



# Federal Bar Association

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION (FBA) – LAW STUDENT DIVISION (LSD)

### DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2023 – 3:04 PM

- Zoom -

#### Roll Call

Jen Tomchak (Chair) - **Present**  
Brendan Mohan (Student Chair) - **Present**  
Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer) - **Present**  
Shane Hursh (Student Secretary) - **Present**  
Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.) - **Present**  
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - **Present**  
Negin Nader Bazrafkan (2nd Cir.) – Excused  
Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.) - Absent  
Caleb Morris (4th Cir.) - Excused  
Janell Thompson (5th Cir.) – Excused  
De’Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.) - **Present**  
Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.) - **Present**  
Caitlin Harrington (6th Cir.) - Excused  
Derrick Foster Ransom II (6th Cir.) - Excused  
Malcolm Deisz (7th Cir.) - **Present**  
Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.) – Excused  
Taylor Brown (8th Cir.) - Excused  
Andrew Fender (10th Cir.) - **Present**  
Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.) - **Present**  
Briana Harris (11th Cir.) - Absent  
Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.) - **Present**  
Colleen Donald (11th Cir.) - Excused  
Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio) - Excused  
Mitch Jacob (At Large/Ex Officio) - Absent  
Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**  
Anna Howard (Ex Officio) - **Present**  
Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member) – Excused  
Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - **Present**  
Joseph Feldstein (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Absent  
Mike McCarthy (Staff Liaison) - **Present**  
Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) – **Present**

**\*Quorum Present**

## DECEMBER MEETING

### Welcome

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Thank you for being here during finals week!

### November Meeting Minutes

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

I move to approve the corrected November Meeting minutes.

Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.)

Seconded.

All

Approved.

- **\*Corrected November Meeting Minutes Approved -**

### Events Calendar

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Please send any events for the Events Calendar to Shane and Maddie with name of event and date.

The recent events that will be sent to the calendar:

- (1) **Privacy Law Panel** – Co-Sponsored by LSD!
- (2) **Career With the FBI Panel** – Guide into a career in the FBI.
- (3) **Bar Study Panel** – In January or February.
- (4) **Rising Professional Symposium** – In Phoenix, Arizona. Younger lawyers and law students. “What We Wish We Knew in Law School” Panel, Keynote Speaker, Networking Hour, Judicial Reception at Federal Courthouse. Get as many younger lawyers and law students there, in the area as possible.

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.)

Are there virtual options – such as recordings? The Law School to Practice Committee would love to get involved. I will follow up with Jen.

\*Jen Tomchak & Mike McCarthy will check.

- (5) **Federal Appellate Panel** – What is needed to establish a federal appellate practice. Open to law students.
- (6) **Leadership Training Summit** – Washington DC in March. Looking to get large law student turnout. Showcasing events that FBA Chapters have put on for law students.

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

We will be sending a questionnaire out to FBA Law Schools and Chapters on successful events and showcasing them at the FBA Leadership Summit.

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

The FBA Government Relations Section has a meeting on Capitol Hill at the Leadership Summit.

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

The FBA Moot Court Competition is at the same time as Leadership Summit. I will be there!

Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

I will be there this year. I strongly encourage student to seize the amazing opportunity.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

We will talk more about funding in January.

### Action Items

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

National has been talking about the following action items:

**Membership Challenge** – Will be going on across the FBA. Specifically, for LSD we want to find the criteria that best reflects great experiences.

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

The general principle is 10% growth in membership and 80% retention. We understand that the respective divisions are different, so we do also want them to reflect. Talking Points memorandum will be passed to LSD leaders.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Any other requirement suggestions?

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

I suggest requiring at least one event per semester.

Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.)

I suggest requiring Continuing Legal Education (CLE) aspects to events.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

I suggest requiring connection between FBA Professional Chapter & FBA Student Chapter.

De'Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.)

I suggest requiring goals of emailing other FBA Student Chapters nearby.

Shane Hursh (Student Secretary)

I also suggest reaching out to other FBA Student Chapters and local FBA Professional Chapter.

Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.)

I suggest requiring a follow up after challenge has been completed (to continue momentum).

### **Communications with Professional Chapters & Sections**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

The letter that will be going out has been updated with current leaders. Now FBA LSD Student Board Members should have everything that they need to reach out.

### **Grants**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

Grants are due Dec. 15. If you have an event or program, apply to it! The link is in the Agenda. I will talk to Mike to see if the deadline can be extended for law students.

### **Professional Chapter Policy**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

There is a policy that the National Board of Directors adopted that tells Professional Chapters how they want them to interact with Student Chapters. There was a proposal for updates recently with new criteria for next interactions. Please reach out to me with ideas. I want to mirror what interactions we want between FBA Student and Professional Chapters.

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

I suggest having a goal of recommending that a law student or professor be at the FBA Professional Chapter meetings.

Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer)

I suggest recommending that FBA Professional Chapters have at least one event that a law student assists with.

Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.)

I suggest recommending an emphasis on a mirror positional relationships between FBA Student Chapter and local FBA Professional Chapter leaders.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

I suggest having at least two CLE events – one at law school and one not.

### **YLD News Articles**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

The deadline for the FBA YLD News Article submissions is December 22nd. The YLD likes having articles from law students. If you want to be published, think about the fact that YLD & Federal Lawyer accept submissions.

Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.)

Is there a specific topic?

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

The YLD News Articles are fluid and can potentially be on whatever the writer wants to talk about. The Federal Lawyer Articles are on a specific topic/subject matter.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

The YLD will list what they are looking for.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Publications Committee**

Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.)

Taylor is reaching out to FBA Professional Chapters. The LinkedIn received 16 new followers. We are working with Christina Hough and Brianna Harris regarding social media. We are working with Mike McCarthy & Daniel Hamilton as well.

Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer)

We should push the account handle to local groups.

#### **Programming Committee**

Malcolm Deisz (7th Cir.)

The Day in the Life of a Federal Litigator Event was great. We are looking forward to carrying the momentum and can help any board members with ideas.

#### **Networking Committee**

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

We are working on a National LSD Webinar, FBA Student Chapter Tool Kits, FBA LSD Trivia Night in March, and a FBA Student Chapter Presidents group message/forum.

#### **Law School to Practice Committee**

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.)

We are laying the groundwork for plans. Colleen reached out to Anti-Trust & Trade Regulation Section for a Day in the Life Event. We are working on FAQ pamphlets for different practice areas. We will be expanding on these in the next month.

Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer)

The FAQ Pamphlets will help students in the process of entering that respective career path.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

That is a good webinar topic too!

#### **Membership Committee**

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

Nothing to report at this time. Eli Yemzow is willing be the Membership Committee Chair.

## **Conclusion**

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

I will save the Liaison Reports for next meeting. We will also be having Committee Breakout Rooms for after meetings in the future. Good luck on finals!

**- Meeting Adjourned -**