



# Federal Bar Association

## **Federal Bar Association (FBA) – Law Student Division (LSD)**

### **August Meeting Minutes**

August 4th, 2023

#### **Roll Call:**

Eyal Schwartz (1<sup>st</sup> Cir.)  
Mary Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir.)  
Eli Yemzow (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir.)  
Shane Hursh (4<sup>th</sup> Cir.) - Present  
Janell Thompson (5<sup>th</sup> Cir.)  
Brendan Mohan (6<sup>th</sup> Cir.) - Present  
Brandy Johnson (8<sup>th</sup> Cir.)  
Christina Hough (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.)  
Meg Glasmann (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.)  
Briana Harris (11<sup>th</sup> Cir.)  
Malcolm Deisz (At Large) - Present  
Jenifer Tomchak (Chair) - Present  
Kevin Maxim - Present  
Anna Howard  
Mike McCarthy  
Daniel Hamilton - Present

#### **August Meeting**

##### **Welcome (Jenifer Tomchak - Chair):**

- Our meeting date & time will continue as: First Friday of each Month at 1:00 PM MDT.
- The following Federal Bar Association (FBA) Law Student Division (LSD) Nominations have a deadline of Sept. 15th: Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary will take Meeting Minutes and handle the Calendar. The Treasurer will report on Expenses at each Meeting.
- The Bylaws passed without change. There were two minor revisions. Two Representatives will be allowed from each Circuit. We will need to add a new Representative from each Circuit, and fill in for those Representatives shortening their terms.
- The FBA LSD will be receiving a Sections & Divisions Award at the 2023 FBA Annual Conference in Memphis, Tennessee this September!

- National Committee Openings begin on August 5th.
- Law Students can look at assistance in subsidizing the Annual Conference from their local chapter and law schools. The Peabody Hotel will also be offering a discounted rate. Shared housing can also decrease the costs.
- National Initiatives, such as the Law Student Summer Series, Resume Reviews, and Virtual Mock Interviews, are being looked into.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- No Quorum. We will need to approve the May Meeting Minutes in the September Meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Commutations Committee (Jenifer Tomchak - Chair):**

- The new LinkedIn in place!

#### **Programing Committee (Malcolm Deisz – At Large):**

- The primary update is that our first Programing Event is scheduled for October 14th.
- The Day in the Life Series partnered with Federal Litigation Committee and is working with Angela Marconie. The structure in place and the Programing Committee is soliciting suggestions. The Programming Committee is finalizing each attorney speaking. Prompts would be great. It will be over Zoom.
- Meg Glasmann (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.) has gathered Health Sector attorneys and is awaiting their response. There will be a panel of attorneys.
- One Programming Event per Quarter - or one per Semester for law students – was agreed upon to be the most doable and not overwhelming.
- There was one more idea to look at latter date: Program Grads and Showcase for Spring.

#### **Networking Committee (Brendan Mohan – 6<sup>th</sup> Cir.; Shane Hursh – 4<sup>th</sup> Cir.)**

- There is an idea to send a Letter to LSD Presidents & Law Schools highlighting the Annual Convention and encouraging FBA Chapters to come and encouraging them to ask their Law School and Local Chapters for assistance.
- There is an idea to create a FBA LSD GroupMe for FBA Student Chapter Executive Boards to quickly communicate and collaborate.
- FBA Trivia and Travel Guide are ideas that will be looked into again in the Fall '23 or Spring '24 Semesters
- The FBA Annual Convention will have programming for rising professionals. Jenifer Tomchak (Chair) will follow up on the possibility of student options. The LSD Section

Award will be accepted by Jenifer Tomchak (Chair) and Student Representatives at the Conference!

- A Young Attorney/Student Mentoring Program was proposed due to the difficulty of getting mentors to sign up for an extended period of time. The short term Mentorship Programs have been great and sometimes turn into long term mentorships. The Lift Up Leaders Mentorship Program is in place and should have an option for Students. This emphasis would help encourage Students to continue in mentorship as Young Lawyers. A Luncheon Mentorship Event could bolster this. Additionally early law students would be a great demographic to aim at.
- Improving the FBA Store was an idea that was proposed. This would expand the FBA Store from more than key chains and pins to include shirts, YETI mugs, etc.
- The Judicial Clerkship Presentation Update was a huge success. Judge Johnson and Bloom filed in. There were around 60-80 people. The Presentation was recorded and is going to be used for the Judiciary Committee. A Judicial Internship Program was recently started, and Brendan Mahon is helping them spread the word on that. Overall, the event went very well.

#### Law School to Practice Committee (Jenifer Tomchak - Chair)

- Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.) was having a difficult time getting into the Team Meeting. Jenifer Tomchak (Chair) will ask them to circulate their report.

#### Membership Committee (Jenifer Tomchak - Chair):

- The Chapter Toolkit was amazing. It consisted of so much information and Janell Thompson (5th Cir.) did an outstanding job. It still needs revision for consistency and accurate information. These starter kits will be amazing and would be great in a revised form after suggestions for adding or changing. It will be like a Bible for Student Leaders. Jenell Thompson (5<sup>th</sup> Cir.) was commended by the Division for her work on it!

#### Liaison Reports (Jenifer Tomchak - Chair)

- The Civil Rights Day in the Life is on August 18th at 2:00 EST and September 1st at 2:00 PM EST.
- That should be everything! Excited for this year!

**Meeting Adjourned**