



Federal Bar Association

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2024 – 11:20 AM EST

- Zoom -

Roll Call

Jen Tomchak (Chair) – **Present**

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair) - **Present**

Meg Glasmann (Student Treasurer) – **Present**

Shane Hursh (Student Secretary) - **Present**

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.) – **Present**

Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - Absent

Negin Nader Bazrafkan (2nd Cir.) – Absent

Eli Yemzow (3rd Cir.) - Absent

Caleb Morris (4th Cir.) – **Present**

De’Naesha Mitchell (5th Cir.) - **Present**

Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez (5th Cir.) - **Present**

Derrick Foster Ransom II (6th Cir.) - **Present**

Malcolm Deisz (7th Cir.) - Absent

Brandy Johnson (8th Cir.) – Absent

Taylor Brown (8th Cir.) – **Present**

Elle Peterson (9th Circuit) – Absent

Andrew Fender (10th Cir.) - **Present**

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.) - **Present**

Colleen Donald (11th Cir.) - Absent

Christina Hough (At Large/Ex Officio) - **Present**

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio) - **Present**

Anna Howard (Ex Officio) – **Present**

Dina Miller (Ex Officio/Professional Member) – **Present**

Dean Arturo Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - **Present**

Joseph Feldstein (Ex Officio/Professional Member) - Excused

Mike McCarthy (Staff Liaison) – Absent

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) – **Present**

***Quorum Present**

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We are at 57 FBA Law Student Chapters. We started with 18 chapters. We have also gained over 2,000 students in FBA. Beyond the numbers, the impact on the students is huge. Those are 2,000 students that are going to have access to lawyers, judges, and resources as well as a platform to make the things they want to do happen.
- Jen shared about the impact of the FBA in her legal career.

Meg Glassman (Student Treasurer)

- Thank you, Jen! You have been an absolute force of nature.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- I am at the end of my two year term and Dean Arturo Thompson will be taking over as the new Chair of the FBA Law Student Division.

Dean Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- I am looking forward to continuing all the great momentum. I wear a size 16 - Jen leaves big shoes to fill.

MEETING MINUTES

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Now that we have a quorum, are there any motions to approve the May, June, and August Meeting Minutes?

May Minutes

Brendan Mohan (Chair)

- So moved.

Taylor Brown (8th Cir.)

- Seconded.

All

- Aye.

June Minutes

Brendan Mohan (Chair)

- So moved.

Taylor Brown (8th Cir.)

- Seconded.

All

- Aye.

August Minutes

Taylor Brown (8th Cir.)

- So moved.

Brendan Mohan (Chair)

- Seconded.

All

- Aye.

TREASURER REPORT

Meg Glassman (Student Treasurer)

- The only thing I have to report are the recent expenses for the FBA Annual Convention.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- There have been only minor expenses for travel and food. I will send those your way.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.)

- We are continuing to send out the welcome emails.

ACTION ITEMS

FBA Law Student Chapters: Targeted Efforts

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- We have been reaching out and working with local professional chapters and faculty advisors to see what we can do to start student chapters at law schools where there are students on the national list but not at the law school.
- Northern Illinois had 51 student sign up at the Student Organization Fair.
- BYU is starting a chapter as well, along with other on the list of 12 that we have been trying to target.

Dean Thompson (Ex Officio/Professional Member)

- We're also looking at ways to make the Annual Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting, and Leadership Summit more attractive to law students. Please reach out.

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

- Being a leader in law school and making a difference will pay dividends in the interview process.
- The Membership Challenge is wrapping up for Younger Lawyers. We are beginning it for the Student Chapters. We just sent out an email to Student Chapter Presidents. We will

send this to the entire board. It will seek to encourage students to increase membership and reach out to their Professional Chapters.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- Also, it is listed on the FBA website under “Membership Plan”

Kevin Maxim (Ex Officio)

- We are also offering incentives for achieving these goals such as reimbursements for events and assistance going to conventions and summits.

Judicial Intern Academy

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- The Judicial Intern Academy is focus on getting law students to intern in chambers who are unable to commit to a 40 hour-per-week un-paid clerkship. Students will have writing assignments and be able to brief and argue a case before a judge to prepare them for the real arguments the next day. Student will then be able to watch the real arguments and go back to chambers with the judges. Students will be paired with a previous clerk in the court and we will have two interns per law clerk.
- Other internship and fellowship programing has been put into a calendar.
- There are 13 locations that are participating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programing Committee Report

Christina Hough (9th Cir.)

- We have the Non-Traditional Law Student Panel put together and thanks to Jen we have a moderator. The Panel will consist of me, Pati, and 2024 USD graduate Mona Masha.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- We have some registered already. Please continue to push that out to increase participation.

Networking Committee Report

Brendan Mohan (Student Chair)

- First, thank you to Jen, Kevin, and the rest of the Law Student Division Board. We have been working on an Annual Meeting of Law Student Chapter President that can get them on the same page. Dean Thompson, this may assist in increasing turnout of law students to the Annual Meeting.
- Also, we have been working on centralizing Law Student Chapters in Ohio. Hopefully, we will have some good things to share for other chapters.

Publication Committee Report

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

- Due to the Bar Exam, we have not been as active as we've wanted to be. We will meet again soon now that we have some more free time.
- We will be working with Dina Miller on highlighting FBA law students who have graduated, passed the bar exam, etc.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Also, as you're planning events – please look at the Board Book in order to make sure that it gets put on social media, the calendar, etc.
- Pati, you have done amazing.

Law School to Practice Committee Report

Eyal Schwartz (1st Cir.)

- First, it's been great to see how things have grown. This has certainly been a great benefit working on this Board and Committee. I'm more than willing to assist however is taking over the committee. I'll be supporting however I can!

LIAISON UPDATES

Space Law

Brendan Mohan (Chair)

- Caleb is here but unable to speak at the moment.

Wine Event

Derrick Ransom (5th Cir.)

- The Judge has confirmed meeting days in November. This will be good right before the holidays. We are working on having sponsorship packages with law firms and talking with people in local areas that would be interested in doing a similar thing. We are also reaching out to the wine distributors. Lastly, we are looking at making a flyer – please let me know if anyone can help – otherwise we will be looking at ChatGBT for it.

Jen Tomchak (Chair)

- Everyone have a great semester and we look forward to the next meeting.

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