



# Federal Bar Association

## **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION (FBA) – LAW STUDENT DIVISION (LSD)** **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

September 1, 2023

- Zoom -

### **Roll Call**

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.)  
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - **Present**  
Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.)  
Shane Hursh (4th Cir.) - **Present**  
Janell Thompson (5th Cir.) - **Present**  
Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.) - **Present**  
Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.) - Excused  
Christina Hough (9th Cir.) - **Present**  
Meg Glasmann (10th Cir.) - **Present**  
Briana Harris (11th Cir.)  
Malcolm Deisz (At Large) - Excused  
Jen Tomchak (Chair) - **Present**  
Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**  
Anna Howard (Ex Officio) - **Present**  
Mike McCarthy (National Staff Liaison) - **Present**  
Daniel Hamilton (National Staff Liaison)  
**\*Quorum Present**

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Jen Tomchak (Chair)**

- New Circuit Representatives being added for the next term.
- Law Student Division (LSD) was selected for a Sections and Divisions Award at the FBA National Convention.
- Jen Tomchak was selected for the Outstanding Leader of the Year Award.
- Co-presentation with the FBA Younger Lawyers Division (YLD) on Thursday (September 21). Jack Blum (D.C. Cir.) and Sarah Haven (10th Cir.) will be on the panel. Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.) will be the moderator. The topic is what younger lawyers wish they had known early in their careers, what they wish they had taught us in law school, and the different tips and tricks that they've learned to be successful in practicing for their careers. Share any questions for the panel to Jen Tomchak and Brendan Mohan.

- Items that FBA Nationals indicated it wanted FBA LSD to work on this year:
  - o Law Students Summer Series - Already exists in D.C. Circuit. They do the Summer Law Clerk Program that's primary directed to government jobs. They would like us to both be more integrated into that into that series. Overall, things that are more focused on law students and how to be successful over the summer. If there is interest or ideas in participating in notify Jen Tomchak after we get the new board members and committee assignments. If someone thinks that their committee would be a good home for this project, let Jen Tomchak know.
  - o Resume Review and Virtual Mock Interviews – Notify Jen Tomchak if your committee would be a good home for this as well.

**Approval of May and August Meeting Minutes**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

I will entertain a motion for approval of the May Meeting Minutes.

Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.)

So moved.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Do we have a second?

Shane Hursh (4th Cir.)

Second?

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

All in favor?

All

Aye

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Any opposed?

*\*None*

**- May Meeting Minutes Approved -**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

The May Meeting Minutes are adopted. Now turning to the revised August Meeting Minutes. I'll entertain a motion to approve the revised August Meeting Minutes.

Janell Thompson (5th Cir.)

So moved.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Janelle moves. Do we have a second?

Christina Hough (9th Cir.)

Second

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Christina seconded. Thank you. All in favor?

All

Aye.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Any opposed?

*\*None*

**- August Meeting Minutes Adopted -**

**Financial Report**

Mike McCarthy (National Staff Liaison)

- FBA Nationals set aside some funds so that the Section and Division Officers can be reimbursed.
- FBA LSD has had just one reimbursement.
- Fiscal Year 2023 ends at the conclusion of September. Quarterly Reports sent to all the Sections and Divisions that have dues. FBA LSD & YLD does not collect dues. FBA assigns funds each year based on whatever their relevant needs are.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- FBA LSD Treasurer will be appointed for the next term.
- Potentiality of small FBA LSD gathering at FBA Annual Meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications/Publications Committee**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Communications and Publications we got a LinkedIn page started for FBA LSD.

Mike McCarthy (National Staff Liaison)

- Two volunteers have access to it.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Drafting District Contact Letter that will include the LinkedIn information,
- Programming Committee blocked in October 13 for the Federal Litigation Section Webinar.

### Programming Committee

#### Meg Glasmann (10th Cir.)

- Reaching out to Health Law group regarding potential Programming Committee events.

#### Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Leadership Summit Program Guides and the Showcase Events: As we get closer to March, we can finalize what this look like.
- Bar Preparation Presentation: January makes the most sense. Potentially January 19.

### Networking Committee

#### Shane Hursh (4th Cir.)

- Informal Law Student Chapter GroupMe: Attempt to connect FBA Law Students in an informal matter of consistent communication. Local Student Chapter Executive Boards would be in the forum, collaborate, and highlight events.
- Letter District Chapters Regarding Student Chapters: Letter to Student Chapters encouraging them to reach out to their District Chapter, attend the National Convention, and attend the Leadership Summit.
- Travel Guide & Trivia Night: Travel Guide and Trivia Night are old ideas that can be bring back this term. Hopefully at the end of this semester or early next semester. March Madness Trivia Night theme may be a great idea.

#### Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.)

- Importance of Regional & Local FBA Work: Assisting Dayton FBA Student Chapter and Ohio Northern FBA Student Chapter. Attempting to get a Regional Group together.
- FBA International Law Section Board/United Nations Event: Event between Dayton FBA Student Chapter and FBA International Law Board (ILB). ILB wants to do more events with FBA Law Students. ILB is not opposed to sending law students to the United Nations for the Econ. We can pool resources and planning for an event like that. Looking for similar, unique opportunities with FBA Sections.

### Law School to Practice Committee

*\*Nothing to Report*

### Membership Committee

#### Janell Thompson (5th Cir.)

- Diversity and Inclusion Plan. Draft has gone out. A couple of those items have to do with leadership. There are some leadership aspects that left for Jen, Daniel, and Mike to discuss on how to implement more diversity an inclusion in the implementation process. In general, if there are any other ways that other committees can assist – such as the Communication Committee with fliers – that we can potentially push to student chapters. I hope to have it fixed up by the end of September in order to get it voted on in October.

## Liaison Reports

### Janell Thompson (5th Cir.)

- The Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section did an event on How to Start in Antitrust Law. Since I will be cutting my term short, I wanted to highlight how great the Antitrust Section was to work with. If anyone is interested in taking over, they're very active and include you in meetings.

### Shane Hursh (4th Cir.)

- The Admiralty Section reported having a large growth in students who are joining that section. They mentioned the desire for having student involvement to have this tradition with the next generation. I'm sure this sentiment is shared across Sections. They are just overall very excited for pairing with the Law Student Division.

### Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- That's a very good Section for a Day in the Life Series. Next time you talk to them you should mention this to them and see if we can do a webinar date.

### Mike McCarthy (National Staff Liaison)

- Admiralty Law is having an in-person event in St. Thomas at the law school there. It's a 3 ½ hour CLE with a reception to follow.

## Past/Upcoming Events

### Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- There is a two-part Civil Rights Division series that is closing up today.

### Mike McCarthy (National Staff Liaison)

- The Lift Up Leaders Mentorship Program just started. Sign-ups go through the beginning of October. It also has great flash mentoring and an algorithm that will pair you with a mentor based on the information that you put in and the questions that you answer.

## Other Business

### Jen Tomchak (Chair)

I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

### Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.)

So moved.

### Meg Glasmann (10th Cir.)

Second.

### Jen Tomchak (Chair)

All in favor say "Aye."

All

Aye.

**- Meeting Adjourned -**