



Federal Bar Association

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

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025, 3:00 PM EST

- Zoom –

Roll Call

Arturo Thompson (Chair) - **Present**
Vice Chair Vacant – Not Available
Caleb Morris (Student Chair) - Absent
De’Naesha Mitchell (Secretary) - Absent
Shane Hursh (Treasurer) - **Present**
Jen Tomchak (Immediate Past Chair) -
Brendan Mohan (Immediate Past Student Chair) - **Present**
Zeno Temple (1st Cir.) - **Present**
Mary Johnson (2nd Cir.) - Absent
Pacika Guerra (2nd Cir.) - Absent
Charlotte Thompson (3rd Cir.) - Absent
Emily Norris (4th Cir.) - Absent
Trevor Reynolds (4th Cir.) - Absent
Patricia (Pati) Limon deRodriguez (5th Cir.) - Absent
Rachel Williamson Brecker (6th Cir.) - **Present**
Derrick Foster Ransom (6th Cir.) - **Present**
Malcolm Deisz (7th Cir.) - Absent
Patience McHenry (8th Cir.) - Absent
Taylor Brown (8th Cir.) - Absent
Elle Peterson (9th Cir.) - Absent
Andrew Fender (10th Cir.) - **Present**
Maddie Bacon (10th Cir.) - Absent
Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.) - **Present**
Anthony Phan (DC Cir.) - **Present**
Makena Rauch (DC Cir.) - Absent

Christina Hough (At Large/ Ex Officio Student Member) - **Present**
Kevin Maxim (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member) - **Present**
Anna Howard (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member) - **Present**
Dina Miller (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member) - Absent
Hon. Beth Bloom (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member) - Absent
Hon. Robin Feder (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member) - Absent
Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison) - **Present**

FEBRUARY MEETING

Welcome

Opening Remarks:

Arturo Thompson (Chair)

- Addressed the board and offered support to anyone who may be affected by the Federal freeze

Treasurers Report

No Report at this time.

Membership Report

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- Said that there are some dips in membership due to the old membership plans still showing before the report. Currently have 392 on their second year out of the first year free membership, and 4,521 individuals, totals including the individuals with the new membership plans.

Law Student Leadership Report

Kevin Maxim (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member)

- Congratulated law student chapters that submitted their notices of completion by January 22nd.
- Will be back in touch with announcements on who met the challenge and who will win the Innovation awards.

Daniel Hamilton (Staff Liaison)

- Asked that the board members who have not sent in their headshots and bios to please send them in.

Committee Reports

Programming Committee Report

Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.)

- Upcoming Panels:
 - Bar Prep Kickoff Panel will be happening on February 26 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM EST and provided the link for individuals to register and share with law student chapters.
 - "When I Grow Up" Panel will be happening sometime in April. The date TBD. Ms. Mitchell asked that if we know individuals who would be interested in speaking on the panel. Confirmed that the ADR section will be presenting on the panel.
 - The Panel is to feature diverse legal career paths, including federal judges and district attorneys. .
 - Working on some leadership programming, specific events, and if any of the board members have any ideas, please share them with Ms. Mitchell.
 - Arturo informed the board that we have the Friday of the Leadership Summit to meet for a formal meeting. The time is TBD.

- “Neurodivergent’s in Law” Panel will be a CLE webinar so it is going through a different process but will soon have that webinar to share with the board and students shortly.

Law School to Practice Committee Report

- No new updates at this time

Law Student Engagement Committee Report

Anthony Phan (DC Cir.)

- Discussed topics regarding getting schools to start law student chapters for those that do not have one.
 - Developing a playbook to help the law student chapters get their events set up, find a faculty sponsor, and formally create their student chapter.
- Planning a student-centered event at the Leadership Summit to have students connect while being in the DC area.

Publications/ Publicity Committee Report

Kevin Maxim (At Large/ Ex Officio Professional Member)

- In the process of looking into Canva for creating the posts for social media. Zeno received access as an administrator for the LinkedIn page for the LSD FBA page.

Judicial Intern Academy Committee Report

Andrew Fender (10th Cir.)

- Put together a flyer leaflet that they are circulating to all FBA law school chapters in hopes of having additional growth.
 - Working with Judge Bloom and Judge Feder to get that flyer drafted.
- Currently speaking with Genevive Dar regarding the Judicial Intern Academy for the national side and coming up with a pitch deck for the law schools to get the JIA up and off the ground.

Leadership Planning Committee Report

- No new updates at this time

Circuit Representatives Report

- No new updates at this time

Liaison Updates

Brendan Mohan (Immediate Past Student Chair)

- Working with the Civics Division for their yearly Civics Day, helping expand the day into the law schools to spread nationally!
 - For the law schools that cannot attend the Civic National Convention, Brendan is working on a way to get those law school chapters to work in their local community and volunteer under the FBA banner at the time and using the same materials that the FBA uses at the National Convention.
 - Arturo indicated that this is an opportunity to do alongside of the professional FBA chapter in your area.

Kijana Mitchell (11th Cir.)

- Informed everyone that the ADR section is having a webinar on February 25 on the future of AI and ADR.

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