

The Dallas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association submits the following bid to host the National Convention in 2020.

Dallas Chapter's Welcome Reception and Convention Commitment

The Dallas Chapter is comprised of Federal Judges, government attorneys, and federal practitioners who are extremely invested in Dallas and well-equipped to identify potential venues, sponsors, activities, and local VIPs. We are also committed to hosting and funding a Welcome Reception at either the Belo Mansion (<http://www.belomansion.com/>)- the headquarters for the Dallas Bar Association, the City Club (<http://cityclubdallas.com/>), the Tower Club (<http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Tower-Club-Dallas/>), or one of the many fine dining establishments in Downtown Dallas. We anticipate that our Welcome Reception will be entirely funded by sponsorships from the myriad law offices in Dallas and surrounding Metroplex.

All of the aforementioned proposed Welcome Reception venues are just a short walk, train or free-trolley ride from our proposed host hotels (indicated below) and the Earl Cabell Federal Building and Courthouse, so we do not anticipate any transportation costs to and from the host hotel. We also believe that close proximity to the Federal Courthouse will allow for increased engagement from our Federal Judiciary, which includes all judges in the Northern District of Texas and Judge Catharina Haynes of the Fifth Circuit, as well as our government attorneys.

The following Dallas Chapter leaders (past and present) are excited to lead our chapter's involvement in the Convention including current planning and actual implementation at the time of the Convention: Cort Thomas (President-Elect), Sheria Smith (2015-2016 Young Lawyers Division Chair), Jason Bloom (Current President), Richard Guiltinan (2015-2016 Secretary), and Jason Jordan(2015-2016 Membership Chair). Our court advisors, U.S. District Judge David Godbey, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harlin Hale, U.S. Magistrate Judge David Horan, and Northern District Court Clerk Karen Mitchell also support the Dallas Chapter's bid to host the 2020 National Convention. If our bid is accepted, we expect that our future executive board members will join in leading the Dallas Chapter's involvement in the 2020 Convention as well.

Dallas Chapter's Activities

The Dallas Chapter has been extremely active, which has led to marked increase in our membership. A few of our recent programs are listed below. Our Chapter plans to continue its momentum in the next coming years.

1. Criminal Practice Seminar held in the August 2015 with over 100 attendants.
2. Bankruptcy Practice Seminar on November 2015 at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Earl Cabell Federal Building (morning) and Carrington Coleman's offices (lunch and afternoon).
3. Civil Practice Seminar held in January 2016. The seminar included a General counsel panel; a Judicial advocacy panel –consisting of three Federal judges; Civility and ethics panel; and a Civil discovery or writing panel. A full day of CLE was provided. Approximately 270 local practitioners attended.
4. At the request of our local federal jurists, the Dallas Chapter hosts frequent CLEs for federal law clerks and staff. The CLEs are often held in Judge Catharina Haynes' chambers.
5. Held a swearing-in ceremony and reception for all newly licensed Texas attorneys in the DFW-

metroplex in November 2015.

6. Our Young Lawyers Division holds quarterly Brown-bag lunches where new attorneys receive sage advice from our Federal Judiciary. U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Catharina Haynes, U.S District Judges Barbara Lynn, David Godbey, Sidney Fitzwater, Sam Lindsay, and Jane Boyle; U.S. Bankruptcy Judges Stacey Jernigan and Harlan Hale; and U.S. Magistrate Judges Irma Ramirez and David Horan have all given talks at these lunches. One hour of CLE credit was also provided.
7. Hosted a Retirement Reception for Chief Judge Solis on April 28.
8. Hosts an annual Judiciary Appreciation Luncheon at the Belo Mansion in June.
9. Sponsors Dallas Bar Association's "Bar None" Variety Show.
10. Hosted an Investiture Ceremony for the Honorable Mark X. Mullin.
11. Sponsors "Afternoon at the Courthouse" event introducing summer law associates to judicial clerkship opportunities.
12. Sponsors a welcome reception for new law clerks each September at the federal courthouse.

Potential Host Hotels

Downtown Dallas has a growing number of excellent hotels that would be great hosts for the 2020 Convention. The following hotels are all walking distance from the Federal Courthouse and the Belo Mansion (and other possible Welcome Reception venues). These hotels are accessible from Dallas' airports (DFW and Love Field) from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and affordable UBER, LYFT, and cab rides. These hotels are also close to area shopping, restaurants, and entertainment which should alleviate any need for Convention attendants to rent cars.

The Westin (directly across the street to the Federal Courthouse): <http://www.westindallasdowntown.com/>
The Omni: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/dallas>
Sheraton: <http://www.sheratondallashotel.com/>
Fairmont: <http://www.fairmont.com/dallas/>

Traveling to Dallas

Dallas is both an extremely accessible and affordable destination for Convention attendants. Dallas is the hub for Southwest and American Airlines, which typically offer very affordable fares to the city. Other major carriers also have multiple flights into Dallas Love and DFW airports.

Things to Do/See in Downtown Dallas

Outside of the excellent programming and CLEs at our Convention, Downtown Dallas offers a myriad of sites, events, shopping, and restaurants to enhance the traveling experience for Convention attendants and their families. Downtown Dallas is home (easily accessible) to the following:

The John F. Kennedy Memorial
The Sixth Floor Museum

The Original Neiman Marcus Store
The Reunion Tower Observation Deck
The Dallas World Aquarium
The Dallas Zoo
Victory Plaza (where the Maverick and Stars play)
The Holocaust Museum
The Dallas Museum of Art
The Nasher Sculpture Center
The Myerson Symphony
The Winspear Opera House
The Tramell Crow Museum of Asian Art
Klyde Warren Park

<http://www.visitdallas.com/things-to-do/index.html>

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal, and please let us know if you have any questions.