



Federal Bar Association

Vermont Chapter

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Fellow Vermont FBA Members:

You may have wondered, “I joined this organization, but what does it actually do?” Never fear—your leadership team has been hard at work. Here is what we have planned for you:

- We have an exciting CLE for you, featuring Judge Christina Reiss, FBA member Lisa Shelkrot, and AUSA Kevin Doyle on “Conducting Effective Voir Dire.” This will be held on April 19, 2018 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Judge Reiss’s courtroom. A cocktail reception will follow at the Unitarian Universalist Church, across from the courthouse. Free for FBA members; \$50 for non-members. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heather E. Ross at HRoss@sheeheyvt.com. Capacity limited to 90 attendees, so sign up soon!
- With the cooperation of Chief Judge Crawford, we have taken on responsibility for compiling information regarding all of the civics education activities undertaken by our judges and clerks, and reporting that to the Second Circuit Civics Education Committee.
- At the request of Judge Crawford, we are assisting with Vermont’s high school mock trial competition this spring, and will take over organizing the event in the future. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Vermont Law School, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in acting as a volunteer coach, or helping to organize next year’s event, please respond to Michael Desautels at Michael_Desautels@fd.org.
- We are creating a mentorship program, pairing experienced federal practitioners with those who are relatively new to the practice of law, or who have practiced mostly in state courts, to provide guidance and support regarding federal court practice. Mentorship pairs will meet at least once per month for six months, and will have the opportunity to attend informal brown-bag lunches with our judges. For more information, or to become a mentor or mentee, contact Todd Schlossberg at tds@greenmountainlaw.com.

- We are planning to host a discussion and social gathering in Rutland later in the spring, featuring Judge Peter Hall of the Second Circuit. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event!

As always, we welcome your ideas and participation! If there is programming that you would like to see, let us know. If you would like to help out on any of these events or programs, we would love to have you. And invite a colleague to become an FBA member!

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