



Federal Bar Association

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

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2024 – 3:00 PM EST

- Zoom -

Roll Call

Jen Tomchak (Chair) - **Present**
Brendan Mohan (Student Chair) - **Present**
Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer) – Excused
Shane Hursh (Student Secretary) - **Present**
Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.) – Excused
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - **Present**
Negin Nader Bazrafkan (2nd Cir.) – Excused
Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.) - **Present**
Caleb Morris (4th Cir.) – Excused
Janell Thompson (5th Cir.) – *Cycled Off
De’Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.) - **Present**
Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.) - **Present**
Caitlin Harrington (6th Cir.) - Absent
Derrick Foster Ransom II (6th Cir.) - **Present**
Malcolm Deisz (7th Cir.) - Absent
Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.) – Absent
Taylor Brown (8th Cir.) – Absent
Elle Peterson (9th Circuit) – **Present**
Andrew Fender (10th Cir.) - **Present**
Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.) - **Present**
Briana Harris (11th Cir.) – *Cycled Off
Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.) - **Present**
Colleen Donald (11th Cir.) - **Present**
Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio) - Excused
Mitch Jacob (At Large/Ex Officio) - **OUT
Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**
Anna Howard (Ex Officio) – Excused
Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member) – Excused
Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - **Present**
Joseph Feldstein (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Excused
Mike McCarthy (Staff Liaison) – (N/A)
Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) – **Present**
***Quorum Present**

MARCH MEETING

Welcome

Recognitions

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Da'Naesha Mitchell is adding a new FBA Chapter. We have 3 more FBA Student Chapters added! We've gone from 18 to 47!

Targeted Outreach

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Reaching out to FBA Chapters that have more than 100 FBA Members and have law schools in their region with more than 5 FBA Student Members.

Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- Reached out to all Washington D.C. area law schools and heard back from American Law. Hopefully, this will bring not only engagement and bailiffs. Reaching out to other law schools as well.
- Adding ribbons to badges to highlight FBA Law Students and potentially ones for board members.

Meeting Minutes

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Do we have a Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes?

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- So moved.

Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- Seconded.

- March Meeting Minutes Approved –

Calendar

Madi Bacon/Shane Hursh

- Nothing to report.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- New Proposed Calendar for FBA Student Chapters.

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- Adding language for hand-off periods between outgoing presidents and president elects!

Membership Report

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Mary's committee has been hard at work sending out welcome letters to new members.

Mary Johnson (2nd Cir)

- We have been sending out a friendly letter welcoming new law student sign ups. We get good feedback and engagement!

Showcase Selection/Membership Plan

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

- Showcase Plan is coming together for the Leadership Summit this month! We are also working on the Membership Plan for managing FBA Law Student Membership.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- There are five FBA Chapters that are speaking on a variety of great event ideas to assist that will be highlighted. Materials that will be given out that will allow other chapters to easily replicate these events.

Roster

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We have four FBA Law Student Chapters that responded to our outreach, and we noticed that there are some students that are in the system but are not registered yet.
- Want to encourage people who attend to register.
- If FBA Law Student Chapters send rosters – the FBA National Staff will automatically sign them up. We need names, two forms of email, and graduation dates. Colleen sent out a fantastic email that we will try to circulate for others to use. Get these sent out to your Circuits!

Committee Reports

Programming Committee

Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.)

- We are working on a Bar Preparation Panel. We are also working on an Honors Program Seminar. We will get a report out to Daniel on the events by the end of the day.

Networking Committee

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- We have been securing funding for the Board to go down to the Leadership Summit. We also had the Judge Bloom's [Judicial Internship Academy](#).
- We are also working on sending a packet to all FBA Law Student Chapter President's will a meeting next fall.
- We think that the packet would benefit from having a cover letter, resources and an FAQ.
- Virtual Networking Event will not be able to go in March. Will talk more about it at the Leadership Summit and we if we can do it to end the summer or start next school year.

Publications/Publicity Committee

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

- Social media has been doing very well! LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram followers are growing a lot. Targeting to meet on Thursday to expand on all the great things that are going on!

Jen Tomchak/Daniel Hamilton

- Notice of new FBA Law Student Chapters will go to the Publications/Publicity Committee to congratulate them.

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

- We should see if we can give the FBA Law Student Chapters the ability to add their local social media to a centralized location.

Law School to Practice Committee

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Working on FAQs

Upcoming Events

Federal Litigation Section Event

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The Federal Litigation Section is working on an event regarding Federal Appeals.

Honorable Constance Baker Motley Essay Competition

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Coming up on March 10.

Liasson Updates

Health Law

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Meg has been working on a Health Law event.

Space Law

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Caleb has been working with another organization that works in space law and is working on promoting space law with law students.

Wine Event

Derrick Foster Ransom II (6th Cir.)

- Spoke with Judge Kristoff is interested in a wine event in Memphis. We've done similar events in Western Tennessee before that was very successful – specifically with Q&A. This event would have a panel and would be paired with a wine and food specialist.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Dean Arturo Thompson is coming up with great ideas and will get more to us. This should be very attractive for students.

Past Events

AUSA Event

Brendan Mohan (Chair)

- Attended the event with other students and it went very well! I was more geared toward young attorneys but overall there was very good advice in there!

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Motion to Adjourn.

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- So moved.

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

- Seconded.

- Meeting Adjourned -