

# Introduction to Capitol Hill Day and FBA Policy Priorities

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# Strengthening the Administration of Justice

FBA ADVOCACY

The FBA has an active presence in the nation's capital, monitoring and participating in policymaking processes in Congress, the Executive Branch and the federal judiciary.



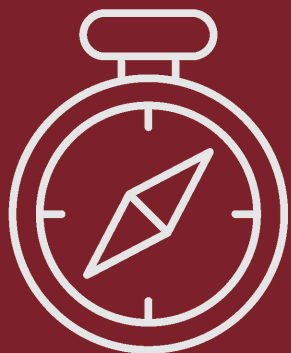
The FBA's government relations program is overseen by its **Government Relations Committee**, composed of FBA member volunteers.

Our credibility in Washington hinges on our identity as a **nonpartisan** organization.

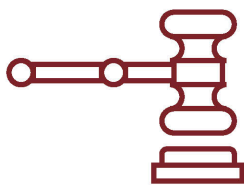


# Policy Priorities

## FBA ISSUES AGENDA



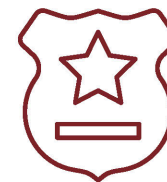
The compass of the FBA's government relations program is its Issues Agenda. Focused on strengthening the federal legal system and protecting the independence of the Judiciary.



**Funding for the Courts**



**Judgeships**



**Judicial Security**



# Capitol Hill Day: Advocacy as a Member Benefit

- March 26, 2026
- Participate in furthering FBA mission
- Develop and grow relationships within the FBA and Congress
- Demonstrate support for federal judiciary and improving the federal judicial system



# The Voice of the Federal Bench and Bar

Communicate with  
Chief Judge – Before  
and after your meetings



# Members of Congress want to hear from you



## Members value staying in touch with constituents

- Constituent conversations guide policymaking
- It is a Member's duty to serve constituents
- Members trust their staff to help them listen to constituents, so advocates should not be surprised if they meet with staff in lieu of a member



## Members find personal communications persuasive

- Advocates' communications with members of Congress should be personal, reflecting their individual voices or perspectives
- Individual letters and e-mails can have greater influence on member decision-making than form letters

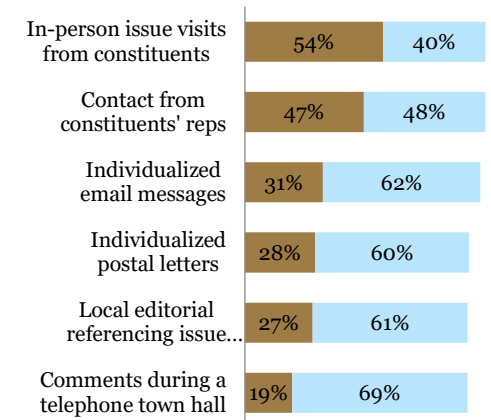


## Visitors with first-hand knowledge of policy impacts are most compelling

### Influence of advocacy strategies directed at a member's DC office

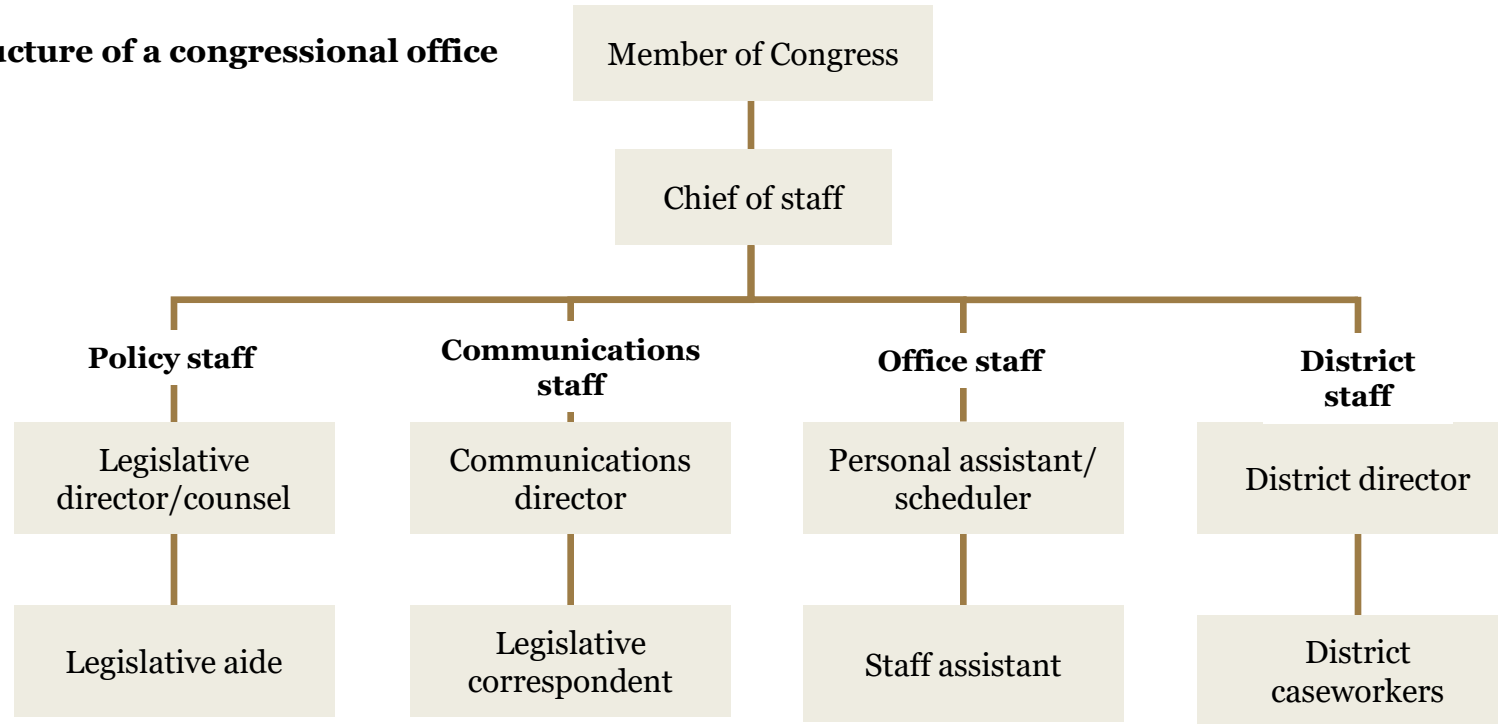
*\*Asked of Chiefs of Staff, Comms Directors, Legislative Directors/Assistants*

■ A lot of positive influence    ■ Some influence



# Expect to speak to staffers during meetings on the Hill

Sample organizational structure of a congressional office

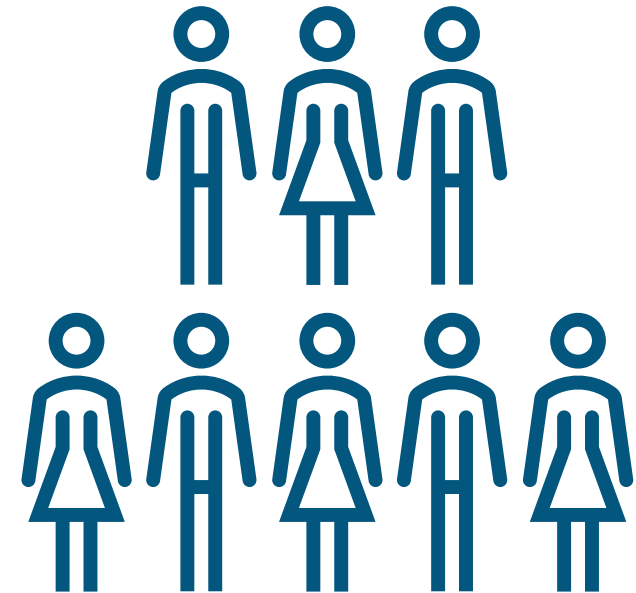


Members of Congress have busy schedules – staffers will often have more time to devote to Hill meetings and be more capable of effecting any takeaway



# Key Instructions for Capitol Hill Day Advocates

Coordinate with  
state's delegation



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Schedule meetings  
(copy [grc@fedbar.org](mailto:grc@fedbar.org) on  
correspondence)



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Know Your Member  
(and the staffer you're  
meeting)



# Looking Ahead

- ❖ Register to participate in Capitol Hill Day and encourage your colleagues and judiciary
- ❖ State Coordinator will contact participants and coordinate scheduling of meetings
- ❖ Meet with Your Chief Judge
- ❖ **March 23:** Capitol Hill Day Preparatory Briefing (virtual @ 3 pm ET)
- ❖ **March 26:** Capitol Hill Day Kickoff Breakfast (Location and Time TBD) followed by Meetings with Lawmakers and Staff
- ❖ Send in Advocacy Meeting Report
- ❖ Follow-up and thank you notes (copy [grc@fedbar.org](mailto:grc@fedbar.org) on follow-up requests)



## Questions?

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**Thank you for  
participating in  
Capitol Hill Day 2026**