

South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Member Benefits

Thank you for your interest in the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Membership in the FBA offers unique opportunities to interact with members of the federal judiciary and other attorneys who practice in federal court, to participate in rewarding law related projects and events in the community, and to access CLEs and seminars focused on federal practice and law.

Community Projects. The South Carolina Chapter plans, participates in, and funds several community projects each year. The Chapter hosts the Schoolhouse to Courthouse civics events in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville in the spring each year. The Chapter also provides mentors and funds events for the District's Drug Court Bridge Program, a voluntary program designed for individuals on pretrial or post-conviction release who suffer from substance abuse or addiction, as well as trains attorneys and provides funds for Legal Assistance for Survivors of Trafficking (LAST), a pro bono project creating a network of attorneys prepared to represent victims of trafficking.

Interaction with local federal judges. The South Carolina chapter hosts several "sidebar lunches" that provide lawyers an opportunity to interact with, learn from, and build relationships with federal judges in an informal setting. The "sidebar lunches" are an opportunity to discuss federal practice and to hear from local federal judges regarding their experiences.

Federal Bar Association CLEs and seminars. Members of the FBA have access to events providing more than 700 hours of CLE at the national and local level. The South Carolina chapter hosts an Annual Meeting and Federal Practice CLE in September and an "Introduction to Federal Practice" seminar series in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston in the summer. Active Qui Tam, Criminal, and Employment practice groups often host seminars and other events focusing on those specific areas of law too.

Networking. The FBA provides an opportunity to network with other lawyers, both locally and nationally, who engage in federal practice.

Exclusive access to job postings. The FBA offers an online job resource center for job postings within the federal legal community, as well as access to other partner job boards for a broader range of job postings. The resource center allows members to post resumes, search for jobs, and prepare for interviews.

Membership within the FBA offers opportunities to be published and to hold leadership positions, to engage in community service, and to interact with fellow practitioners. Join us today!

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