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SDNY Chapter Events

2016 Rule of Law Awards, Honoring Bryan Stevenson

January 21, 2016



Left photo (left to right):
Robert Kohn, Chair, FBA
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Bryan Stevenson
Michael J. Zussman, SDNY
Chapter President

Right photo (left to right):
Barry Scheck
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Christopher Pisciotta



Letter from the President

Dear SDNY FBA Members:

2016 is well under way, and so is the Southern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Our calendar is full of high-caliber events and we hope to see you soon in attendance.

On January 21, 2016, our chapter, along with the FBA's Federal Litigation Section and Civil Rights Law Section, presented the Rule of Law Award to Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and author of New York Times best-seller, Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption. SDNY Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska gave opening remarks, and a remarkable panel, moderated by EDNY U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert, discussed issues of mass incarceration, racial issues in policing, and equal justice. Our panel consisted of SDNY U.S. District Judge Ronald Ellis, Anthony Romero, Executive Director of the ACLU, Barry Scheck, Co-Founder of the Innocence Project, Christopher Pisciotta, Attorney in Charge, Staten Island Legal Aid Office, and Bryan Stevenson, our 2016 honoree. Over 200 people were in attendance.

Please contact the editors if you would like to contribute an article to the New York Minutes: c/o Wendy Stein (wstein@gibbonslaw.com). Feel free to contact me at mzussman@cdas.com for more details about any of our upcoming events and to learn about how to become more involved with the Southern District of New York chapter.

-Michael J. Zussman

Mark Your Calendar!

February 11, 2016: Law of the Soil *(see flyer on p. 7 for additional information)*

Our chapter is co-sponsoring a CLE with the Haitian American Lawyers Association, entitled Law of the Soil: A Comparative Analysis of Birthright Citizenship in the Dominican Republic and United States, featuring Second Circuit Judge Raymond Joseph Lohier.

February 12, 2016: Fashion Law Conference

The Federal Bar Association is proud to present the third annual Fashion Law Conference, featuring high profile experts in fashion and intellectual property law. Co-sponsored by the FBA's Intellectual Property Section. **Registration available at <http://www.fedbar.org/Education/Calendar-CLE-events/2016-Fashion-Law-Seminar.aspx>**

February 23, 2016: Meet the SDNY U.S. Marshal, Michael Greco *(see flyer on p. 9 for additional information)*

Please join the FBA, Second Circuit, Southern District of New York and U.S. Marshals Service, for a "Meet the Marshal Presentation" celebrating SDNY U.S. Marshal Michael Greco.

Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann (2d Cir.), Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska (SDNY) and FBA National President Mark Vincent, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Utah, will be making remarks.

April 2, 2016: Midyear Meeting

This one-day meeting will kick off with a collaboration meeting in the morning for all chapter and section leaders to network and discuss best practices. The National Counsel Meeting will be held in the afternoon. For those arriving early, there will be a reception held in conjunction with the final round of the Younger Lawyers Division Moot court competition on April 1st.

April 13, 2016: Meet the White Plains SDNY Judges

Please join us in White Plains, NY to meet the White Plains District Judges.

April 18, 2016: Passing the Torch

Please join our chapter in a "Passing the Torch," program, as we honor and celebrate outgoing SDNY Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska and incoming SDNY Chief Judge Colleen McMahon.

April, 2016: Advanced Health Care Directives at the Federal Court

Our chapter's new Health Law Committee is hosting its first event as part of the FBA's National Community Outreach Program and National Health Care Decisions Day: Advanced Health Care Directives, a workshop to help federal court staff with end of life planning, such as living wills and health care proxies. Exact date TBD.

May 6, 2016: Admiralty and Maritime Law Event

In connection with the Maritime Lawyers Association annual meeting, our chapter's new Admiralty and Maritime Committee will co-sponsor a brown bag lunch at the federal court to discuss issues in maritime and admiralty law.

June 2, 2016: Military Veterans Event

The SDNY Chapter is humbled and honored to celebrate women military veterans. Please join us as we pay tribute to our bravest.

May 19, 2016: Capitol Hill Day

Please consider participating in this important event as FBA leaders from across the country meet with House and Senate offices to discuss important FBA legislative issues that impact the administration of justice and the federal courts. Participants will be provided guidance in scheduling meetings with lawmakers and briefed on the legislative issues leading up to Capitol Hill Day.



LAW OF THE SOIL: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC & UNITED STATES

When:

February 11th, 2016

6:00 pm - 8:30pm (Registration 5:30 pm)

Where

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
1540 Broadway
New York, NY 10036

Program Description

This CLE will examine the historical underpinnings and legal landscape that has led to the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court ruling (TC 168/13) which divested Dominicans of Haitian descent of citizenship. The program will also delve into issues relating to birthright citizenship in the United States and current litigations happening in the country. It will also explore the connection between the Dominican Republic situation and the US. Our distinguished panel of experts will explore issues such as:

- Who is a citizen?
- What international/regional treaties address the right to nationality?
- What are the implications of calls to reform birthright citizenship in the U.S.?

Panelists

Ms. Shakyra Diaz
Border of Lights

Mr. Juan Cartagena
LatinoJustice PRLDEF

Ms. Annette Martinez-Orobona
International Human Rights Clinic,
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico

Ms. Cassandre Theano
Open Society Justice Initiative

Moderator

Hon. Raymond J. Lohier, Jr. U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

RSVP required, you can RSVP at www.bit.ly/lawofsoil

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United States District Court for the Southern District of New York,
United States Marshals Service
and the Federal Bar Association
invite you to a U.S. Marshals presentation by SDNY U.S. Marshal, Michael Greco*



*Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:30 p.m. Program in Courtroom 110
Reception Follows in the Main Lobby and Room 145*

*Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann, Welcoming Remarks
Remarks by Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska and
FBA National President, Mark Vincent*

*Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007*

*RSVP by Friday, February 19, 2016
special_events@ca2.uscourts.gov*

Please be advised that guests will be required to pass through security checkpoints to attend this event.