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Dear Members of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association:

This installment of our chapter's newsletter provides you news of upcoming events in our chapter and with FBA National.

Chapter News

Chapter Officers

Identified on the left side of this newsletter are the 2018 chapter officers. Please contact any of these officers should you wish to discuss any aspect of our chapter's programming and events.

Monthly Meetings

The chapter's officers meet typically on the **first Tuesday of each month** at the **Allegheny – HYP Club** in downtown Pittsburgh beginning at **4:30 p.m.** We encourage all members to attend and hope you do so. If more members actively participate in the chapter, the chapter will be able to provide more opportunities for the chapter's members. If you are interested in attending the meetings, please email me at butcher@zklaw.com to confirm your attendance so that we can make sure that the meeting is taking place as scheduled. There will be no meeting in July. It is anticipated that the next three meetings will be on **August 7, 2018, September 4, 2018, and October 2, 2018.**

Upcoming Chapter Events

Networking Event – July 12, 2018

The chapter will hold a happy hour networking event on **Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sharp Edge Bistro (922 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222).** The chapter will be providing some appetizers and drink tickets for members. Please come join your fellow FBA members or bring those that would be interested in the FBA.



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National FBA Events

FBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The FBA's annual convention is scheduled for September 13 through 15, 2018 in New York, New York. A link to the convention is provided:

http://www.fedbar.org/Education/Calendar-CLE-events/2018-Annual-Meeting-and-Convention_1.aspx

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S SYMPOSIUM REVIEW

February 2 – 3, 2018, Rising Professionals Symposium, Las Vegas, Nevada

The Western Pennsylvania Chapter provided a scholarship to FBA member Emily Weiss to support her attendance at the FBA's first annual Rising Professionals Symposium in Las Vegas. Emily provided the comments below following the Symposium:

The FBA's Rising Professionals Symposium was definitely a worthwhile and successful event. The CLE presentations were interesting, especially because they ranged in topic from substantive law to networking, building your brand as an attorney, and building a book of business as well. I thought one of the most useful aspects was learning from other mid-level and senior associates about their strategies for and experiences with networking and how to succeed as a "rising professional." There were also panel presentations featuring General Counsel from a variety of industries, providing insights into the qualities and considerations that in-house counsel find most important when selecting outside counsel, which I thought was very interesting as well. Notably, attorneys from 24 different states attended the Symposium, so it provided an excellent opportunity to expand my network of contacts, as well as to represent the Western District Chapter at the national level.

The 2019 Rising Professional's Symposium is set for February 2 and 3, 2019 in Las Vegas.

If you need anything related to our chapter or the FBA, please do not hesitate to contact me or another chapter officer. My contact information is below:

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