judge Sullivan and Judge Daniels had lunch with the students and answered questions about the sentencing and oral argument. After lunch, students had a guided tour of the Second Circuit's courtroom and library by Scott Teman, an Assistant Circuit Executive. The students concluded the day by viewing the Circuit's interactive exhibit of Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The students and school staff had rave reviews about the program.



## FBA SDNY Spring CLE Series 2019

Civil Rights CLE

April 10, 2019

*An Overview of Civil Rights Litigation; Employment Discrimination –  
Police Misconduct – Voting Rights – IDEA*

**530-7pm 1.5 hours of CLE - Free Registration:**

<http://bit.do/FBACLEAPRIL10>

**500 Pearl Street - USDC - Room 850, NYC**

FBA & NYCLA CLE

May 1, 2019

*Building a Cyber-Shield for Your Law Firm and Clients*

**6-8pm 2 hours of CLE**

**New York County Lawyers Association**

**14 Vesey Street, NYC**

<http://tiny.cc/FBAMAY1CLE>

Alternative Dispute Resolution CLE

May 16, 2019

*Grasping Victory with an Open Hand: Effective Representation in  
Mediation*

**6-8pm 2 hours of CLE plus Cocktail Reception**

**500 Pearl Street - USDC - Room 850, NYC**

<http://tiny.cc/FBAMAY16CLE>



The Federal Bar Association's ADR Section and  
Southern District of New York Chapter

Cordially Invite You to a *Complimentary CLE & Cocktails:*  
***Grasping Victory with an Open Hand:  
Effective Representation in Mediation***

An Interactive Forum

Enjoy an Interactive Discussion in which Experienced Mediators engage with Representatives in Mediation to explore how to enhance the effectiveness of client representation in mediation.

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**\*\* All SDNY Mediators** (and others) invited to Come and *Share your Insights* \*\*

**\*\* All Attorneys who Represent** Parties in Mediation – Come, *Give Your Views & Hear Views of Neutrals* \*

**May 16, 2019**

**SDNY Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 850, New York, NY**

**Agenda:**

Opening Cocktail Reception: 6:00 p.m.  
1 Skills Hour CLE Program: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Closing Cocktail Reception: 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(CLE credit Transitional and Non-transitional. New York CLE credit only — approval pending)

**Opening Speaker:**

**Hon. George B. Daniels**, United States District Judge, SDNY

**Moderator:**

**Simeon H. Baum, Esq.**, Resolve Mediation Services, Inc. ([www.mediators.com](http://www.mediators.com))

**Panelists:**

**Joan Hogarth, Esq.**, Attorney-Arbitrator-Mediator, *The Non-Adversarial Alternative*

**Alex Zimmer, Esq.**, Private Mediator to both Families and Businesses in Conflict Resolution, Transitional Management, and Assistance Navigating Difficult Decisions

**Topics include:**

Mediator Selection; Preparation; Effective Openings; Messaging; Regulating Discourse and Tone; Handling Emotional & Cognitive Barriers; Analyzing & Generating Proposals; Getting the Best Deal

**Registration: <http://tiny.cc/FBAMAY16CLE>**

**FBA SDNY SPRING CLE SERIES 2019**



## Upcoming FBA SDNY Board Meetings

Friday May 31, 2019  
Friday June 21, 2019  
Friday July 19, 2019  
Friday August 16, 2019  
Friday September 13, 2019

To become more active in the SDNY chapter, please email  
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