



Sidebar

Idaho Chapter Federal Bar Association Quarterly Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM J. WALTER SINCLAIR, PRESIDENT



The Idaho Chapter had its last leadership meeting on August 18th at the Federal Courthouse. Please join us for the next meeting if your schedule

allows – it is tentatively scheduled for October 17th at the Federal Courthouse – but we will officially notify everyone when that is confirmed.

It is very rewarding to see our membership numbers growing. We have added approximately 15 new member since the first of the year, and are still growing. Ashley Akers, a law clerk for Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith is on the national board of the FBA's Law Student Division and will be working with us this fall to establish student chapters of the FBA at Concordia, Gonzaga and the University of Idaho law schools. We are looking forward to including these law students in our events.

The FBA periodically awards its Exemplary Service Award to honor attorneys or non-attorneys who have improved the quality of practice in Idaho's federal courts. These individuals are recognized by their peers and the Idaho Chapter as demonstrating professionalism, collegiality, mentoring, and providing quality legal representation.

The recipient of this year's Award is Daniel (Dan) E. Williams. A Boise native, Dan obtained his B.A. from Yale University in 1984 with a degree in English Language and Literature. He received his law degree in 1988 from the University of Michigan Law School. He has worked tirelessly for the FBA on our Tri-State Conference and has attended all of the Tri-State programs since its inception in 2005. He is also active in Bar and CLE programs.



He will receive his Award at the District of Idaho Bench-Bar Conference in Boise on Friday, October 28, 2016. Congratulations Dan!

The Brown Bag CLE programs have been well received this year, as has the case summaries, which we just started a few months ago. If you have ideas of other activities you would like to see the FBA involved in, please let us know how we can better serve you.

Please put our holiday reception on your calendar – it is scheduled for December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Crane Creek Country Club, located at 500 West Curling Drive, Boise. This is always well attended by the Judges and we hope to see as many other FBA members as can make it.

SOLACE INITIATIVE

Incoming FBA national president Judge Michael J. Newman has identified the rollout of the SOLACE program on a national basis as one of his priorities. SOLACE stands for Support of Lawyers/Legal Professionals All Concern Encouraged. The sole purpose



**Katie Ball, Chair
 SOLACE Program, Idaho
 Chapter**

of the program is for the legal community to reach out in a meaningful and compassionate way to any judge, lawyer, court personnel, paralegal, legal secretary, and

their families in a time of need due to a death, catastrophic illness, sickness, or injury. The plan is to implement SOLACE through each of the FBA Chapters. With that in mind, Walt Sinclair appointed FBA member Katie Ball as the Chair of the Chapter's SOLACE Program, with Susie Headlee serving as Vice-Chair. Susie attended SOLACE training held at the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in mid-September. Additional information about this very worthwhile program will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.



ATTORNEYS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

As part of our Chapter's assistance to the National FBA, our Chapter has been asked to participate in some manner with civics education programs in Idaho and explain to our students how important the Judiciary is in that governmental process. National has provided our Chapter with resources that we can share while partnering with the leadership of the Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE). Our Chapter's liaison is Amy Lombardo of Parsons Behle & Latimer. Amy will oversee our Chapters efforts providing materials and/or attorneys to support these efforts.



**Amy Lombardo, ACE
 Liaison, Idaho Chapter**

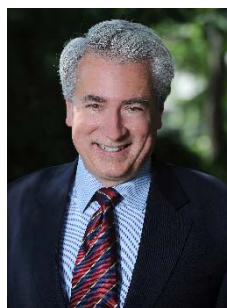
ACE meets at the Idaho Law & Justice Learning Center on the third Thursday of each month over the lunch hour. One of the specific Idaho programs that ACE is actively supporting is Idaho We the People Program.

The national Center for Civic Education partners with a network of 50 state civics, government, and law programs sponsored by state bar associations and foundations, colleges and universities, and other civic and law non-profit organizations to promote teaching and learning about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. State programs conduct local teacher professional development seminars, hold conferences and organize local and state simulated congressional hearings for elementary and secondary students. Each year these state programs impact thousands of teachers and tens of thousands of students.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

by Bruce Moyer, Counsel for
 Government Relations

The Senate has returned from its seven-week recess with little appetite by the Republican-majority leadership to confirm more judicial nominees, except as the demands of election-year politics may require.



The Senate is on pace to confirm the lowest number of federal district and appellate judges in decades. The number of vacancies on the nation's courts has also doubled the past two years to 96 vacancies — more than 10 percent of all federal judgeships and what the Congressional Research Service calls "historically high" levels.

Judicial nominees traditionally are considered in the order they were

nominated, and there are 21 non-controversial district and 2 circuit judicial nominees who await confirmation votes on the Senate floor.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on September 7 held a hearing on five Texas district court nominees, who are among the 30 judicial nominees who haven't yet been reported out of committee.

As of September 9, here are the federal court vacancy numbers, as reported by the Federal Judiciary:

FEDERAL JUDICIAL VACANCIES

Jurisdiction	Vacancies	Nominees Pending
Supreme Court	1	1
Court of Appeals	12	7
District Courts	75	42
Intern'l Trade	2	2
Federal Claims	6	5
Totals	96	57

In the coming weeks, Democrats are expected to increase pressure on Republicans to confirm Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court. Garland's nomination has languished for months because Republicans say they want the next president, not the current one, to make that life-long appointment.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT CHAPTER

I am honored to help start Idaho's first student chapter of the Federal Bar Association. I will contribute my very best efforts to this organization, my colleagues and mentors, and the overall professional development and ethical obligation required in federal practice.

My involvement with the Federal Bar Association, through the University of Idaho College of Law student division, is primarily focused on the Chapter's objectives and upcoming events for this academic year. An important goal for our Chapter is to provide Idaho law students with useful and substantive information regarding practice in federal law and to stimulate the interest of law students in the activities of the FBA. One way that we will accomplish this is by hosting a variety of social events with guest speakers that include federal judges, law clerks, and other federal practitioners, and mediators.



**Colt Catlin, President,
University of Idaho
College of Law
FBA Student Chapter**

Additionally, because the FBA is a national organization with chapters across the country, it will provide a unique networking opportunity to connect law students with private employers, federal judges, and clerkship opportunities. Through this connection, I know there will be several benefits. First, law students will be informed about federal practice nationally and specifically in Idaho. Second, law students will have an increased professional and social network that will benefit them in job placement post-graduation. Third, federal practitioners will have the opportunity to provide insight and direction for soon-to-be lawyers and contribute to the professional development in this field; in a sense, practitioners will influence students' understanding regarding the standard of performance, and expectation of professionalism, that will be required of them when they enter practice.

I look forward to working closely with the Idaho Chapter's leadership and learning more about National and its overall mission.

FBA ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

I attended the Annual Meeting and Convention this past September in Cleveland, Ohio at the Chapter's

request. National FBA staff were incredible – the conference was well organized, and the staff was gracious and accommodating. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting FBA members from across the country, and new information about CLE programming, and membership ideas for our Chapter.

This was my second annual meeting and simply put -- Cleveland is a great city!! Mayor Frank Jackson welcomed our group on the first day. I attended several CLE programs, trainings and meetings that were held for Chapter representatives. One of the highlights of the CLEs I attended was on Friday morning, *The Problem with Exonerates*, which examined the process and legal strategies used in freeing the innocent, the role of Innocence Projects throughout the country and issues inmates face upon their release and re-entry into their local communities.



**Susie Headlee Executive
Director, Idaho Chapter**

I also attended a three-hour program of the National Council where reports were provided by FBA leadership and Jonathan Hafen (Membership Chair) reported that we currently have **18,546 members (100 Chapters), which is the largest membership in FBA history.**

In addition to his SOLACE and Civics Education initiatives, Judge Newman indicated he will continue to stress the importance of the FBA's work including:

- Adequate funding of federal courts
- Prompt action (up or down) on judicial nominees
- Establishment of Article I Immigration Court

I was able to participate in collaborative meetings with Circuit Vice-Presidents, Chapter, Section, and Division leaders,

and in the roundtable discussions that focused on (1) Membership, (2) Programming, and (3) Leadership.

Social events were held in the evenings, which included a large reception at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and on Saturday evening, the formal installation of Federal Judge Michael Newman as our new FBA President. (I might add that Judge Newman will be attending the Tri-State in Sun Valley in October, 2016, where he will serve as the keynote luncheon speaker).

Mark your calendars for future meeting dates:

- Capitol Hill Day, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2017
- Leadership Training, Washington, D.C., April 21-22, 2017
- Annual Meeting and Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, September 15-16, 2017



**Judge Michael J. Newman, 2017 National FBA President;
Mark Vincent (recent past FBA President);
Mayor of Cleveland Frank Jackson; and
Kip Bollin, FBA National President-Elect**

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Federal Bar Association

Benefits of Membership

Joining the FBA entitles you to membership within the national organization as well as within your local FBA chapter. Members receive a host of special benefits designed to uphold the mission of the FBA and support each member's career within the federal legal system. Association activities and member benefits are organized into five primary categories.

You're in Good Company

Years in Practice

Years in Practice	Percentage
0-5	23%
6-10	13%
11+	56%
Retired	1%
Student	7%

Note: Chart only includes practicing attorney members of the Association.

Gender

Gender	Percentage
Male	68%
Female	32%

Types of Practice

Types of Practice	Percentage
Private	73%
Public	12%
Judiciary	9%
Student	6%
Retired	1%

Advocacy

The organization's headquarters are located outside of Washington, D.C., in Arlington, Va., giving it the proximity necessary to remain engaged on behalf of its members.

- government relations efforts as defined by the FBA Issues Agenda
- annual Capitol Hill Day
- monthly updates on recent government relations developments

Publications and Communication

As part of your membership, you will receive and have access to:

- FBA website (www.fedbar.org)
- The Federal Lawyer magazine (10x per year)
- weekly eNewsletter
- section, division, and chapter newsletters
- Judicial Profile Index (archived)

Legal Career Center

The Legal Career Center is an online resource for both employers looking to hire and job seekers looking for a position within the federal legal community. Employers have the option of posting jobs available to the FBA Legal Career Center only, or to the Legal Job Exchange Network that reaches thousands of potential candidates through the network of partner job boards. Job seekers have free access and can use the Legal Career Center to post resumes, search for jobs, and prepare for interviews, as they launch their careers.

Member-Only Advantages

- Member Plus affinity program
- online membership directory
- optional public directory listing
- online specialty items catalog
- discounted rates for CLE, networking events, publications, and other services

Networking and Leadership

The FBA is large enough to have an impact on the federal legal profession, but small enough to provide opportunities for networking and leadership. The FBA is governed by a 15-member, elected, Board of Directors and numerous volunteer members.

- more than 95 chapters across all federal circuits
- 24 practice area sections
- six career divisions
- volunteer leadership opportunities within each chapter, section, and division

Education

The FBA offers more than 700 credit hours of continuing legal education (CLE) at both the national and local level throughout the year.

- national CLE conferences
- local chapter-sponsored CLE events
- opportunity to receive up to 12 free CLE credits via audio webinars*

*This is subject to A/CLE requirements for your state. Please note that some states do not approve distance learning credits.

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Support

Sixty dollars of every sustaining membership is used to support educational programs and publications of the FBA.

Save

Sustaining members save five percent on national event registrations and publications orders, and are recognized annually in *The Federal Lawyer* and at FBA events.

Federal Bar Association

2016 Idaho Chapter, FBA Members

We are delighted to welcome our new Idaho Chapter, FBA Members!

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