



Federal Bar Association

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TO: FBA National, Circuit and Chapter Leaders

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SUBJ: 2015 Capitol Hill Day

FBA Capitol Hill Day last week was a real success. Over 35 national, circuit and chapter leaders of the Federal Bar Association met with Senate and House lawmakers and staff on April 30 and educated Congress on the challenges and needs of the federal courts.

We're delighted that so many committed FBA leaders from across the country took time from their busy schedules to come to Washington to focus Congress' attention on the role of the Third Branch. This is one more way that FBA is helping to make a difference.

This year's event involved FBA leaders from 28 chapters, located in 19 states, visiting approximately 150 Congressional offices. The FBA delegation represented the largest in the history of Capitol Hill Day.

The FBA, as the representative of the practicing bar and the foremost constituency of our federal courts, has a responsibility to remind Congress of the important role our courts play, the challenges they face and their ongoing needs. That is why our discussions with Capitol Hill offices last week focused on these four policy priorities:

- Adequate funding for our federal courts
- Prompt Senate consideration of all judicial nominees
- Reforms to curb abusive litigation practices
- Establishment of an Article I immigration court

The FBA Issue Brief explaining each of these four priorities is attached.

FBA representatives received a warm reception and a positive response from many of the Congressional offices they visited, providing the opportunity for ongoing and stronger

relationships. Our FBA staff and Government Relations Committee will continue to regularly monitor these issues, stay in touch with the Hill, and keep you informed of continuing developments through our monthly GRC updates.

We hope that next year's Capitol Hill Day will be even larger and that you will plan on participating in the event, scheduled for May 19, 2016.

Attachment