

## Law Student Division Board Meeting

February 3, 1 p.m. MST

In Attendance: Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.), Eli Yemzow (3rd. Cir.), Shane Hursh (4th Cir.), Janell Thompson (5th Cir.), Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.), Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.), Christina Hough (9th Cir.), Meg Glasmann (10th Cir.), Briana Harris (11th Cir.), Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio), Anna Howard (Ex Officio), Malcolm Deisz (At Large), Jen Tomchak (Chair), Mike McCarthy (Liaison), Daniel Hamilton (Liaison)

Absent: none

### I. Welcome and Introduction to the Board (Jen Tomchak)

*Jen provided introduction to the rationale for the LSD board, and the need to provide greater programming and support for law students. FBA just announced this past month that law students will be provided a free FBA membership for all of law school, plus their first year in practice. We are the first LSD board that FBA has had in the past two years. They had a very active board pre-COVID. Because of this renewal, we have greater flexibility in creating future indicatives and programming. Jen encourages us to provide input as law students about our experiences and how FBA can be improved moving forward.*

#### - Introductions from the Board

*Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.) - 3L at Northeastern law school in Boston, MA. He previously worked under the current president of FBA and he is also working on bringing a student chapter to his law school.*

*Eli Yemzow (3rd. Cir.) - 2L at Penn St. Dickinson law school in Carlisle, PA. He is interested in government law and military law. He plans to pursue becoming a JAG after law school. Wants to foster greater awareness because there is not a lot of involvement in FBA right now.*

*Shane Hursh (4th Cir.) - 2L at Charleston law school in Charleston, SC. He went to the national FBA convention recently and was involved in helping hosting that conference. He wants to see students that are part of the FBA really connecting on a national level. One of his favorite parts of the conference was connecting with students across the country and providing students information about federal job opportunity. Interested in antitrust, mass complex tort litigation, civil rights law, and economic development.*

*Janell Thompson (5th Cir.) - 2L at St. Mary's law school in San Antonio, TX. She was previously a part time law student and now is full time. She is a parent and previously worked as a linguist.*

*Brendan Mohan (6th Cir.) - 2L at University of Akron law school in Akron, OK. He is most interested in maintaining membership interest after students graduate from law school.*

*Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.) - 2L at Mitchell Hamlin School of Law. She is connected with the FBA and also works at a firm that is pretty well connected. She is most interested in sitting on this board because she has heard about the importance of helping law students transition into practice and also remain active in the FBA.*

*Christina Hough (9th Cir.) - 1L at University of San Diego law school in San Diego, CA. She has 20 year previous career as a paralegal working in multidistrict litigation and federal court.*

*Meg Glasmann (10th Cir.) - 3L law student at Utah Law School. She has two masters in psychology and is interested in health policy, transaction law, and probate litigation. She works for the Utah legislature and an estate planning law firm. She was previously president of her law*

*school chapter president and sat on the Utah FBA board. She received the McNew FBA Scholarship last year.*

*Briana Harris (11th Cir.) - 3L part time w/ masters of public health at Florida International University college of law in Miami, FL. She is interested in working in health policy and transactional law. She is at South Florida and they have a very active FBA chapter. They are working on providing more events and programming as we enter the “new normal” post pandemic to connect students*

*Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - attorney that has been a member of the FBA for nearly 20 years. Emphasized the importance of FBA for networking and service opportunities across the US.*

*Anna Howard (Ex Officio) - “double dog” on faculty at Georgia and very involved in FBA in multiple different levels and capacities.*

*Malcolm Deisz (At Large) - 2L at University of St. Thomas school of law in St. Paul, MN. He is interested in working in employment law. His law school has a very active local FBA chapter, and they are quite interested in facilitating greater networking opportunities for students across the country.*

*Jen Tomchak (Chair) - UT attorney with extensive experience working in FBA. Owns a private practice firm after working for a local firm for many years.*

*Mike McCarthy (Liaison) - director of sections and divisions at FBA.*

*Daniel Hamilton (Liaison) - program coordination of sections and divisions at FBA.*

- Meeting minutes - Secretary (Meg Glasmann)
- Membership Announcement – Outreach
- Meeting time:

*We will probably revisit this time every few months (in May), but until then we will keep the meeting at 1pm MST on the first Friday of the month*

## II. Board Assignments and Expectations

### a. Communications/Publications (**Christina, Briana, & Jen**)

*Our main responsibility will be to communicate with our local school and state chapters about events and circulating information back and forth between the board and interested groups. Input is very important on this board as we attempt to put together committees that will have a lasting impact. Jen is envisioning that each circuit will send in their events happening and then the aggregate list can be sent out to students so that they can see what is happening across the country. This would include any events to which law students are invited (e.g., rising professionals).*

- ### b. Programming (**Meg, Malcolm, & Kevin**)
- i. CLE: May 3, May 31,
  - ii. Webinar: April 14, April 28, May 12

*Each quarter, Jen would like LSD to host a webinar about what a practice area is like for current attorneys (seasoned and new ones). This will be useful for students to learn about various practice areas and how they differ across the country. What do they wish they had known in law school? What do they wish they would have done in law school? What are they so happy to have done / would do again?*

*We will want to start by brainstorming about what topics/practice areas we want to focus on and what would be most appealing to the broadest law student audience.*

*We will want to use the committees we sit on to access attorneys for these events.*

c. **Networking (Shane, Brenda, & Jen)**

*Example: online jeopardy/bingo/trivia event to engage across the country.*

*When we have national large events, we will want to encourage students to attend and work to make these more law student friendly.*

*Shuffleboard between law schools or something that is new for everyone to try together! It doesn't necessarily need to be national -- we could come up with ideas for regions and reach out to circuits to make them a reality.*

*Section/Division information listed below is last year's information. Jen will be sending out updated information.*

d. **Law School to Practice (Brandy, Eyal, & Anna)**

*Creating a database or locating a database of connections across the country and making these connections accessible to law students.*

*Because first year associate dues are free, we can query students who have 2023 listed as a graduation date and request that they provide information on where they will be practicing. We should also set tickers for 3 mo, 6mo, 9mo after graduation to have a continuation of communication with them throughout that transition. This also allows FBA to act as a tool to introduce students who are relocating to FBA members in the place they are moving to practice.*

e. **Membership (Janelle, Eli, & Jen)**

*Make it clear what membership benefits are through pamphlets, brochures, etc.*

*Monthly newsletter with information*

*Reach out to FBA national board about maybe having a visitor post on their Instagram account.*

*We also want to develop a questionnaire to have each law student chapter to fill out to gather information about what they are asking for, doing, etc.*

*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion -- we are focusing on this when we create panels and events, when we talk about membership, etc. We want to look at what policies we have at the FBA national level and see how we can make this more applicable to law student chapters*

*[https://www.fedbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Benefits-of-Membership-flyer\\_STUDENT-pdf-1.pdf](https://www.fedbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Benefits-of-Membership-flyer_STUDENT-pdf-1.pdf)*

*Student local chapters maybe could be listed on the national website!*

f. Liaisons (**Mike & Daniel**)

*Primary role is to let them know that you are a student liaison, that you are interested, and if they need law students for events or board meeting.*

III. Upcoming Events

- a. Health Care Panel – Feb. 3
- b. RPS:
  - i. 10<sup>th</sup> Cir., Salt Lake City, Feb. 24;
  - ii. 7<sup>th</sup> Cir., Chicago, Mar. 2
- c. In House Panel – March 1, SJ Quinney College of Law, Utah
- d. Pathways to the Bench, Feb. 22
- e. Moot Court – March 22-23, 2023
- f. Essay Contests
- g. SLCP – Summer 2023

IV. Resources

- a. Scholarships:
  - i. ADR Scholarship
  - ii. Criminal Law Scholarship
- b. Jobs: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

<b>Law to Practice</b> -Brandy Johnson - Eyal Schwartz * Anna Howard	<b>Networking</b> -Shane Hursh -Brendan Mohan * Jen Tomchak	<b>Programing</b> -Meg Glassman -Malcom Deisz * Kevin Maxim
<b>Membership</b> -Janelle Thompson -Eli Yemzow *Jen Tomchak	<b>Publications</b> -Christina Hough -Brianna Harris * Jen Tomchak	<b>Elections</b> -Jen Tomchak -Anna Howard, -Kevin Maxim

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