



# Federal Bar Association

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

### DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

*Via Zoom Called to order at 3:00 PM EST*

#### Roll Call

Arturo Thompson – Chair Present  
Daniel Hamilton – Staff Liaison – Present  
Hon. Anna Howard – Ex Officio Member – Present  
Dina Miller – Ex Officio Member- Present  
Kevin Maxim – Ex Officio Member and President Elect - Present  
Makena Rauch – Student Chair – Present  
Zeno Temple – LSD/YLD Liaison – Present  
Ahmir Kenyatta – Secretary – Present  
Anthony Phan DC Circuit Rep – Present  
Tatiana Sallins DC Circuit Rep – Absent (Notice via email)  
Pacika Guerra 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Rep - Absent  
Donisha Kendrick 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Rep – Present  
Emily Norris 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Present  
De’Naesha Mitchell 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Patricia (Pati) Limon de Rodriguez 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Gustavo De La Fuente 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Present  
Rachel Williamson Brecker 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Avery Anderson 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent (Notice via email)  
Sheraya Bernard 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Present  
Patience McHenry 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Present  
Wendy Jeter 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Christina Hough 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Andrew Fender 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep - Absent  
Maddie Bacon 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Chinyere Anunobi 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Hannah Preston 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rep – Absent  
Diana Copeland At Large – Absent (Invite Issue)  
Hannah Goff- At Large – Absent  
Alexandra Holmen-At Large – Absent

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## Opening Remarks

### **Arturo Thomson – Chair**

Introduced new Board Member Donisha Kendrick, conducted introductions with group that was here. Determined there is no quorum.

**Makena Rauch** Updated group on work to come regarding Civic work the executive board. Discussed thoughts on a structured outing during leadership meeting to foster inclusion while FBA members and students are in the area.

### **Zeno Temple**

Updated group on membership, JIA, Leadership planning, discussed preliminary steps and invited further interest in the committees. Highlighted leadership meeting.

## Committee Reports

### Leadership Planning

Membership – Advised that formal meeting has not taken place yet with complex schedule of the membership committee. Will attempt either before Christmas or right after.

Judicial Intern Academy (JIA) – Had preliminary meeting, shared introductions with committee members, discussed mission of the work. Had communication with national board and meetings are being planned for after the holiday.

Programming: Preliminary meeting, shared introductions, lots of good ideas that will continue to come to fruition before or after the holiday.

## Sections and Divisions

**Anti-Trust:** Makena updated on newsletter with NCA exemption. Maken discussed amount of growth in the division.

Labor & Employment – Ahmir provided update on attending one L&E meeting in November will make attempts to connect with the chair in the near future.



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**Civil Rights Section:** Zeno discussed positive energy in the division. Discussed conversations regarding various areas of civil rights and the networking that occur during their meetings. Upcoming webinar on civil rights in the next couple of months.

**Judicial Division:** Patience discussed leadership transitions within the division. Planning CLE's are in the works. Mentioned a preview of the JIA, shared interest of JIA leadership interest in reaching out to places that may not get as much limelight. Discussed membership growth and CLE's at the last meeting.

### Other Business

**Dina Miller:** Discussed Second Circuit call that occurred December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Dina discussed involvement of students within second circuit events ahead that will be open to students. Encouraged student involvement generally at the circuit and professional chapter level.

**Arturo Thompson:** CVP's: Arturo thanked President- Elect Kevin Maxin for driving CVP communication between LSD and circuit and chapters. Discussed the momentum here and excitement around that. Encouragement for Circuit Reps to harness those relationships and meaningful conversations.

**Ahmir Kenyatta:** Mentioned conversation with FBA Rhode Island Chapter President and excitement around continued dialog in Rhode Island between our law school and FBA, and hopefully a chapter at Roger Williams University School of Law.

### Open Forum

**Daniel Hamilton:** National Update: Mentioned funding availability for leadership meeting. Registration will not open until January. Asking for volunteers for bailiff role on Wednesday March 25th for the [moot court competition](#) preceding leadership. Extended invite to everyone for leadership. The dates for March 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Arturo Thompson:** Announced Mitchell-Hamline's new FBA chapter, looking for minimum of three more for this year. If challenges exist at schools with finding faculty advisor or politics, Daniel and Arturo are happy to support.



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## Closing Remarks

**Makena Rauch:** Thanks, all members and wished everyone a happy holiday.

**Kevin Maxim:** Shared words of encouragement and thanked the group for the work.

*Adjourned at approximately 3:53 PM.*