



ABOUT US

Founded in 1982, the Federal Judges Association is a voluntary association of United States judges appointed under Article III of the Constitution. The association has grown to well over 1,100 members, an overwhelming majority of the nation's Article III judges. Its officers and directors come from federal courts of appeals, district courts, and the Court of International Trade.

OUR MISSION

The FJA's mission is to support and enhance the role of its members within a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary; to actively build a community of interest among its members; and to cooperate with others to strengthen our system of justice.

INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION OF JUDGES

The FJA is an independent non-profit organization that is separate from the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AO"). The FJA allows Article III judges to pursue our own interests and protect the institution of the courts. The AO's budget is properly dedicated to the function of the courts. The FJA provides the non-taxpayer supported resource necessary for us to advocate for our needs. The FJA coordinates and often combines efforts with the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges on matters of mutual interest to all judges, for greater effectiveness. The FJA, as an independent organization, can speak in one voice to protect the independence of the judiciary and to explain its significance to other branches of government and the public.



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BECOME A MEMBER

All Article III judges are encouraged to be members of FJA to ensure a unified and strong voice advocating for the independence and interests of the federal judiciary. For more information or to become a member, please go to our website at www.federaljudgesassoc.org or contact our Executive Director, Jennifer Brinkley at (888) 329-1941.

Membership dues are only \$17 per month and are paid by payroll deduction. For more reasons to join, we welcome you to reach out to an FJA Officer or your circuit representative on the FJA Board of Directors, whose contact information is available on our website.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FJA does what you cannot do individually:

- Speaks in one voice for Article III judges on issues of pay and benefits.
- Monitors and responds to legislation that impacts the independence of the judiciary.
- Protects and seeks to expand the status and benefits of all active and senior judges.
- Maintains contact with Congress.
- Plays an active role in seeking increased judicial security.

In addition, the FJA provides:

- Sample speeches and presentations for multiple occasions.
- Materials for civic education.
- Monthly newsletters with updates from around the country.
- FedAdvantage program participation.
- Quarterly webinars on civic, personal and professional topics relative to judges.
- Opportunity for all members to participate in FJA committees and in the annual board meeting.
- A list of resources relevant to the federal judiciary.
- The opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the country and internationally.
- A Quadrennial conference which may include receptions at the White House and U.S. Supreme Court.

FJA MEMBERSHIP TESTIMONIALS

I am a member of the FJA because...

"Not just membership in, but active participation with one's Article III colleagues expands our acquaintances beyond the boundaries of our own districts and circuits. Each encounter, and especially each new encounter with our Article III colleagues enhances our service as members of a select and very fortunate set of federal judges." **James Carr**

"I value and benefit from the many programs the organization offers. Through its programs, newsletter and website, I am kept up to date and informed on a wide range of issues that affect the federal judiciary. The FJA provides an avenue where I can interact with and discuss these issues with other federal judges and join in offering solutions to problems and guiding and protecting our interests." **Nannette Jolivette Brown**

"FJA provides valuable opportunities to interact with colleagues who become friends and to learn from their experiences. The FJA's community of federal judges allows for networking and knowledge sharing. Whether through conferences, workshops, or collaborative initiatives, these interactions contribute to our professional and personal growth."

Marina Garcia Marmolejo

"It is the best way for me to interact with my peers from across the country. I learn so much every time I go to a meeting, or read the newsletter, or share a drink with another federal judge. Every district in the country does things a little different and the FJA gives me the chance to be a better judge." **Stephen R. Bough**