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ASECA Annual Dinner to be Held on February 8, 2008 Mary L. Schapiro to Receive William O. Douglas Award SEC Chairman Christopher Cox Will Give Welcoming Remarks



Mary L. Schapiro, CEO of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), has been selected as the sixteenth recipient of the William O. Douglas Award. Ms. Schapiro is a former SEC Commissioner and Acting SEC Chairman and former Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Douglas Award, instituted by ASECA in 1992, is conferred annually on an SEC alumnus who has contributed to the development of the federal securities laws or served the financial and SEC community with distinction. The award will be presented at ASECA's annual dinner to be held on Friday, February 8, 2008 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. SEC Chairman

Christopher Cox will give welcoming remarks. The dinner is held in conjunction with PLI's "SEC Speaks." Information about the dinner is available on the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org.

FINRA is the largest non-governmental regulator for all securities firms doing business with the U.S. public. FINRA was created in 2007 through the consolidation of NASD and NYSE Member Regulation. Ms. Schapiro also serves as Chairman of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, the largest foundation in the U.S. dedicated to investor education.

Ms. Schapiro served for six years as an SEC Commissioner. She was appointed in 1988 by President Reagan, reappointed by President Bush in 1989, and named Acting Chairman by President Clinton in 1993. Following her service on the SEC, she was appointed Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in 1994 by President Clinton. As CFTC Chairman, she participated in the President's Working Group on Financial Markets with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board and the SEC. In 1996, Ms. Schapiro became President of NASD Regulation and was named Vice Chairman in 2002. In 2006, she was named NASD's Chairman and CEO. The following year, she led the organization's consolidation with NYSE Member Regulation to form FINRA. Ms. Schapiro is an active member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and was Chairman of the IOSCO SRO Consultative Committee from 2002 until 2006.

A 1977 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, Ms. Schapiro earned a Juris Doctor degree with honors from George Washington University in 1980. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. She was named the Financial Women's Association Public Sector Woman of the Year in 2000. She serves on the RAND Corporation's LRN-RAND Center of Corporate Ethics, Law and Governance Advisory Board.

Revisions to ASECA By-laws Proposed – Vote to be Held at Annual Dinner

The ASECA Board has conducted a review of ASECA's By-laws and has proposed a number of revisions to eliminate cumbersome requirements and conform the By-laws to current ASECA practices. ASECA members will vote on the proposed revisions at the annual dinner on February 8, 2008. See **page 5** for a description of the revisions. Read the text of the proposed revisions on the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org.

President's Message

Greetings to our extended family of SEC alumni. Our Association, which began in 1990 with a small group of SEC alumni who wished to continue the camaraderie that existed among them when they worked at the Commission, has continued to grow each year. Our annual alumni dinner, to be held February 8, 2008 in Washington, D.C., continues to serve as the annual gathering of SEC alumni and the broader community of SEC practitioners and supporters. This year, we are moving to a larger space, in order to accommodate the crowd.

As an organization, we have continued to expand through regional chapters, we have expanded our board and added terrific new members, and we have updated and expanded our membership directory and website. This has been made possible through the hard work of each member of our board, as well as the tireless efforts of our Executive Director, Cecile Srodes.

While each of us looks forward to our gatherings, in which we can recount the old stories and shared experiences of our work at the SEC, I believe ASECA can be most proud of the work it has done through its scholarships and writing competitions. ASECA contributes to two law center scholarship programs, through which we have awarded over \$80,000. Our SEC support staff scholarship program, since its inception in 1999, has provided over \$120,000 in scholarships to 56 SEC employees for their further education. Our nationwide competition for law student papers in the field of securities law has awarded \$52,000 in prizes since it began in 2000. And we continue to provide grants to the SEC Historical Society — almost \$80,000 in the last four years.

These activities are made possible by the wonderful support of our members — through your dues and through your attendance at our annual dinner. I hope to see all of you at the dinner this year on Friday, February 8th.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Cochran
President

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ASECA Adds New Board Members

ASECA has expanded its Board to 21 members, with the addition of Julie Bell, Rich Brodsky, Doug Hyman, Andre Owens, Tom Riesenber and Paul Roye. The Board sought to broaden representation by including members from SEC Divisions not previously represented, members from cities other than Washington and New York, and younger members.

A snapshot of new Board members:

- Julie Bell is counsel in the Washington D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson LLP. She worked at the SEC from 2002-2005. She served as a special counsel in the Office of Rulemaking in the Division of Corporation Finance and subsequently served as counsel to Commissioner Cynthia A. Glassman.
- Rich Brodsky is counsel in the Miami office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP. He worked at the SEC in the 1970s in the Division of Enforcement. He organized the South Florida chapter of ASECA which has sponsored programs for ASECA members in the state.
- Doug Hyman joins the Board from Chicago, where he works for UBS Financial Services, Inc. Doug spent three years, from 2000 to 2003, working on enforcement issues at the Chicago Regional Office. He organized ASECA's Midwest Regional Chapter which has held a number of programs in 2006 and 2007.
- Andre Owens is a partner in the Washington D.C. office of Wilmer Hale. He worked at the SEC from 1992 to 1997 in the Office of General Counsel. He also served as counsel to Commissioner Steven M. H. Wallman.
- Tom Riesenber is Deputy General Counsel for Ernst & Young LLP in the Washington D.C. office. He served at the SEC from 1985 to 1993 as a Special Counsel and Assistant General Counsel.
- Paul Roye joins the Board from Los Angeles, where he is Senior Vice President, Capital Research and Management. He served at the SEC from 1998 to 2005 as Director of Investment Management.

ASECA Looks Toward SEC's 75th Anniversary in 2009

The SEC's 75th anniversary will occur in June 2009. Commemoration of this significant event will begin in 2008, with gatherings for each SEC Regional Office planned during 2008 and 2009. The SEC Historical Society is organizing these events, with ASECA cosponsorship. ASECA members in the areas where SEC Regional Offices are located will be invited to attend. Watch for more information as plans develop on the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org, and the SEC Historical Society's website at www.sechistorical.org.

SAVE THE DATE of February 6, 2009 for ASECA's annual dinner, which will take on an expanded format in honor of the 75th Anniversary year.

Visit ASECA's updated website, www.secalumni.org, which now allows members to join, renew membership, and update contact information online.

2007 Annual Dinner Draws Record Crowd

ASECA's Fifteenth Annual William O. Douglas Awards Dinner drew a record crowd of more than 600 people in the Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. SEC alumni, practitioners, industry officials, and SEC officials and staff celebrated a reunion and presentation of the William O. Douglas Award to former SEC Chairman David S. Ruder. The dinner was held on Friday, February 9, 2007 in conjunction with PLI's "SEC Speaks." The dinner sold out for the first time, and the 2008 dinner has been moved to the larger space of the Atrium in the same building.

Robert C. Friese, President of ASECA opened the program with a summary of the organization's recent achievements, noting membership expansion and the increased activities of regional ASECA chapters in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York.

Following the presentation of awards for scholarships and the writing competition, and a delicious dinner, the audience was treated to an entertaining and provocative speech by noted author and SEC alumnus Richard North Patterson. The author of fourteen novels, including ten international bestsellers, spoke about his writing career and his trip to Israel and the Gaza Strip, the setting of his most recent novel.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the William O. Douglas Award, which is given each year to an SEC alumnus who has contributed to the development of the federal securities laws or has served the financial and SEC community with distinction. The 2007 award winner was David S. Ruder, former SEC Chairman and Professor of Law Emeritus at Northwestern University School of Law. Professor Ruder served as SEC Chairman from August 1987 to October 1989. As chairman, he dealt with the October 1987 stock market crash, supervised the SEC enforcement action against Drexel Burnham Lambert, initiated a penny stock fraud program, and enlarged SEC initiatives in international securities regulation. Professor Ruder was introduced by his friend and former student, ASECA President Bob Friese. Additional information about Professor Ruder, as well as a copy of his speech at the dinner, "A 2007 Agenda for the Securities and Exchange Commission," can be found on the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org.

The Annual Dinner also includes the presentation of ASECA scholarships and awards. This year, \$28,000 in scholarships and \$10,000 in writing competition prizes were awarded to law students and SEC support staff. Kathleen Gallagher presented the Georgetown University Law Center scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to Edwin S. Kim of Alexandria, VA, a candidate for an LL.M. degree in the Securities and Financial Regulation program. Mr. Kim is an SEC employee in the headquarters office, where he serves as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

Roberta Karmel announced the Brooklyn Law School scholarships totaling \$5,000 which were awarded to Christopher Ferrara, New York, NY; Jennifer A. Rutledge, Bloomfield, NJ; and Erin Tobin, Staten Island, NY.

Steve Cutler and Marti Cochran presented SEC staff scholarships of \$3,000 each to the following: Sheila McCoy, Office of Investor Education and Assistance; Denise R. Moody, Office of Public Affairs; Karline (Kay) Reid, Division of Corporation Finance; and Holly R. Smith, Division of Investment Management. Scholarships were also awarded to Yolanda Brown and Sheila Meaders of the Chicago Regional Office.

Frank Razzano presented awards for the ASECA Writing Competition for law student articles in the field of securities law. The following were all present to accept the awards:

- First Prize of \$5,000 to Mary M. Caskey, Editor in Chief, Valparaiso University Law Review, for *Lifting the Fog: Finding a Clear Standard of*

Liability for Secondary Actors under Rule 10b-5.

- Second Prize of \$3,000 to Christopher T. Pickens, George Mason University School of Law, for *Of Bookies and Brokers: Are Sports Futures Gambling or Investing, and Does It Even Matter?*
- Third Prize of \$2,000 to Stanislav Dolgoplov, University of Michigan Law School, for *Insider Trading, Chinese Walls, and Brokerage Commissions: The Origins of Modern Regulation of Information Flows in Securities Markets.*

The dinner ended with ASECA President Bob Friese literally turning over the gavel to new President Marti Cochran.



Former SEC Chairman David S. Ruder, recipient of the William O. Douglas Award, addresses dinner guests.



ASECA President Bob Friese presents the William O. Douglas Award to David S. Ruder.

2007 Annual Dinner (Cont.)



Steve Cutler and Marti Cochran with SEC staff scholarship award winners.



SEC alumnus and best-selling author Richard North Patterson speaks to dinner guests.



(Left) Kathy Gallagher presents the Georgetown University Law Center scholarship to SEC employee Edwin S. Kim.



Frank Razzano congratulates Mary M. Caskey, Editor in Chief, Valparaiso University Law Review, on winning first prize in the Writing Competition.

(Below left) Frank Razzano with Writing Competition second prize winner Christopher T. Pickens of George Mason University School of Law.



Frank Razzano hands over third prize in the Writing Competition to Stanislav Dolgoplov, University of Michigan Law School.

Revisions to ASECA By-laws Proposed Vote to be Held at Annual Dinner

For the past year, ASECA Board members Amy Goodman and Aulana Peters have been reviewing the ASECA By-laws. The purpose of this review was to eliminate some of the cumbersome requirements of the original By-laws and to conform them to the current practice of conducting ASECA business.

ASECA was established in New York State as a not-for-profit corporation in 1990, and its By-laws contain requirements that conform with New York law, including membership voting. ASECA received a Certificate of Authority to transact business under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act in 1995. The District of Columbia imposes less stringent requirements on its nonprofit corporations, and the Board considered whether ASECA should be reincorporated in the District of Columbia. It was concluded that such conversion would be difficult, requiring, among other things, approval of the New York Attorney General and the members of ASECA and the reapplication for tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Board decided that the best course of action for ASECA is: (1) to remain a New York not-for-profit corporation; (2) to simplify its By-laws, including the addition of a provision for classes of members whereby only Board members would be voting members; and (3) to have the revised By-laws approved by members at a meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual dinner on February 8, 2008. The major changes from the current By-laws are:

- Provide for both annual and life membership and eliminate other classes of membership. The cost of life membership will be set by the Board by resolution from time to time.
- Officers will be appointed by the Board of Directors rather than by members.
- Eliminate First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents. Officers will consist of: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary (may be same as Executive Director). The immediate past President shall also be an officer.
- Officers will serve one-year terms and may be reappointed for successive terms.
- Retain the option for the Board to establish the position of Regional Chair.
- Set Board size at 5-25 directors as determined by the Board.
- Establish two classes of members, directors and all other members; only directors will be voting members.
- Board members will be divided into three classes and serve three-year staggered terms, so that one-third of the Board is elected each year.
- Provide for a Nominating Committee made up of directors who shall recommend candidates for appointment as officers and election of directors pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board.

- Provide that the Board rather than members can amend the By-laws.

The complete text of the proposed revisions is available on the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org. The ASECA Board has approved these revisions to the By-laws and is now submitting them to the membership for approval, as provided in the current By-laws. The annual dinner on February 8 will include a brief meeting to conduct a vote on the revised By-laws. Results will be announced in a newsletter published in spring of 2008.

ASECA Financial Summary January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

INCOME

2007 Dinner Receipts	171,560
2008 Dinner Receipts	-
Dues	13,320
Interest Income	4,952
Scholarship Funds	5,433
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 195,265

EXPENSES

2006 Dinner Expense	1,000
2007 Dinner Expense	66,479
2008 Dinner Expense	5,000
Bank Charge	254
Directory	-
Donations	2,126
Executive Director	27,500
Miscellaneous	1,689
Newsletter	2,607
Office Supplies	127
Postage/PO Box	1,172
Scholarships	16,931
Tax Preparation	575
Telephone	772
Website	5,594
Writing Awards	12,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 143,827

SEC Alums Gather in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York

Chicago Area Alums Consider Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, SEC History

Building on its successful launch in 2006, ASECA's Midwest Regional Chapter continued to hold successful programs in 2007. A luncheon roundtable on issues related to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act was held on July 12 at the Chicago offices of Grant Thornton. The discussion was led by ASECA members Jerome Tomas from Baker & McKenzie and Ken Cunningham from Grant Thornton's Risk, Regulatory and Legal Affairs group.

The highlight of the year was the very successful program and pre-holiday gathering hosted by Neal Gerber Eisenberg LLP on November 15. Carla Rosati, Executive Director of the SEC Historical Society, presented an online tour of the Society's virtual museum and archive of SEC and securities history at www.sechistorical.org and discussed plans for the commemoration of the SEC's 75th anniversary. Former SEC Chairman and Professor of Law Emeritus at Northwestern University also addressed the group and was enthusiastically received.

California Chapter Honors Stanley Sporkin

ASECA continued its tradition of hosting a cocktail reception and dinner following the annual Securities Regulation Seminar cosponsored by the SEC and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Business and Corporations Section. The event was held in Los Angeles on Friday, October 19 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. ASECA Board member, retired federal judge, and former SEC Enforcement Director Stanley Sporkin was the featured speaker.

New York Group Builds on Success

SEC alumni in the New York area gathered again in November for a cocktail reception following the PLI Institute on Securities Regulation. The event was attended by more than 100 people, a great increase over last year's turnout. It was held on Thursday, November 8 at the Hilton New York. The gathering was hosted by ASECA, Akerman Senterfitt, Baker Botts, Baker Hostetler, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, Herrick, and Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse Hirschtritt.

Support for Students: An ASECA Tradition

ASECA has a long-standing tradition of providing financial support for law students and SEC support staff to continue their education. Since the first scholarship was established in 1995, ASECA has contributed more than \$250,000 to students in scholarship and writing competition awards. These activities are funded by dues, contributions to the Scholarship Fund, and annual dinner ticket purchases. ASECA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; contributions for ASECA Scholarship Programs are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

ASECA's financial support to students includes:

• SEC Staff Scholarships

Each year ASECA provides up to 10 scholarships of \$3,000 each to SEC support staff to further their educational and professional goals. Scholarships are available to secretaries, paralegals, technical support staff, file clerks and other administrative staff who have worked at the SEC full-time for more than one year. The award must be used toward an accredited degree-granting program. Since 1999, ASECA has provided \$121,400 in scholarship money to 56 SEC employees.

• Georgetown University Law Center Scholarships

ASECA has established a fund administered by Georgetown University Law Center which provides an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to a student in the J.D. or LL.M. program who is a

current or former SEC employee. The amount was increased from \$2,500 in 2002. Since this fund was established in 1995, 14 Georgetown law students have received \$52,500 through the ASECA scholarship.

• Brooklyn Law School Scholarships

ASECA has committed to provide \$5,000 per year to students at Brooklyn Law School who are current or former employees or interns at the SEC. Since the program began in 2002, 31 Brooklyn Law students have received \$36,000 in ASECA scholarships.

• Writing Competition

ASECA has conducted a nationwide writing competition since 2000. Law students may submit a paper on any topic in the field of securities law. Cash prizes are \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for third place. Prior to 2007, the awards were \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. In 2006, 38 papers were submitted by students at 33 law schools. Since 2000, 24 law students have been awarded \$52,000 through the ASECA writing competition.

REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership in ASECA for 2008, please do so now using the form on the opposite page. You may also renew online at www.secalumni.org.

If you know someone who wants to join ASECA, please give them a copy of the form or refer them to the ASECA website, www.secalumni.org.



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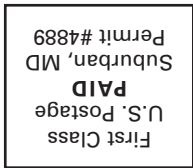
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