



Federal Bar Association

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

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM EST

- 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.) – Excused
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - Absent
Negin Nader Bazrafkan (2nd Cir.) – Absent
Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.) - Absent
Caleb Morris (4th Cir.) – Absent
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.) - Absent
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.) - **Present**
Colleen Donald (11th Cir.) - **Present**
Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio) - **Present**
Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**
Anna Howard (Ex Officio) – Absent
Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member) – Absent
Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Absent
Joseph Feldstein (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Absent
Mike McCarthy (Staff Liaison) – Absent
Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) – Absent
***No quorum Present**

JUNE MEETING

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We are up to 52 FBA Law Student Divisions Law School Chapters!

Targeted Law School Communications

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We have a list of schools that have (1) more than five FBA LSD members and/or (2) FBA Local Chapters with over 100 members:
 - o West Virginia
 - o Austin
 - o Mississippi
 - o UC Irvine
 - o Loyola Marymount
 - o UCLA
 - o Gould School of Law
 - o Pepperdine
 - o Southwestern School of Law
 - o Phoenix
 - o Kansas and W.D. Missouri
 - o Atlanta Broward
 - o Orlando
 - o Tampa Bay
 - o La Verne
 - o Berkely

Roll Call and Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- No quorum present. We will look for approve the vote in the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Meg Glassman is excused.

Membership Report

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

- Membership update. Really doing well!

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Record number of FBA LSD Students!

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

- 3500!

Action Items and Upcoming Events:

Elections

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Notice went out.
- Nominations are due July 15.

Membership Challenge

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

- We have everything ready to push out. This will allow the FBA LSD Chapters to hit the group running and to push to meet all of the goals.

Rosters

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- 661 student who were signed up with the National FBA after going to Law School Chapter FBA meetings but not being registered nationally yet.

Judicial Intern Academy

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- They are working on the process and growing it. We will speak more about it next month.

Summer Law Clerk Program (SLCP)

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Up and running in DC. Daniel will post more next month.

Year-End Communications

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- I will send that out to FBA LSD Law School Chapter Leaders at the end of July to give LSD Leaders everything they need for the year.
- Nations Convention

Committee Reports

Programming Committee Report

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Past Event: Antitrust Event – June 7 (Colleen), Moderator

Non-Traditional Students: Overcoming Obstacles

Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio)

- Will Work for Food Channel (YouTube)
- Neurodivergent Students
 - Accommodations for Neurodivergent Students
 - D&I Event in San Deigo with San Diego Paralegal Association

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- This is another great opportunity because the number of students that come from non-traditional backgrounds.

Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio)

- Example, “older-wiser students” law student groups

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Available dates July 31 (just added!), August 7 and 21, and September 11 and 18 as well as these informational (non-CLE) webinar dates: July 19, August 2, 16 & 30, and September 13.
- This dates will go soon.

Networking

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- FBA LSD Leader training.
- New Chapter Packets
- Student Chapter Webinar

Publications/Publicity

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

- Post to do ahead of time to be more efficient.
- Outside publications:

Federal Lawyer

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- The Federal Lawyer is looking for someone to write biographies of Federal Magistrate Judges. I did it after law school. It is a great opportunity to build bonds with federal judges. Also, you get published in a national magazine. It would be over an hour lunch with a judge.

Law School to Practice

- No update.

Liaison Updates

- No update.

- MEETING ADJOURNED -