

The Western District of Virginia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

Mission Statement

The mission of the Chapter is to strengthen the federal legal system and the administration of justice by serving the interests and the needs of the federal practitioners (both public and private), the federal judiciary, and the public that we serve.

The Chapter supports the full and equal access to, and participation by all individuals in, the FBA, the legal profession, and the justice system regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other unique attribute. The Chapter recognizes that achieving diversity in the legal profession requires continued effort and commitment.

Goals

The goals of the Western District of Virginia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association are to:

- Serve as the representative of the Federal legal profession in the Western District of Virginia.
- Promote the sound administration of justice.
- Enhance the professional growth and development of members of the Federal legal profession.
- Promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the Federal legal profession.
- Promote the welfare of the local bar membership, federal attorneys, and judges employed by the Government of the United States.
- Provide meaningful services for the well-being and benefit of the members of the Chapter.
- Provide quality educational programs to the Federal legal profession and the public.
- Keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest.
- Keep members informed of the affairs of the Association and Chapter, to encourage their involvement in their activities, and to provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles.
- Promote professional and social interaction among members of the Chapter and the Federal legal profession.

Officers and Board of Directors

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Chapter are comprised of the president, president-elect, vice president, secretary/CLE coordinator, treasurer, immediate past president, at-large members, and judicial board members.

Standing Committee Chairs

The Standing committee Chairs are:

- Budget and Finance Chair
- Membership Chair
- Program Chair

Scope

The Chapter is dedicated to improving the professional lives of members of the bench and bar. Our Chapter serves over one-hundred members and is one of the largest chapters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a Chapter, we strive to fulfill our mission by improving the professional lives of our members in a variety of tangible ways, including:

- Programs – The Chapter provides high quality, competitively priced CLE programs covering a wide range of practical and engaging legal issues and featuring distinguished scholars, judges, and practitioners from around the Commonwealth.
- Events – The Chapter holds social, philanthropic, *pro bono*, and networking events bringing members of the federal bench and bar together.
- Advocacy – The chapter monitors and advocates on national issues that impact the practice of the local bar, the federal lawyers, and the courts, and the Chapter keeps its members abreast of current federal matters by providing non-partisan advocacy on behalf of the federal judiciary and practitioners.
- Leadership – The Chapter provides opportunities for members to participate in chapter governance, and the Chapter helps shape the FBA's future while making an impact on the growth of the federal legal community.
- Communication – The Chapter informs our members of current events and information relevant to practitioners and judges in the federal system.
- Education – The Chapter provides various educational and learning opportunities at the national and local levels, and the Chapter promotes high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct to the public we serve.
- Networking – The Chapter connects members with a vast network of federal practitioners across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, and the Chapter provides opportunities to socially interact throughout the year that connect the bench and bar.
- Members Only Advantages – The Chapter offers community/*pro bono* activities aimed at 'giving back' to our community, and the Chapter provides a 'two-way' mentorship program that leverages generational strengths as the older members provide professional guidance while the younger members help with matters related to technology and the digital age.