



Federal Bar Association

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

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 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.) – Absent
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - Absent
Negin Nader Bazrafkan (2nd Cir.) – Excused
Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.) - Absent
Caleb Morris (4th Cir.) – Absent
De’Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.) - **Present**
Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.) - Excused
Caitlin Harrington (6th Cir.) – **Present**
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.) - Excused
Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.) - **Present**
Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.) - Absent
Colleen Donald (11th Cir.) - Excused
Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio) - Excused
Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**
Anna Howard (Ex Officio) – Absent
Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member) – **Present**
Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - **Present**
Joseph Feldstein (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Absent
Mike McCarthy (Staff Liaison) – Absent
Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) – **Present**
***No quorum Present**

AUGUST MEETING

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Welcome back! Congrats to those who finished the bar exam. I hope work is going well for those working. We will speak about FBA Board turnover next week. We are looking at going from 18 to 52 FBA Law Student Division Chapters – with a potentially chance of hitting 60 by the Annual Meeting. We have 8 more law schools that need to complete their certification form.

Treasurer's Report

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Meg is unable to make today's meeting.

Membership Report

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The Law Student Division is continuing to increase its momentum on membership.

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

- Sending out welcome emails.

Action Items

New FBA LSD Board Nominations

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Nominations went out for the new Board. We had a great response, and only need nominations from the 1st and the DC Circuit.
- We will be setting out board between this meeting and the next. Please reach out if you are interested in changing positions.

Law Student Communications

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The attached communications will be sent out to the 52 law student chapters by the end of the week.

Annual Meeting

Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- We have some exciting things going on including a Royals game, KC women's soccer, and potentially a Chief's game. Also, there are plans to get authentic KC BBQ. Please reach out if you are interested. We are looking at doing a few things for the Law Student Division.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We have a Rising Professionals Program on Mediation, including a Mock Workshop. There will also be a Keynote with a reception at the WW1 museum afterwards.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- The students will be get all of this at a great deal of \$30.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- If you are planning on or interested in going, please reach out so we can get a student group together.
- We will also have our FBA LSD monthly meeting during the Annual Meeting, we will meet in person with a virtual option.

Membership Challenge

Kevin Maxim (Professional Member)

- The membership challenge will be going out to law student chapters with awards including rebates for expenses and incentives for the leadership summit.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- We just hit 17,000 members!

Roster Wrap Up

Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- Getting thee rosters was extremely helpful. We want to make sure that people understand that they must be National FBA members in order to participate in FBA events.

Judicial Intern Academy

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- Judge Nalchik was just voted in, but as of right now they should have everything set for the upcoming semester. They plan on discussing at least some of it at the Annual Meeting.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The program is really trying to help people get experience clerking for judges in a mentoring capacity. It has expanded quite a bit but it is still a small program. We are going to reach out to the schools to gauge interest in participating. We will also inform to professional chapters to engage in the program. This will allow the opportunity for law students to get more exposure to judges.

Summer Law Clerk Program

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- The Summer Law Clerk Program was very successful. We double the number of participation. The kickoff event was great and we got great attendance We had the DOJ and JAG Panels. There was a hidden jobs on the hill section as well.

Planning

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The webinars will be more flexible. Working with Malcom. We'll need to let Mike know by August 9th on what dates we will need. We also have a September 13 webinar that

Christina Hough will be planning regarding non-traditional students. We need one more speaker. Encourage students to come!

Networking

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- We are looking for a weekend that will help with students who may not be able to attend at that time of the year. (*Daniel will check.) (**Jen suggested two meetings to help with flexibility.)

Publications

- Pati is out.

Federal Lawyer

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The dates for Federal Lawyer submissions are coming up.

Law to Practice

- Eyal and Meg are out.

Updates

Derrick Ransom (6th Cir.)

- We are thinking of pushing the wine event to mid-October. We have everything falling into place with student interest, judges, prosecutors, and wine experts. (*Jen suggests a watch party option.)

Meeting Minutes

Shane Hursh (Student Secretary)

- No quorum. Will postpone vote to the next meeting.

Questions and Updates

Dean Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- We would love student engagement on not only this upcoming Annual Meeting but also on planning the next Annual Meeting.

Caitlin Harrington (6th Cir.)

- This would be a good time to gauge what's going on regarding student interest in your circuit.

D'Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.)

- Southern University's FBA Law Student Chapter will be having their first meeting next week!

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Our homework until the next meeting is getting the board finalized. Please reach out with any desired assignments. Also, we have been directing communications with all schools that don't have student chapters but have more than 5 national FBA law student

members. We reached out to the Local Chapters as well to encourage them to assist with the law student chapters.

Derrick Ransom (6th Cir.)

- I can reach out to a student at Michigan Law, and I can see about Emory Law.

Dean Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- I anticipate hearing back from a few of those schools with the new school year coming up.

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- Motion to Adjourn.

Derrick Ransom (6th Cir.)

- Seconded.

All

- Aye.

- MEETING ADJOURNED -
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