



Federal Bar Association

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION (FBA) – LAW STUDENT DIVISION (LSD) NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2023

- Zoom -

Roll Call

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

NOVEMBER MEETING

Welcome

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Today is the Planning Meeting. Objective is to get Committees together to go over the goals for the year. We have Board Books which may help give direction. We'd love to see other goals added and imputed. The Committee selections were aimed to have a diverse group of new and returning LSD members. We'll go over who the selected Chair is and goals for the year!

Remaining Introductions

Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.)

- Law Student in Montgomery, AL. Looking forward to networking efforts and programing!

Board Book

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

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

Motion to Approve.

Multiple

Seconded.

Shane Hursh (Student Secretary)

All in favor?

All

Aye.

- October Meeting Minutes Approved -

Committee Breakout Groups

- 20 Minutes in Committee Breakout Groups -

Committee Reports

Communications/Publications Committee

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

- Selected Chair. Working with Mike on setting up accounts and continuing the work of the previous committee. Taylor Brown will be the liaison between the Circuits.

Taylor Brown (8th Cir.)

- Will be reaching out to local Student Chapters. Updated Taylor with new Student Chapters and Student Chapter news/upcoming events.

Programming Committee

De'Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.)

- Day in the Life Series.

Networking Committee

Shane Hursh (Student Secretary)

- Chair: Brendan Mohan

- Goals:

- (1) Plan one Networking Event for students to interact with students from other schools,
- (2) Develop recommended networking programs for local students in their areas
 - Regional events between FBA Student Chapters in the State/Region. Potentially surrounding Chapter Board Members or a Federal Judge
 - Collaborating with FBA Chapter as well as Law Schools without Student Chapters,
- (3) Encourage Law Student Participation in Rising Professional Symposium - GroupMe for FBA Student Chapter Executive Boards - FBA LSD National Webinar (Panel, Breakout Rooms by Region, Career Development),
- (4) Showcase Events – Gather information about Successful Chapter/Student Events; Help select a few of these events to showcase at Annual Leadership Training.

Law School to Practice Committee

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.)

- Chair: Eyal Schwartz
- Emphasis on Realistic Goals. Working with FBA Sections in practice areas for assistance to law student that are looking at going into the area.

Membership Committee

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

- Chair: Pending
- Goal: Coming up with creative ways for chapters to get students involved in FBA, such as competitions and packets for Student Chapters to increase Student Membership.

Conclusion

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Still finalizing Liaison Reports. Great opportunity for students!

- Meeting Adjourned -