



# Federal Bar Association

## ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2017

### September 15, 2016 Meeting

- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the Executive Director, President, and Treasurer to execute agreements, give direction, and receive information to/from SunTrust Bank regarding the investment and custody accounts of the Federal Bar Association
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the Executive Director, President, and Treasurer to act, give instructions, access information, use Bank's services, perform transactions, enter into agreements, and delegate authority on behalf the operational account of the Federal Bar Association at SunTrust Bank
- Approved FY2017 committee appointments

### December 21, 2016 Meeting

- Approved the Securities Law Section's request to donate \$25,000 of section funds to the SEC Historical Society

### January 27, 2017 Meeting

- Approved the minutes from the September 15, 2016 board meeting
- Approved the appointment of Anh Kremer as director to fulfill the term of Richard Dellinger upon his resignation
- Approved the honorary membership for Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
- Approved the FY2017 Budget Reforecast
- Approved the Labor and Employment Law Section's Bylaw amendments
- Approved the International Law Section's dues increase to \$15
- Approved the Securities Law Section's request to donate \$15,000 of section funds to Columbia University's Annual Securities Law Conference
- Approved the Central Louisiana Chapter's charter
- Approved the creation of and appointments to the Task Force on Obtaining U.N. Consultative Status
- Approved Policy 1-13: Standards for Professional Ethics and Conduct
- Approved extending Policy 1-7: Conflict of Interest to all FBA leaders
- Established the Chapter Community Service Award
- Established the Outstanding Leader Awards to recognize one circuit vice president, one section or division chair, and up to three chapter leaders each year at annual meeting

### **February 14, 2017 Meeting**

- Approved the Vermont Chapter Charter

### **February 16, 2017 Meeting**

- Adopted the Statement of the Federal Bar Association Board of Directors on Judicial Independence:

Judicial independence, free of external pressure or political intimidation, lies at the foundation of our constitutional democracy. An independent judiciary needs to remain free of undue influence from the legislative and executive branches and to remain beholden only to the maintenance of the rule of law and the protection of individual rights and personal liberties. We affirm the right to challenge a judge's ruling for reasons based in fact, law or policy. However, when robust criticism of the federal judiciary crosses into personal attacks or intimidation, it threatens to undermine public confidence in the fairness of our courts, the constitutional checks and balances underlying our government and the preservation of liberty.

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The Federal Bar Association is comprised of over 19,000 public and private sector lawyers practicing in our federal courts, hailing from all fifty states and the U.S. Territories. The Federal Bar Association is a non-partisan professional organization created to promote the sound administration of justice and integrity, quality and independence of the judiciary.

### **March 16-17, 2017 Meeting**

- Approved minutes from the January 27, February 14, and February 16, 2017 meetings
- Approved the transfer of \$100,000 from the operating account to the Reserve Fund
- Approved the report of the Audit Committee and the September 30, 2016 Year-end Financials
- Approved the revised Employee Handbook
- Approved Policy 5-1: Social Media as amended to include an anti-harassment statement
- Approved the recommendation and of the Constitution Bylaws, Rules and Resolution Committee regarding a constitutional amendment to clarify the definition of the leadership position of Circuit Vice Presidents
- Approved the application to seek UN Consultative Status for the FBA
- Approved the appointment of the Appellate Courts Task Force

### **May 17, 2017 Electronic Vote**

- Ratified the presidential appointment of Karleen Green to the Board of Directors to fill a director vacancy (current or former Section or Division Chair) for the remainder of the term that expires on September 30, 2018.

### **June 23, 2017 Meeting**

- Approved minutes from the March 16-17, 2017 meeting
- Approved the creation of the Special Committee on Diversity
- Approved the creation of the Access to Justice Task Force
- Approved the amended Policy 9-3: Terms of Office for Section and Division Chairs (now Officers)
- Approved the FY2018 Budget
- Approved the Securities Law Section's request to fund the Irv Pollack Prize at Georgetown University in the amount of \$25,000
- Accepted the Government Relations Committee's recommendation for Issues Agenda nominations
- Accepted the recommendation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee to add language to the Constitution that establishes a Clerk of Court Associate membership category.
- Approved the creation of a zero-dollar active member and associate member dues category for Clerks of Court.
- Approved the creation of the Task Force on Nominations and Elections

### **July 10, 2017 Electronic Vote**

- Approved the request of the Oklahoma City Chapter to elect the Clerk of Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for Honorary Membership

### **September 14, 2017 Meeting**

- Approved minutes from the June 23, 2017 meeting
- Ratified the approval of an electronic vote of \$10,000 donation to the Foundation's Hurricanes Disaster Fund
- Approved the amended Policy 1-11: General Counsel
- Referred comments received during the formal comment period regarding Policy 9-3: Terms of Office for Section and Division Officers to the Section and Division Council for review and a recommendation if the policy needs further revision; recommendation shall be submitted to the board by December 1, 2017
- Postponed the consideration of the International Law Section's Bylaws until after the Section and Division Council submits a recommendation on Policy 9-3
- Approved the Vermont Chapter's Bylaws
- Approved the Central Louisiana Chapter's Bylaws
- Approved the National Convention Committee's recommendation of the South Florida Chapter as host chapter for the 2021 FBA Annual Meeting and Convention. (Looking forward to being in Miami in 2021!)