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Alumni of the University of Miami display their school pride with “The U” at the Florida Chapters conference, which drew over 800 attendees.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY FOR LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES

is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.

This entails reordering priorities within the legal system to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also requires restoring the recognition of the importance of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors. In working to achieve these

goals, the Society has created a conservative and libertarian intellectual network that extends to all levels of the legal community.

In its mission and purpose, the Federalist Society is unique. By providing a forum for legal experts of opposing views to interact with members of the legal profession, the judiciary, law students, academics, and the architects of public policy, the Society has redefined the terms of legal debate.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This Annual Report is a celebration of the tireless work and generous contributions of our volunteers and supporters in 2023. Here, I want to share with you a bird's-eye view of what we've accomplished in the past year and what we hope to do going forward.

As you will see in these pages, the Society hosted thousands of programs across the country in 2023, most of them organized by volunteers. Student and lawyers chapter programs have surpassed pre-Covid levels—in terms of both number and quality—and we have continued to produce excellent publications and videos about important legal and public policy issues.

In many ways, 2023 was a year of good news. We've seen the principles we have been discussing for more than forty years become ascendant in some respects. But it was also a year of tremendous challenges. We saw disturbing organized attacks on free speech at elite law school campuses that captured national attention, and we are now seeing, among other things, a disturbing unequal application of universities' policies on these questions.

In this present climate, I am particularly struck by the courage of our student volunteers. There are

numerous pressures and incentives for them not to get involved with the Federalist Society at this crucial point in their nascent careers. Radical ideologies have spread far beyond the classroom to the elite law firms and corporate boardrooms, and it would surely be safer for them to keep their heads down. And yet our students remain undaunted. They have gotten involved, and they posted strong numbers in all meaningful measures last year—membership, events, and attendance.

We have gone back to fundamentals in our programs. While it is always important to stay tethered to our roots, this revisiting of our foundations is also in response to increasing challenges in the broader legal and political culture. The public square is filled with voices that are constantly telling us that our Constitution, laws, and legal traditions are instruments of oppression; that our courts and judges are not merely mistaken but completely illegitimate; that free speech is a tool of the powerful that should be curtailed to avoid causing discomfort; and that the United States is an irredeemably flawed country that systematically mistreats women and racial and ethnic minorities.

Given these challenges, we have been focusing and will continue to focus on three key areas.

THE CONSTITUTION IS GOOD

When the Federalist Society began, it was broadly assumed both in the legal culture and among the general public that the Constitution was fundamentally good—even if flawed. Forty years ago, our debates were over interpretation, spirit versus letter, and equality versus liberty. But in 2024, many of our most influential institutions and intellectuals challenge the goodness of the Constitution, arguing or assuming that it is inherently bad. This is a dramatic change from prior generations, who would invoke phrases in the Constitution even as they advocated for their expanded meaning for progressive ends. It is clear that we now need to make a focused effort to educate our audiences on the history, significance, and lasting impact of the U.S. Constitution and on the success of this uniquely American form of government, instead of taking it for granted.

THE INTEGRITY, LEGITIMACY AND CENTRALITY OF THE COURTS

The Federalist Society will foster discussions about the ongoing attacks on the Supreme Court and the judiciary more broadly, and we will present a more accurate picture of the third branch's role in our constitutional system than what is commonly portrayed in the media. We hope to get diverse voices—left, right, and center—to distinguish between critiques of and attacks on the judiciary. We will examine the dangers of threats and slander. Positively, we will highlight how the Supreme Court really does its work: it applies legal reasoning, it does not conduct politics by other means.

DEI AND THE AFTERMATH OF STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS V. HARVARD

The Supreme Court's 2023 decision in the case *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* made it clear that the institutions that shape our future leaders—selective colleges and universities—run afoul of the U.S. Constitution when they seek to socially engineer our society using racial preferences. Underpinning the decision is the Court's rejection of the idea that people should be treated differently on the basis of their identity. Higher education is not the only arena

that has been affected by DEI ideology and bureaucracy. Various identity-based preferences have become very widespread in business, government, the arts, and K-12 education, and many other key institutions. We will explore the applicability of the *SFFA* decision and its reasoning to these other institutions.

In addition, we will continue our focused attention on challenges to freedom of thought at law schools and other legal institutions. Recent events on campus have provided both major new challenges but also new opportunities both there and in the corporate and general counsel world, the other primary areas of focus for this project.

In bringing attention to these questions, we maintain our commitment to civil discussion, because that is the way decent societies learn and grow. We will continue to invite to our discussions all thoughtful people who wish to be part of them. People of conscience who argue in good faith will always be welcome at our events, even if some of us think they have wrongheaded ideas. We do all of this with renewed enthusiasm precisely because meeting our present turmoil with maturity and grace will highlight how constitutional principles help society overcome division rather than exacerbate it, and how the rule of law facilitates human flourishing.

We believe our Founders, though imperfect, left a priceless legacy of freedom and prosperity—a shining city upon a hill. But it is not guaranteed that it will shine indefinitely. It is up to every citizen, and every generation, to stand up for the principles our forebears established. And to stand up, not just when it's easy, but especially when it's hard.

I am very grateful to you—our volunteers, benefactors, leaders, and supporters—for making this all possible. I speak on behalf of the whole team at national headquarters when I say that you inspire us and make our work deeply rewarding.

Eugene B. Meyer



The University of Chicago chapter displays their Freddie Award.

STUDENTS

In 2023, the Student Division continued to advance the Federalist Society’s mission on law school campuses all over the country. With an active student chapter at nearly every accredited law school in the United States, the Student Division is instrumental in exposing students to conservative and libertarian legal principles. With the help of the Student Division, student chapters arrange for judges, legal practitioners, and other experts to speak on their campuses. This creates opportunities for discussion and debate in environments that are otherwise often ideological echo

chambers. In addition to speaking events, student chapters host book clubs, exam prep sessions, workshops, alumni receptions, luncheons with faculty, and social events. Student Federalist Society members leave law school well-equipped to contribute to the public policy debate during their professional careers.

The Student Division also hosts debates and speaking events via Zoom, which are attended not only by students, but also by practitioners and scholars. In 2023, the Student Division partnered with a rotating assortment of student chapters to host Freddie Night Fights for the third year in a row. Freddie Night Fights are a series of online debates about pressing legal issues, broadcast via

RECENT PROGRAMS

Fredie Night Fights
fedsoc.org/fnf

PG-15: FedSoc Study Break
fedsoc.org/pg15

2023 Student Symposium
fedsoc.org/2023symposium



Zoom and recorded for later viewing. The Student Division also continued to host PG-15: FedSoc Study Break, which is a more casual forum for students to discuss legal issues with experts. This provides students with a more relaxed way to engage with fellow Federalist Society members, while discussing issues relevant to the real-world practice of law.

As always, the Student Division hosted student chapter presidents at the annual Student Leadership Conference in the greater Washington, DC area. This conference provides student leaders with extensive training in running student chapters. Participants return to their schools well equipped to execute the Federalist Society’s mission on their campuses.

- 1 The Berkeley chapter kicks off its year of programming with a Supreme Court Roundup.
- 2 Washington and Lee chapter officers prepare to recruit new members at their school’s organization fair.
- 3 The Arizona chapter hosts a debate about free speech on college campuses, featuring Eugene Volokh and Toni Massaro, and moderated by Dean Marc Miller.
- 4 Judge Amul Thapar poses with Texas A&M students after speaking to their chapter.
- 5 The University of Kentucky chapter listens as Christopher Walker and Ilya Shapiro discuss Chevron deference.

The Student Division also continues to host the annual Student Symposium, which is held on a different law school campus each year. In 2023, the Symposium’s topic was “Law and Democracy.” Attendees enjoyed the Symposium’s debates and panels, which featured professors, judges, and other legal scholars. Students also welcomed this opportunity to socialize with hundreds of like-minded peers.

STATISTICS

75K+
event attendees

206
active chapters

500+
social events

1,261
speaker events

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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1 Student Leadership Conference attendees listen to a presentation about digital marketing strategies.

2 Claire Montgomery represents the Michigan State chapter at the Student Leadership Conference.

3 Joe Manuszak of Detroit Mercy displays a Debate, Discuss, Decide podium sign.

4 Student chapter presidents enjoy panels about leading a Federalist Society student chapter.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Wolff and Amber Hulse
3Ls at Georgetown Law

“Being leaders in the Federalist Society at Georgetown Law has been an incredible experience for us. Serving on the executive team as Events and Communications Directors last year provided us with a unique opportunity to understand the inner workings of the chapter and ensure that students at Georgetown Law have the chance to engage with like-minded individuals and explore important legal issues from an alternative perspective.

Looking ahead, our goal for the chapter is to leave a lasting legacy by growing our chapter and strengthening our reputation both on-campus and nationally. With our school situated in the heart of the nation’s capital, we aim to take advantage of the DC connection and establish continuing community engagement with alumni, professionals, and other scholars in the area. By striving towards this objective, our team hopes to make a significant impact on the legal profession and the wider community.

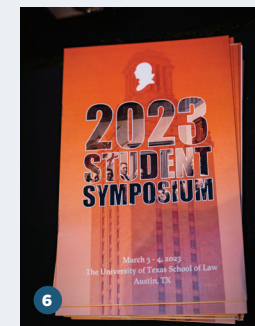


STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the University of Texas student chapter
March 3-4, 2023



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5 Student Symposium attendees congregate while awaiting the beginning of the next panel discussion.

6 Custom programs contain the schedule for the action-packed 2023 Student Symposium.

7 A Symposium attendee displays his Texas pride by accessorizing his suit with a cowboy hat.

8 Texas Governor Greg Abbott delivers the keynote address at the Student Symposium banquet.

9 Vice President and Director of the Student Division Peter Redpath delivers remarks during the banquet.



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10 Symposium Chair Emmalyn Decker welcomes attendees to the banquet.

11 Collin Li and Henny Posner accept a Feddie Award on behalf of the Columbia Chapter.

12 Associate Director of the Student Division Bobby Ramkissoon presents Anthony Leonardi of the South Dakota chapter with a Feddie Award.

13 Students meet other members of other panels in between panel discussions.

LAWYERS

Our lawyers chapters continued to increase their activity and scope, hosting a record number of chapter events and conferences. The division hosted 528 events, about 90 more programs than the previous year, surpassing pre-pandemic numbers. The Lawyers Division hosted sixteen signature dinners and conferences. Chapters were launched in Montana, Hawaii, Idaho, and Alaska. Prominent featured speakers included U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas; former U.S. Solicitors General Paul Clement and Ted Olson; Judges Bill Pryor, Edith Jones, Greg Katsas, Amul Thapar, Andy Oldham, Jim Ho, Kevin Newsom, Lisa Branch, Chad Readler, and John Nalbandian; and many other leading practitioners and state court judges. The young lawyers activity across the country has increased, and we have retained an increasing number of recent graduates as members.

120
lawyers
chapters

13
state
conferences

528
events

1, 2 The Federalist Society Lawyers division hosted three annual dinners in 2023 — in San Diego (not pictured), New York City (1), and Arizona (2).

3 The DC Young Lawyers Chapter hosted a conversation with Hon. Andrew Oldham, Hon. Amul Thapar, and Hon. Donald McGahn on June 22nd.



STATE CONFERENCES

MISSOURI January 20



WESTERN January 28



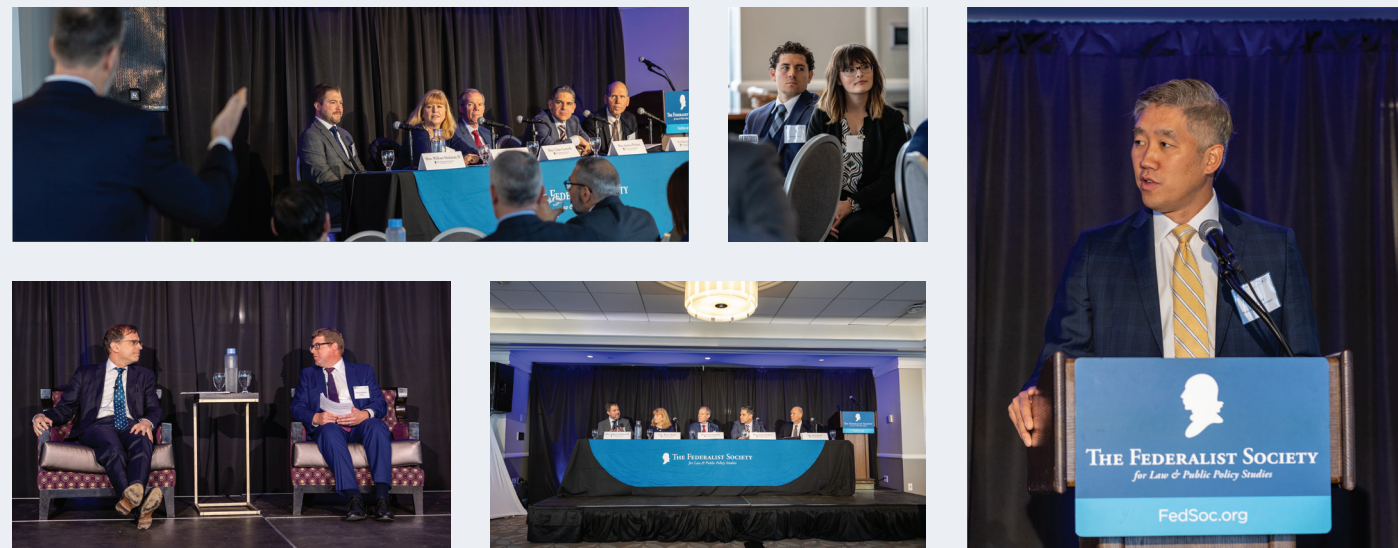
FLORIDA February 3-4



OHIO April 21



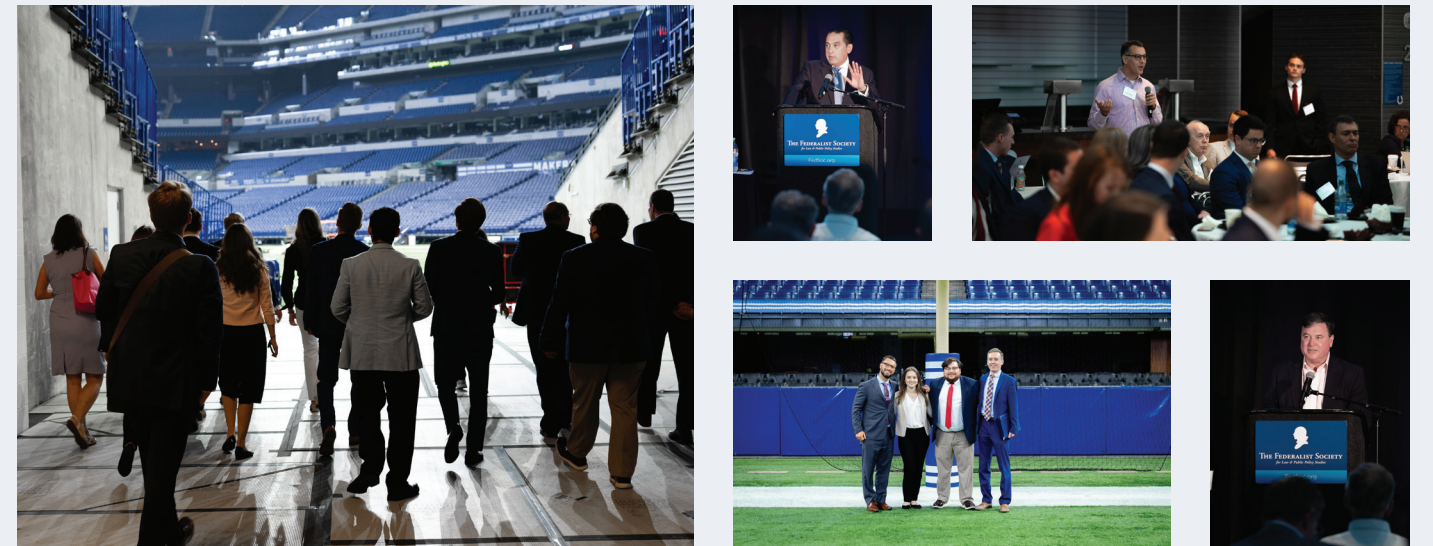
THIRD CIRCUIT April 28



WISCONSIN May 5



MIDWESTERN June 16



FLORIDA YOUNG LAWYERS July 21



ALABAMA September 8



TENNESSEE September 15



TEXAS September 22-23



NORTH CAROLINA October 6



KENTUCKY October 13



ARKANSAS October 20



“ I joined the Federalist Society in law school because I’m deeply committed to our Constitution, federalism, the separation of powers, and the rule of law. I’ve stayed involved and become a leader in the Washington D.C. young lawyers chapter because of the incredible community the Society has assembled. Our chapter is stacked with intelligent people committed to serving our country and the ideals of our Constitution. Spending time with those people has become an important part of my life, and it’s hard to imagine life in Washington D.C. without the Society.

— **Louis Cappozzi**
President
DC Young Lawyers

DID YOU KNOW?

The first chapter conference was at the Reagan Library in 2007.



Panelists Prof. Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz (Georgetown), Erin Hawley (Alliance Defending Freedom), Prof. Jeffrey Rosen (George Washington and National Constitution Center), Prof. Jennifer Mascott (George Mason), and Prof. Robert Leider (George Mason) weighed in on major upcoming cases, moderated by Sarah Isgur (*The Dispatch*), at our annual Supreme Court Preview Panel held on September 26, 2023 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC.

FACULTY

In 2023, the Faculty Division continued to promote dialogue among law professors who hold a wide array of views—on limited government, the separation of powers, the original understanding of the Constitution, and the importance of a free society—in order to foster free debate and intellectual diversity within academia. Our programs are designed (1) to identify aspiring conservative and libertarian law professors and support them through the legal academic hiring process; (2) to assist junior faculty in the academy; (3) to foster and build an academic community dedicated to the free exchange of ideas; and (4) to provide academic resources about the law to the public and press. To further these objectives, we have continued to develop and refine our core programs, including the Annual Faculty Conference, Junior Scholars Colloquium, James Kent Academy, co-sponsored colloquia, and academic fellowships.

Of particular note, our 24th Annual Faculty Conference, which took place in San Diego, CA under the general aegis of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), was extremely well attended. Our luncheon debate exploring the arguments for and against the Major Questions Doctrine in statutory interpretation attracted especially strong interest, and our panel on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (overruling *Roe v. Wade*) and the Rule of Law received compliments from a number of faculty—including some not affiliated with Fed Soc—as the most balanced and interesting of the various abortion-related panels taking place during the broader AALS meeting. Finally, the winners of our Young Legal Scholars Paper Competition, several of whom have since published their papers in the highly regarded Michigan, Notre Dame, and Alabama Law Reviews, received dedicated comments from Prof. Richard Epstein (NYU/Chicago).

2023 STATS

30
new SCOTUScast
episodes

68K+
new downloads of
SCOTUScast episodes

1,600+
views of Supreme Court
Preview Panel video

59%
of Junior Scholars Colloquium papers
placed in a top-50 flagship law review
or top specialty journal



“ In an age of manifestos and litmus tests, FedSoc is an intellectual breath of fresh air. It brings together people who are happy to disagree even as they share broad commitments—including the commitment to reasoning together as the way to get things right.

— **Stephen E. Sachs**
Antonin Scalia Professor of Law
Harvard Law School

Below Profs. Ilan Wurman (Arizona State), Chris Walker (Michigan), and Chad Squitieri (Catholic) debated whether the Major Questions Doctrine plays a role in statutory interpretation.



DID YOU KNOW?

FOSTERING SCHOLARSHIP

For more than a decade, we have held an annual **Junior Scholars Colloquium** structured around a paper competition. The authors of the eight winning draft papers each receive a \$1,000 prize, and they meet as a group over the course of two days to present their work and receive comments from dedicated senior faculty. Junior scholars find that this colloquium provides an excellent opportunity to improve their academic writing and build relationships with leading faculty in related fields. Many participants have gone on to place their papers in highly regarded flagship law journals, including at Stanford, Chicago, and Virginia. Most recently, the 2024 Junior Scholars Colloquium took place May 31 to June 1 at the Westin Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, MD.

Panelists and scholars at the 2023 Junior Scholars Colloquium.

JOSEPH STORY AWARD

The winner of the 2023 Joseph Story Award is **Professor Jennifer Mascott** of George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia Law School. The annual award recognizes a junior academic (ten years or less on the tenure track or 40 and under) who has demonstrated excellence in legal scholarship, a commitment to teaching, a concern for students, and who has made a significant public impact in a manner that advances the rule of law in a free society.



Award Chair Matt Phillips from the University of Chicago Law School presents the 2023 Joseph Story Award to outstanding teacher and administrative law scholar Prof. Jennifer Mascott.



120+

virtual programs

780K+

virtual program views and listens

42K+

Executive Branch Review Conference views

600+

executive committee members

PRACTICE GROUPS

In 2023, the Practice Groups continued to advance high-level legal and policy discussion from our national office. Important progress was made in leadership, membership, off-the-record meetings, programming, and a rebranding of online and podcast content. There are now close to 600 volunteer Executive Committee members in the 15 Practice Groups, with 40 new members added this year alone.

The Practice Groups continued to build on long-standing, excellent in-person programming. In 2023, we hosted 19 in-person events including conferences, briefings, and private dinners. Among the in-person events hosted this year were three one-day conferences, including the Eleventh Annual Executive Branch Review Conference, the National Security Symposium, and the Education Law & Policy Conference. The Practice Groups

also coordinated the Federalist Society's signature event, the National Lawyers Convention. In addition to selling out the convention quickly, the high-quality NLC programming resulted in an impressive 56% increase in livestream engagement over 2022.

Other in-person events featured discussions on topics ranging from the current state of the legal profession to the most important issues facing the Executive Branch and the Supreme Court. This year's Supreme Court Roundup at the Mayflower Hotel featured former Solicitor General Paul Clement, who gave an insightful analysis of the term to a capacity crowd in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. Practice Groups also hosted a lunch panel at the Mayflower Hotel on DEI in the Executive Branch. The discussion was hosted by the Civil Rights Practice Group and moderated by Chairman Ken Marcus.

This balanced panel featured Executive Committee members Hans von Spakovsky and Devon Westhill; Dean of Delaware Law School Todd Clark; and DEI official Veronica Venture from the Department of Homeland Security. The panel discussed the current state of DEI initiatives in the Executive Branch and touched on controlling executive orders, the utility of DEI, and more. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and the recording has nearly 18,000 views.

Throughout the year, the Practice Groups hosted more than 120 virtual events, which amassed more than 780,000 total views and listens, including nearly 12,000 live views. These webinars routinely attract hundreds of live viewers, who are afforded a chance to interact with featured speakers through live Q&A. Recordings of these events are then posted to YouTube and our podcast page where

they receive thousands more views and listens, enabling new levels of engagement with a diverse audience of experts, lawyers, and the general public.

Our Supreme Court programming continues to enjoy immense popularity with our audience. The *A Seat at the Sitting* livestream series that previews the docket each month consistently attracts large viewership. Our Courthouse Steps series, which features discussions of individual oral arguments and decisions just after they occur, also continues to perform exceptionally well. In 2023, we brought back a regular webinar series featuring John Yoo and John Malcolm about divergent conservative perspectives on executive power. This series continues to cover some of the most interesting aspects of the legal cases in the Executive's orbit and draws a large audience.

1 Kate Todd interviews Pat Cipollone at the June DC Lawyers Lunch.

2 Charles J. Cooper responds to a question at the *Civility in the Law* DC Lunch with ABA President Deborah Enix Ross.

3 Prof. William Buzbee answers an audience question at a live Courthouse Steps panel after the Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Sackett v. EPA*.

4 Paul D. Clement delivers remarks at the 2023 Supreme Court Round Up.

5 Devon Westhill gives opening remarks on DEI at the Executive Branch luncheon.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



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EXECUTIVE BRANCH REVIEW CONFERENCE

APRIL 25, 2023

The Eleventh Annual Executive Branch Review Conference (EBRXI) was centered around the theme of Transparency, Accountability, and the Administrative State. Programming included an opening plenary session on OIRA review, an FTC luncheon with former Republican and Democrat commissioners moderated by Judge Rao, and breakout panels sponsored by a variety of Practice Groups covering topics ranging from environmental justice and civil rights to agency-incentivized social media censorship. The conference concluded with a fireside chat with 48th Vice President Mike Pence followed by a book signing. The sold-out event had over 250 attendees and hundreds more online viewers, with more than 42,000 views in the first few weeks after the conference. EBR continues to be the premier gathering in Washington about the administrative state.

1 Former Vice President Mike Pence participates in a fire-side chat at EBRXI.

2 Prof. Susan Dudley gives her opening remarks on the panel *Regulatory Review Reset?* at EBRXI.

3 Former FTC Commissioners Noah Joshua Phillips and Jon Leibowitz join Hon. Neomi Rao for a discussion on recent developments in the antitrust world.

4 John Cruden, Horace Cooper, and Mark Brnovich enjoy a moment of laughter during their EBRXI panel.



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DID YOU KNOW?

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

During the 2023 NLC Leadership Dinner, the Practice Groups unveiled two inaugural awards designed to spotlight the exceptional efforts and contributions of our members. The “Practice Group of the Year” accolade was bestowed upon the Civil Rights Practice Group, recognizing its outstanding production of webinars, blog posts, and in-person events—outstanding in terms of both quality and quantity. Additionally, the “Practice Group Leader of the Year” honor was presented to Svetlana Gans, Chair of the Corporations, Securities, and Antitrust Practice Group, in acknowledgment of her dynamic leadership and unwavering dedication to a series of pivotal programs and private-facing events.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



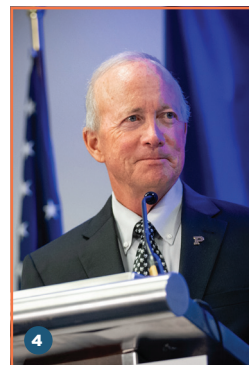
NATIONAL SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 29, 2023

In June, Practice Groups hosted the annual National Security Symposium, sponsored by the International & National Security Law Practice Group, which delved into The Legal, Practical, and Policy Implications of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict. The day-long event included insightful panels examining the financial and humanitarian aspects of the conflict and a keynote address from former United States Senator and Ambassador to NATO Kay Bailey Hutchison. The symposium's impact extended well beyond its conclusion, with recordings amassing over 15,000 views to date.

1 Ambassador Kay Bailey Hutchison gives the keynote address at the 2023 National Security Symposium.

2 Eric Kadel, Richard Goldberg, and Scott Anderson discuss the economic fallout of the Russia-Ukraine war at the 2023 National Security Symposium.



3 Hon. Eugene Scalia delivers a luncheon address at the 2023 Education Law & Policy Conference.

4 Former Governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels delivers the closing address at the 2023 Education Law & Policy Conference.

5 Robert Eitel gives opening remarks at the 2023 Education Law & Policy Conference.

EDUCATION LAW & POLICY CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Practice Groups held a day-long Education Law & Policy Conference in September. Alongside our co-sponsor, the Defense of Freedom Institute, there were three plenary sessions on teachers' unions, religious charter schools, and the U.S. Department of Education. Special addresses were delivered by Philip Howard, Eugene Scalia, and former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. In-person attendees were given the opportunity to complete 285 minutes of CLE.



FEDSOC FORUMS REBRANDING

The Practice Groups has revamped our presence on the Federalist Society website. Recent changes better showcase the diverse range of Practice Groups programming in a manner befitting the central content engine of the organization. In collaboration with the digital team, we have reworked the way content is displayed on the webpage and crafted new logos for each of the 15 Practice Groups, which are featured on the redesigned PG landing page.

Furthermore, we have retired the use of "Teleforum" to better reflect the evolving nature of Practice Groups programming in the post-conference call era. In its place, we introduced "FedSoc Forums" as a comprehensive platform for Practice Groups content. The FedSoc Forums web page displays recent programs and upcoming events in a user-friendly format, making it easy for our audience to interact and enabling new audiences to quickly grasp the nature of our content.

BRIEFCASE

In October, Practice Groups launched a new kind of multimedia presentation format for debates on key issues and cases that mimics the litigation process called Briefcase.

Each Briefcase features two experts "litigating" a topic through a variety of media including Written Briefs, Oral Argument videos, and more, each released sequentially. Briefcase incorporates other voices via short Amicus Brief statements from other key scholars on the topic with a range of views to further the discussion. Each program concludes with an audience poll and final reactions from the participants.



EXTERNAL RELATIONS



STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Through its programming, publications, and personal relationships, the Federalist Society has fostered an unprecedented level of discussion about the role of state attorneys general in policing government overreach at the federal and state levels. Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares spoke at the 2023 National Lawyers Convention and the Richmond Lawyers Chapter; Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond

spoke to the Tulsa Lawyers Chapter; Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr spoke to the Atlanta Lawyers Chapter; and Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor spoke to the Alaska Lawyers Chapter. Our efforts to develop talented lawyers who are interested in serving in these key legal policy jobs are yielding tremendous results; the Society has encouraged many capable members to be more deeply involved in public policy and government service.

1 Nebraska Solicitor General Eric Hamilton speaks on a panel at the National Lawyers Convention.

2 Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti speaks at the Tennessee Chapters Conference.



3 Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley of the Wisconsin Supreme Court speaks at the Wisconsin Chapters Conference.

5 Justice Sarah Campbell of the Tennessee Supreme Court speaks at the Tennessee Chapters Conference.

6 Supreme Court of Texas Justice Jimmy Blacklock speaks at the Texas Chapters Conference.

4 Justice David Wecht of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court at the National Lawyers Convention.

STATE COURTS PROJECT

The State Courts Project exists to promote the discussion of the role of the courts in states around the country. We accomplish this through the publication of our *State Court Docket Watch* series and by hosting events that promote discussion of state court issues in chapters across the country. In 2023, we hosted events that provided expert analysis of state supreme court decisions, discussed trends in how state court judges are ruling, and provided critical commentary on the dynamics of state supreme courts. In the past year, our lawyers chapters have hosted events focused on state supreme courts and state constitutions in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and elsewhere.

60+
State Court Docket Watch
articles published



CONSTITUTION DAY

The Federalist Society hosted its fourth annual Constitution Day program. During the week of Constitution Day—September 17—Federalist Society volunteers taught middle and high school students about America’s founding documents and principles. We matched Federalist Society members—both lawyers and law students—with middle school and high school students from over twenty states.

25 *states where FedSoc volunteers taught Constitution Day classes*



Adam Mortara speaks at an event for the Federalist Society’s Capitol Hill Chapter.

CAPITOL HILL CHAPTER

The Capitol Hill Chapter educates members of Congress and their staff about the relationship between important first principles—including the rule of law and limited constitutional government—and issues they deal with every day. We achieve this goal by sponsoring events that are both educational and social. These events introduce staffers to subject area experts, expose them to content produced by

the Federalist Society, and give them the opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals working on the Hill. In 2023, we worked to incorporate students, young lawyers, and other members of the Society into our activities on the Hill. These efforts have created an expansive network that opens opportunities in public service for the brightest young members of the Society.



In 2023, the International Division sponsored a Transatlantic Human Rights Law Symposium in London, hosted the first Annual Meeting of the International Law and Liberty Society (ILLS), co-hosted a luncheon for ILLS leaders at the U.S. Supreme Court in conjunction with their attendance at the 2023 National Lawyers Convention, and hosted a Transatlantic Judicial Exchange.

In February, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch was the featured guest at the Transatlantic Human Rights Law Symposium, which the Federalist Society-inspired London Law and Liberty Circle hosted with respect to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In addition to delivering an address at the Symposium, Justice Gorsuch was the featured guest at a luncheon held at the Honourable Society of the Middle

Temple, one of the four Inns of Court exclusively entitled to call their members to the Bar of England and Wales. Justice Gorsuch also participated in a fireside chat with Dean Reuter at the University of Oxford's East Writing School, which the Benjamin Disraeli Law and Liberty Circle hosted.

In April, outside Paris, the ILLS held its first Annual Meeting. Based in significant part on the mission and principles embraced by the Federalist Society, the ILLS is a nonpartisan multinational network of groups consisting of lawyers, law students, law faculty, and others interested in current intellectual and practical developments in the law and in promoting the rule of law, individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, separation of powers, judicial restraint, economic freedom, national sovereignty, subsidiarity, and fundamental freedoms at the



national level. The current participants in the ILLS include law student and/or lawyer chapters in Canada, England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, Israel, Australia, Philippines, and Brazil. At the first ILLS Annual Meeting in April, leaders from each Law and Liberty Circle explained their activities and upcoming programming.

In November, 26 ILLS leaders attended the National Lawyers Convention, which continues to be an inspiring experience for young lawyers from around the world. During the Convention, in addition to enjoying the regularly scheduled events, the ILLS delegates toured the Supreme Court of the United States, followed by a talk by, and luncheon with, Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. The ILLS delegation also visited George Washington's Mount Vernon.



Throughout 2023, the various ILLS groups held events comparable to those held by law student and lawyer chapters of the Federalist Society.

In September, in London, the International Division hosted a Transatlantic Judicial Exchange in which Judges Elizabeth Branch and Britt Grant from the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit participated, along the President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, a judge from the Constitutional Court of Slovenia, and four judges from the Strasbourg-based European Court of Human Rights representing Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, and the Republic of Georgia.

Meanwhile, as it has since its creation in 2008, the Federalist Society's Global Governance Watch web-based project continues to monitor developments relating to UN global governance and the global business, human rights, and ESG agenda.

1 At their initial Annual Meeting, leaders of the groups comprising the International Law and Liberty Society signed a Statement of Mission and Principles.

2 ILLS participants at the National Lawyers Convention visit George Washington's Mount Vernon.

3 U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch and his wife, Marie Louise Gorsuch (center) with Dean Reuter and members of the London Law and Liberty Circle.

4 U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Britt Grant (L) and Elizabeth Branch (R) attend the inspiring musical *Hamilton* with judges from the European Court of Human Rights and the President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo.

5 Director of International Affairs, Jim Kelly, attended the launch of the Thaddeus Kosciusko Law and Liberty Circle, based at the University of Warsaw in Poland.



NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION 2023

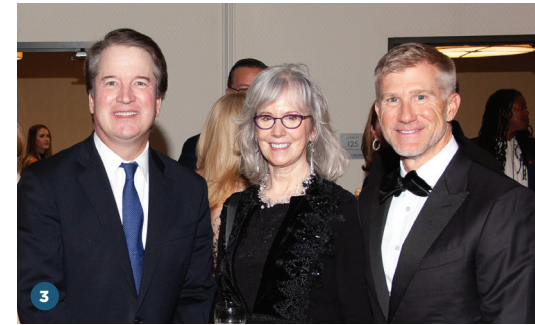
NOVEMBER 11-13
WASHINGTON, DC



The Federalist Society's 2023 National Lawyers Convention featured the largest number of attendees at a Convention to date! The Convention and the Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner attracted more than 2,400 people, selling out in record time.

The Convention once again brought together legal experts, long-time members, students, and others new to the Federalist Society from all over the country and internationally. The theme of this year's convention was "Originalism on the Ground." The Scalia dinner included a fascinating interview of Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barret, by Judge Lisa Branch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The Barbara Olson Memorial lecture featured an impressive and memorable address by journalist Bari Weiss. The 15th annual Rosenkranz Debate between Prof. Richard Epstein, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law and Director, Classical Liberal Institute, New York University School of Law and Prof. Mr. Clark Neily, Senior Vice President for Legal Studies, Cato Institute, moderated by Prof. Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz of Georgetown University Law Center was an interesting debate about the constitutionality of states regulating the content moderation policies of social media companies. The Convention concluded with the Robert H. Bork Memorial Lecture which was given by Judge Thomas Griffith (ret.).

The Practice Groups hosted 30 panels, debates, discussions, and addresses. Along with all of the alumni lunches, leadership meetings, the Red Carpet After Party, Shabbat Reception, and book signings, this year's Convention offered enriching programming and networking opportunities for veteran and new attendees alike.



1 Cristiana Manole Palmer, Justice Samuel Alito, and Eric Palmer pose for a photo at the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner.

2 Judge Lisa Branch and Justice Amy Coney Barret pose for a photo following a fireside chat.

3 Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Susan Dudley, and Jay Steele attend a reception at the Scalia dinner.

4 Ted Olson, Ken Cribb, Julie Abraham, and Spence Abraham pose for a photo at the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner

5 Justice Neil Gorsuch, Susan DeMuth, and Chris DeMuth attend a reception at the Washington Hilton.



Watch the Lecture



BARBARA K. OLSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

For the twenty-second annual Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture, Bari Weiss delivered a powerful presentation on the Israel-Hamas war and the events of October 7, 2023. She reminded the sold-out National Lawyers Convention audience that there is an ongoing “war of ideas, conviction, and of will facing us as Americans,” one that faced the country in 2001 and continues as a “civilizational war” to this day. Noting the sobering difference between reactions to September 11 and to October 7, Ms. Weiss exhorted attendees to defend their nation and culture, to remember allies, and to see the world as it is—including the good. They must remember, she said, that the battle for the rule of law, against double standards of speech, and for freedom is a worthy fight, and that they are the ones who must fight it.

2.2K+ attendees 100+ panelists 8K+ live views

Website
fedsoc.org/NLC2023

1 Judge Thomas Griffin delivers the 2024 Hon. Robert H. Bork Memorial Lecture on *Toxic Political Polarization and the Judiciary*.



2 Judge Paul Matey moderates a panel including Prof. John Yoo on FISA Section 702.



3 The Labor & Employment Law Practice Group-sponsored panel features a discussion among moderator Judge Chad Readler, Craig Becker, and Phillip Miscimarra.



4 Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod moderates a breakout session titled *Do States Enjoy a Special Solitude?*



5 Speakers discuss *Originalist Perspectives on Ethics and the Supreme Court* in a panel sponsored by the Professional Responsibility & Legal Education Practice Group.



6 Prof. John Harrison speaks about the *Judicial Power and Evaluating Judicial Supremacy*.



7 The first showcase panel, *Originalism on the Ground*, features six speakers from the bench, bar, and academia discussing how the theory of originalism works in practice.



8 David Lat discusses Supreme Court reform.



9 Former FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn speaks on a Friday breakout panel discussing *Originalism and the Communications Act of 1934*.



10 Judge William Pryor moderates a discussion entitled *Whither Precedent?*

11 Justice Jay Mitchell of the Alabama Supreme Court speaks on a panel discussing *Originalist Perspectives on Ethics and the Supreme Court*.

12 Panelists discuss *The Judiciary's Federalist Revival* in a panel sponsored by the Litigation Practice Group.

13 Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle moderates a breakout panel on environmental law.

14 FTC Chair Lina Khan speaks in a Friday fireside chat with moderated by Prof. Todd Zywicki.



1 Judge James Ho speaks alongside Judge Britt Grant and moderator Judge Joan Larsen on the *Originalism on the Ground* roundtable.



2 Paul Clement speaks about *Originalism on the Ground*.



3 Ashley Keller speaks on the breakout panel *A Creature of Statute: American Antitrust Law*.



4 David Doniger speaks on a breakout panel sponsored by the Environmental Law & Property Rights Practice Group.



5 Seth Waxman participates in a panel sponsored by the In-House Counsel network titled *The Future of DEI in Business*.



6 Doha Mekki of the U.S. Department of Justice speaks on a panel discussing American antitrust law.



7 Laura Sheridan of Google speaks on a panel about *The Injunction Function: Is IP Law Promoting Markets for Innovators and Creators?*



8 Judge Gregory Katsas moderates Showcase Panel III.



9 Judge Kyle Duncan moderates a breakout panel titled *Religious Liberty in the Work-and-Market-Place*.

10 Prof. Megan Ryan speaks on the breakout panel sponsored by the Criminal Law & Procedure Practice Group.



11 Hon. Beth Williams participates in a panel discussing FISA Section 702.

12 Showcase Panel III features Judge Randolph Moss as a speaker.

13 The 2024 Rosenkranz Debate features Clark Neily (left), moderator Prof. Nicholas Rosenkranz (middle), and Prof. Richard Epstein (right).



1 Judge Edith Jones and Prof. Joshua Blackman

2 John Byrne and Leonard Leo

3 Student volunteers pose for a photo.

4 Blair Dorminey, Prof. Steven Calabresi, and Roger Newman

5 Attendees Jack Park, Frank Strickland, and the Hon. Paige Whitaker pose for a picture.

6 Harvard chapter president Ben Pontz speaks with attendees.

7 John Serrano and David Bainbridge enjoy the NLC closing reception.

8 Tyler Lindley and Jacob Christensen have a conversation during a break in programming on Thursday.

9 Judge Lawrence VanDyke speaks with other attendees at the NLC.

10 Jill Jacobson and Marc Scolnick

11 Judge Jordan Pratt and his daughter Marcella Pratt pose for a photo on the third day of the Convention.

12 Alexandra Hudson signs copies of her book *The Soul of Civility* on Saturday.

13 Judge William Pryor has a conversation with NLC attendees.



150K+

views, to date, of our film *Omnibus: Who Controls the Power of the Purse?*

DISCUSSIONS AT LAW SCHOOLS

This year, the Initiative hosted numerous discussions on law school campuses to spark debate on whether the legislative branch has been failing its important duties and responsibilities in retaining the powers that our Founders designated. Discussions included *Trump, Biden, and the Future of Presidential Power* with James Burnham, Judge Chad Readler, and Marc Rotenberg hosted at the American University Washington College of Law, and *Public Choice and Law* featuring Professor Todd Zywicki, hosted at the University of Miami School of Law.



78K+
podcast
downloads
to date

Website
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ARTICLE I INITIATIVE

Since 2015, the Article I Initiative has been studying, debating, and promoting public understanding of originalist principles in order to restore Congress' rightful place in the constitutional order.

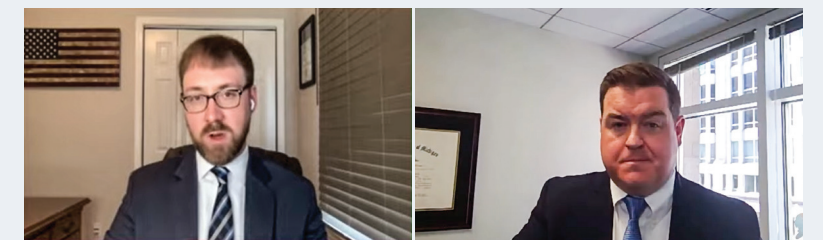
In the past year, the Initiative has hosted several student chapter events and webinars. On March 15, we were pleased to feature Senator Bill Hagerty of Tennessee for a discussion of the Senate's consideration of a vote to disapprove the D.C. crime bill, which sought to lessen the penalties for violent crimes within the District.

The Initiative's largest project of the year was a new video documentary, made in collaboration with the FedSoc Films division, on congressional budgeting and omnibus bills titled *Omnibus: Who Controls the Power of the Purse?* featuring Professor Frances Lee, former Congressman and Federalist Society founder David McIntosh, and Professor Antony Davies. These experts discussed the perpetual threats of government shutdowns and why omnibus legislation is often the only solution offered by lawmakers. This short film seeks to answer: What are the pros and

cons of omnibus bills? Why do they inspire criticism from both sides of the aisle, yet are still a very common way to fund our federal government? The video was released in late September as government funding was set to expire and has remained very relevant ever since.



Watch
Omnibus on
YouTube



THE D.C. CRIME BILL: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

March 8, 2023

Opening Address Featuring:

Hon. Bill Hagerty
United States Senator, Tennessee

Discussion Featuring:

Zack Smith
Legal Fellow and Manager, Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy Program,
Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and
Judicial Studies, Heritage Foundation





REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY PROJECT

2023 STATS

7
in-person luncheon panels

38
live and virtual events

55
new podcast episodes

49
new videos

1.2M
video views

130K
views of Regulation and Red Tape

In 2023, the administrative state was as active as ever, and RTP led the way in shining a light on how administrative action impacted innovation, dynamism, and the American entrepreneurial spirit. With over 180 subject matter experts, RTP drove the debate on the administrative state's regulatory approaches to artificial intelligence, federal environmental enforcement priorities, the use of ESG in public pension investment decisions, and more. RTP's experts also sought to inform the public through op-eds and interviews. RTP saw great success with its new five-part mini-documentary series, *Regulation and Red Tape*. Moderated by former Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Paul J. Ray, the series tells true stories of how federal regulatory actions impact the lives of ordinary Americans and the economy they rely on. We invite you to visit RegProject.org to learn more about RTP's work, and join the conversation.

Regulation and Red Tape



FEATURED EVENTS



Environmental Enforcement: Policies, Priorities, and the Rule of Law

On June 20, 2023, RTP hosted an event featuring a keynote address by U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan and a panel discussion on EPA and DOJ environmental enforcement with Susan Bodine, Eric Schaeffer, David M. Uhlmann, Jeffrey Wood, and Michael Buschbacher.



AI & Antidiscrimination: AI Entering the Arena of Labor & Employment Law

On April 4, 2023, RTP hosted EEOC Commissioner Keith Sonderling, David Fortney, Aram Gavoora, and Philip Miscimarra for a live discussion on the use of artificial intelligence tools in hiring and its nexus with anti-discrimination law.



The EPA's Proposed Power Plant Rule: Will it Survive in the Courts?

On September 25, 2023, RTP hosted a webinar with Jeffrey Holmstead, Kevin Poloncarz, Justin Schwab, and Daren Bakst that discussed whether the EPA's third attempt to regulate greenhouse gas emissions will be upheld by the Supreme Court.



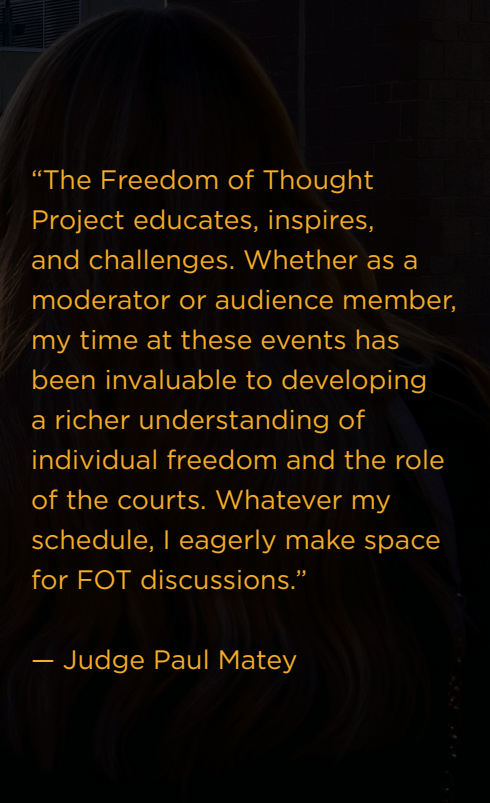
Wong v. NYCERS and ESG Action at the State and Local Level: A Debate on the Right

On October 10, 2023, RTP hosted Jonathan Berry, Akiva Shapiro, F. Vincent Vernuccio, and Paul Atkins at the Capitol Hill Club for a discussion about the lawsuit *Wong v. NYCERS* and a debate over the role that the government should play in responding to ESG investing.



Film Screening and Discussion: Sackett v. EPA

On October 25, 2023, RTP hosted a film screening of its documentary, *Sackett v. EPA: A Tale of Wetland Regulation*, followed by a discussion with Daren Bakst, William Buzbee, and Morgan Brummund.



“The Freedom of Thought Project educates, inspires, and challenges. Whether as a moderator or audience member, my time at these events has been invaluable to developing a richer understanding of individual freedom and the role of the courts. Whatever my schedule, I eagerly make space for FOT discussions.”

— Judge Paul Matey

DID YOU KNOW?

ALUMNI FOCUS

During summer 2023, Freedom of Thought hosted 12 alumni chapter receptions: Virginia, Yale, Catholic, Penn, Columbia, Michigan, Duke, George Mason, Harvard, Stanford, Georgetown, and George Washington. Freedom of Thought also hosted lunches and breakfasts for 17 alumni chapters during the National Lawyers Convention. These events featured many of the figures involved in the year’s most significant challenges for freedom of thought, including Julia Mahoney, Jonathan Mitchell, Ryan Baasch, Judge Jim Ho, Nicole Garnett, Judge Kyle Duncan, and Judge Brantley Starr. Other distinguished guests included Senator J.D. Vance, Judge Lawrence VanDyke, Judge Gregory Katsas, Aaron Sibarium, Andrew Ferguson, and Judge Paul Matey.

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Website
freedomofthought.fedsoc.org

29
alumni events

46K+
Open Minds podcast views

There is a growing divide in this country over the concept of freedom of thought. This divide is rapidly replacing what had been a social consensus on the value of being able to say controversial things, the virtue of defending the right to express unpopular opinions, and the centrality of individual conscience in the United States.

The Freedom of Thought Project is addressing these emerging questions pertaining to free speech and thought. We are exploring how the dynamic is playing out in particularly consequential areas of society and considering how incentives might be adjusted towards supporting freedom of thought.

This year, the Freedom of Thought Project hosted virtual programs, in-person events, and alumni receptions, as well as its first day-long conference. The inaugural Freedom of Thought conference quickly sold out, and the panels focused on state-level policies designed to address new threats to freedom. Responses to our post-conference survey were overwhelmingly positive, with the substance of the panels and quality of the speakers drawing the most comments. The balance of both theory and praxis in the discussions resonated with the young lawyers and law students in particular.



More than 250 people registered for the inaugural FoT Conference. More than 60% of conference registrants were 35 years of age or younger and worked in the education, law, tech, or governmental sectors.

Highlights

MARCH 2023

To meet the needs of our attorneys facing new Diversity and Elimination of Bias CLE requirements, the Project offered a live-streamed CLE course addressing how ideological coercion in the legal profession operates “as a source of explicit, implicit, and systemic bias that threatens equal access to justice and ultimately the rule of law.”

JUNE 2023

The first annual Freedom of Thought Conference, *State Power Review: Considering the Role of the States in Preserving Freedom*, was held in Washington, DC. The event was sold out.

JULY 2023

The DOJ Antitrust Division held its first in-person discussion of the new proposed merger guidelines with the Freedom of Thought Project. The event sold out within hours of being posted.

OCTOBER 2023

The Project hosted a bi-partisan conversation between EEOC Commissioners Jocelyn Samuels, a Democrat, and Andrea Lucas, a Republican. They discussed their respective views on how the *SFFA* decision, federal law banning employment discrimination, and EEOC regulations apply to employers’ DEI programs and initiatives. The event was sold out.

NOVEMBER 2023

The Freedom of Thought Project arranged a Fireside Chat at the National Lawyers Convention, with FTC Chair Lina Khan and Prof. Todd Zywicki discussing how consolidation in the private sector can affect freedom of thought.

The Path to Impact Litigation panel featured James Burnham, Heather Hacker, and Kate Todd discussing the growing range of alternatives to large law firms.



IN-HOUSE COUNSEL NETWORK

Website
fedsoc.org/IHC

Throughout 2023, the In-House Counsel Network continued to provide a place for meaningful, thoughtful, and balanced discussion of the most pressing legal issues facing the business community. The Network has proved an enormous asset to the Federalist Society and its members. The network is often the only avenue through which corporate attorneys can hear the totality of an issue, connect with like-minded individuals, and engage in private conversations about best practices. The network connects almost 500 in-house attorneys, many from Fortune 500 companies. We maintain a volunteer working group as well as a higher-level advisory board of experts with experience in the in-house world with whom we consult.

OPPOSITE Jeffrey Wood, Partner, Baker Botts LLP gives the introduction for the In-House Counsel Network's *The Future of DEI in Business* panel at the National Lawyers Convention.

SECOND ANNUAL IN-HOUSE COUNSEL NETWORK CONFERENCE

Attendance at our inaugural event in 2022 included more than 200 attendees from 100+ companies; in 2023, the conference almost doubled in size. The second annual conference featured two plenary panels, ten breakout sessions, and a dinner address by former United States Attorney General Michael Mukasey. Topics included ESG disclosures, non-compete bans, corporate crisis management, criminal enforcement, the future of banking, and FinTech. Speakers included in-house attorneys from Boeing, Tyson Foods, and Fox News.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Network also hosts a smaller conference once a year that allows for more depth and nuance in the exploration of issues and creates a different dynamic among attendees. 2023's regional conference was held in Amelia Island, Florida, and was titled *Acute Legal Issues Facing In-House Counsel*, featuring a keynote address by Andrew "Andy" Puzder, former CEO of CKE Restaurants and a Senior Fellow at the Heritage Foundation and Pepperdine University. We were proud to welcome new corporate sponsorships by Fox Corporation, Golden Pass LNG, Citadel, NSSF, Cognizant, Veridis, Rumble, the Chamber of Commerce, and other corporations that prefer to remain anonymous.

NEWSLETTER

Thanks to members' suggestions, we premiered an In-House Counsel Newsletter in 2023, with issues being published on July 20, August 31, and November 1. These newsletters provide vital information to our IHC members including job opportunities, upcoming events, access to past events, and relevant news stories and updates. Small and large companies alike are taking advantage of the information contained in the newsletters and the opportunity to advertise job openings to our growing network of aligned attorneys.

NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION

The In-House Counsel Network was also well represented at the National Lawyers Convention. In 2023, our In-House Counsel panel, *The Future of DEI in Business*, featured Erin E. Murphy, Patrick Strawbridge, former Solicitor General Seth P. Waxman, and moderator Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich of the Tenth Circuit. The panel video has garnered 4,800 views since it was posted.

We also premiered an invite-only evening networking reception for our In-House Counsel members. Representatives from Walmart, Boeing, Wells Fargo, Citigroup, Purdue Pharma, Exxon Mobil, Google, Meta, Johnson & Johnson, and more attended and enthused about this unique opportunity. This valuable event increased members' ability to network and form bonds both with fellow business and legal leaders along with FedSoc staff. Guests were quick to suggest new GCs for FedSoc involvement as well as ideas for future events and programming.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

On January 25, we hosted a webinar titled *Western Business in China: Can We Sell Without Selling Out?* It featured an impressive, international array of speakers including Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Mary Kissel, and Christopher Ekren. The program had 118 live viewers and has since received over 3,300 views on YouTube. The IHC Network also co-sponsored a webinar titled *How Reliable are Corporate ESG Ratings?* on August 15, 2023. This event featured Justin Danhof, Prof. Lynn LoPucki, Paul Watkins, and moderator James Lloyd. It has received over 7,400 views.

“ I loved the IHC event in Chicago and thank you kindly for your part in it. It was a fantastic experience, and honestly, I cannot think of one thing that could have gone or made it better.

— IHC Network attorney

MEMBERSHIP

The Federalist Society’s membership is expansive, encompassing individuals from various backgrounds and professions across the nation and beyond. Students comprise a significant portion of our membership, and in 2023, we experienced a 50% surge in acceptance rates for the annual Graduation Offer compared to 2022. This serves as a positive indicator of our members’ growing commitment to sustained involvement beyond their academic tenure.

In 2023, the Society welcomed many newcomers: 32% of all memberships purchased were for first-time members.

The unwavering dedication of its members bodes well for the Society’s longstanding impact within the conservative and libertarian intellectual network.

50%

Year-over-year increase in number of graduating students accepting our graduation offer

32%

of memberships purchased were for new members

15%

membership growth from April 2023 to April 2024



Caroline Muldowny
Former President, Texas A&M Student Chapter

Being part of—and eventually leading—the Federalist Society student chapter at Texas A&M was a transformative experience for me.

Serving as Chapter President allowed me to foster a close-knit community of like-minded peers, helped me develop invaluable leadership skills, and strengthened my resolve to stand by my convictions. The Society’s commitment to open discourse and diverse viewpoints created an environment where intellectual curiosity was not just encouraged but celebrated. Through organizing events and engaging with prominent legal professionals, scholars, and judges, I was exposed to perspectives that enriched my understanding of the law and its applications.

In short, my involvement with the Federalist Society allowed me to make great friends, refine my character, engage with ideas I wouldn’t have otherwise been exposed to, identify my own interests within the law, and join a supportive network of like-minded professionals. I’m grateful for the instrumental role the Society played in my law school experience and will undoubtedly play throughout my career.

PUBLICATIONS

The Federalist Society’s publications division supports the Federalist Society’s mission by publishing blog posts and articles that further debate and discussion on important legal topics.

The *FedSoc Blog* features short articles discussing important legal issues and cases, and it also serves as a platform for notifying readers of significant developments at FedSoc and noteworthy articles published elsewhere. Our most viewed blog in 2023 was *Slavery Reparations in California*, by Anthony Pericolo, which received 20,749 views. We published 222 blog posts in 2023, a 33% increase from 2022. Several blog posts were also picked up by other online publications, including the right-leaning *Daily Signal* (which cited Rachel Morrison’s report on the Biden administration’s proposed foster care rule) and the left-leaning *Balls and Strikes* (which cited Alex MacDonald’s investigation into the constitutionality of agency fees in the private sector).

The *Federalist Society Review* is the Society’s legal journal, which publishes scholarly articles analyzing timely legal topics and reviewing noteworthy books in

the conservative legal movement. Articles published in 2023 make up Volume 24 of the *Review*. Our most viewed article in 2023 was Alabama Supreme Court Justice Jay Mitchell’s *Textualism in Alabama*, which received 9,190 views. Other notable articles from Volume 24 include Yonatan Green’s article about the *Peculiar Case of the Israeli Legal System*, Johnathan O’Neill’s proposal for *A Deeper Originalism*, and Donald Drakeman’s *Establishing an Agreement to Disagree About Church and State*, reviewing an important new book about Establishment Clause jurisprudence. Stephen Hallbrook’s 2020 article *To Bear Arms for Self-Defense: A Right of the People or a Privilege of the Few?* continued to perform well, receiving an additional 12,000 views in 2023 and a citation in a Fifth Circuit opinion. Paul Larkin’s *Revitalizing the Nondelegation Doctrine* was cited in a Sixth Circuit opinion, and *Federalist Society Review* articles were also cited in several Supreme Court amicus briefs. The *Federalist Society Review* has a new landing page—fedsoc.org/fedsoc-review—to make it simpler to access articles on our website. You can also find *Review* articles on Westlaw and LexisNexis.

MOST POPULAR 2023 ARTICLE

Textualism in Alabama
Justice Jay Mitchell
(9,190 VIEWS)

MOST POPULAR 2023 POST

Slavery Reparations in California
Anthony Pericolo
(20,749 VIEWS)

441K
views of all blog posts in 2023

10
citations of *FedSoc Review* articles in federal court opinions or briefs

2.5x
year-over-year increase in the number of blog post views

33%
more blog posts published than in 2022

135

live-streamed events

8,594

new YouTube subscribers

103

videos released

400+

No. 86 videos and audio lectures now available



DIGITAL

In 2023, the Digital Operations team continued to innovate and increase awareness of the Federalist Society brand, mission, content, and events through its digital channels. Across social platforms, we helped increase subscribers and follower counts, particularly in the 18-35 age groups. Additionally, we rebranded Teleforums to FedSoc Forums with a new webpage and design look, expanded live event coverage through Instagram Live, and produced short-form video content to highlight significant moments from in-person event and webinar discussions. This short video content strategy was particularly successful in highlighting the 2023 National Lawyers Convention, leading to a **74% increase in social engagement** and **26% increase in livestream viewership**.

FedSoc Studios continued to produce high-quality video content, including short films covering topics like COVID-19 state of emergency orders, digital privacy, state constitutions, and more, as well as explainer videos on Supreme Court cases and oral arguments videos for the newly launched interactive debate series, Briefcase. Overall, the Studios team released 103 videos in 2023, accumulating over **1.4 million views**. The Team also launched a new website for the No. 86 project (no86.org), offering students access to our complete library of over 400 No. 86 videos and audio lectures.



You can now access and download all event photos at photos.fedsoc.org.

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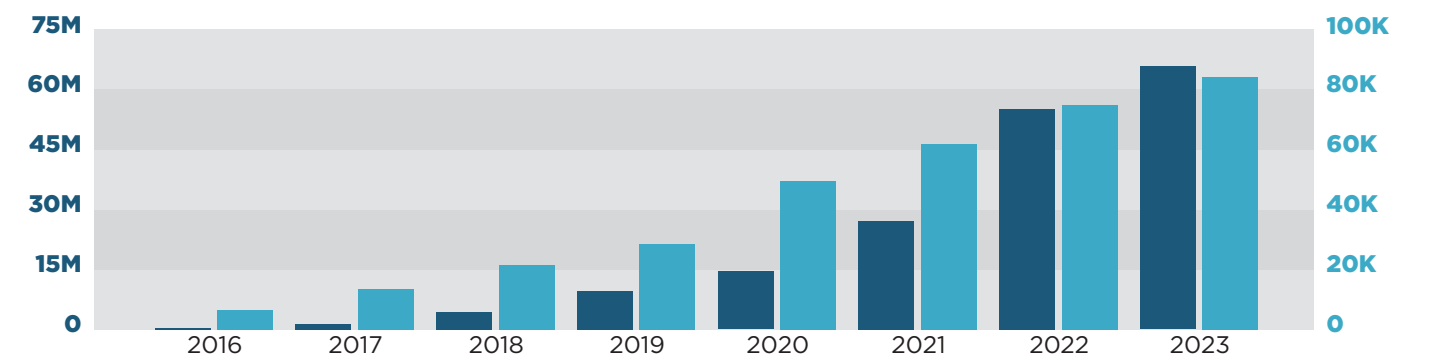
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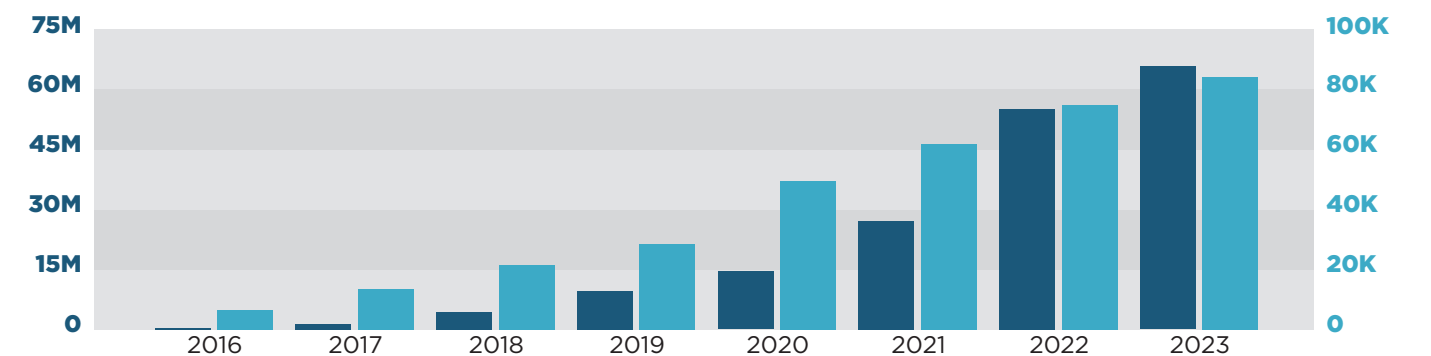
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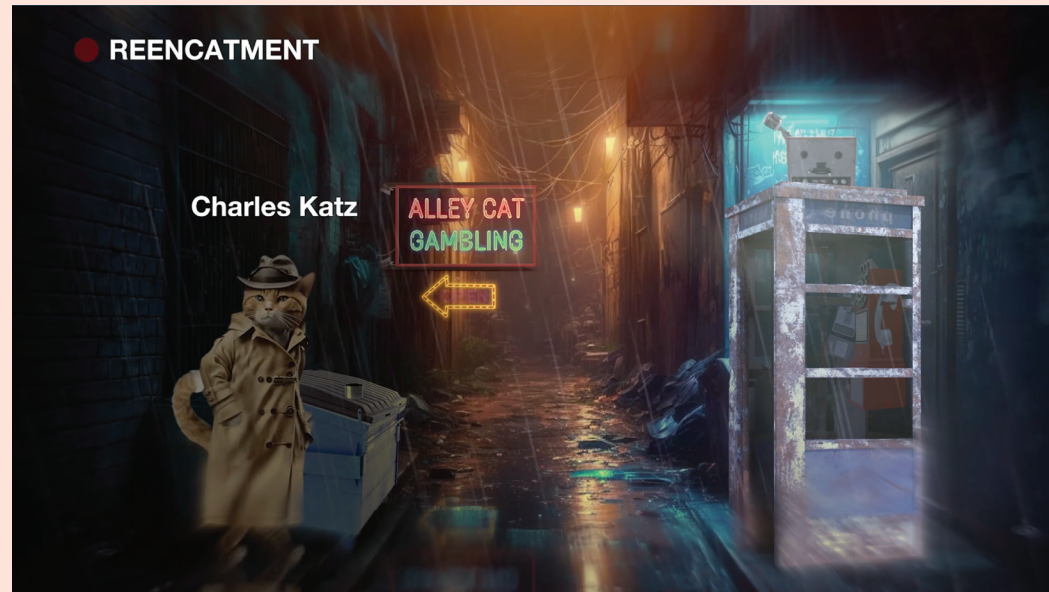


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FEDSOC STUDIOS

FEDSOC FILMS Website fedsoc.org/films



KATZ ON THE INTERNET: PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

In July, FedSoc Studios released *Katz on the Internet: Privacy in the Digital Age*. This short documentary, featuring Prof. Orin Kerr, Amy Peikoff, John Bash, and Jake Laperruque, explores how the Supreme Court interprets privacy rights for online information.

FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS & HONORS

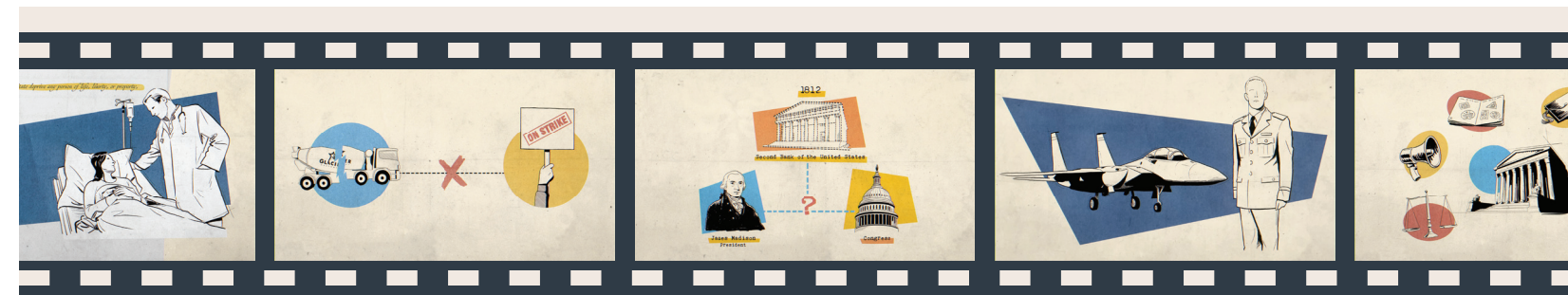
FedSoc Studios continued to make a splash at various film festivals, with six of our short films reaching audiences beyond our usual network, earning a total of 17 “official selections.” The talent and creativity displayed in these films were recognized with 18 awards. Notably, the RTP documentary *Bitcoin Cowboys* secured the “Best Explainer Doc” award at Toronto’s Geekfest, further highlighting the contributions of FedSoc Studios to the marketplace of ideas.



RED CARPET AFTER PARTY

Hosted by the Harvard Student Chapter

In an exciting collaboration, FedSoc Studios partnered with the Harvard Student Chapter to host the Red Carpet After Party at the 2023 National Lawyers Convention. More than 150 attendees were treated to an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a screening of FedSoc Studios' new documentary, *Katz on the Internet: Privacy in the Digital Age*.



SCOTUSbrief Website fedsoc.org/SCOTUSbrief

The Federalist Society's *SCOTUSbrief* video series provides supplementary perspectives on recent and landmark Supreme Court decisions. Through eye-catching illustrations and concise explanations of complex legal issues, *SCOTUSbrief* delivers unique insights from the best legal minds. The series' library of over 120 videos is available to watch on YouTube and at fedsoc.org.

In 2023, *SCOTUSbrief* saw a format and style refresh, with an updated aesthetic and a more modern animation style.



NO. 86

No. 86 continues the conversation begun in the original 85 Federalist Papers about the proper structure and role of government. Through video and audio lectures featuring world-class legal faculty, No. 86 provides a resource for law students designed to challenge their thinking and expand their knowledge. In 2023, we introduced a new course on Tort Law. We also released new videos and podcasts for several existing courses. We now have 13 full or partial courses: Administrative Law, Common Law, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Founders Lecture Series, History of Law, Jurisprudence, Originalism, Property, Roman Law, and Torts. A new course on Law and Economics will be released in 2024 as well as a Masterclass-style pilot episode on Criminal Law.

As of the start of 2023, No. 86 had a total of 341 videos, with an average of 79,778 views per video. The combined view count for all No. 86 videos is 27,204,222.

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At the end of 2023, we launched a brand new No. 86 website: no86.org. The new website hosts all of our content on individual pages, making it easy to view and search for specific topics or speakers. In 2024, we will begin advertising the new site through marketing and email campaigns, including our new Instagram account for Publius.

In this No. 86 video, *Two Concepts of Contracts*, Professor Todd Zywicki explains the two primary theories of contracts: contracts as consent and the economic theory of contracts. This video is one of 19 in our growing Contracts course.

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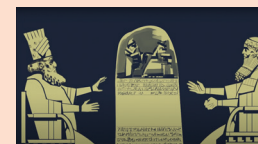
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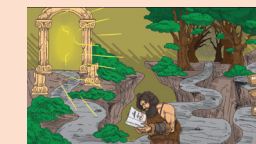
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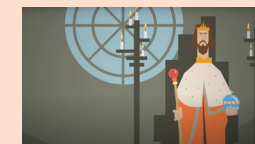
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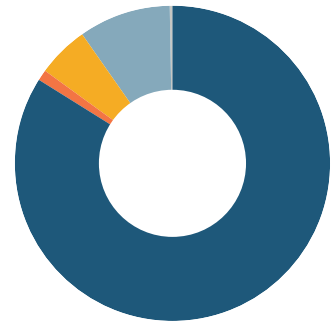
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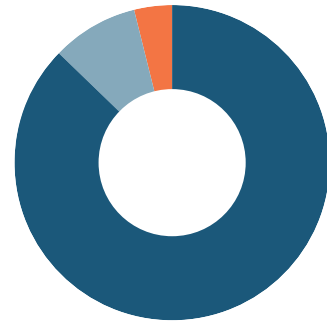


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Miscellaneous Income	\$23

Expenses

Program Services	\$22,892
General and Administrative	\$2,362
Fundraising	\$967



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Current Assets	\$ 17,757	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,339
Investments	\$ 16,398	Deferred Revenue	\$ 760
Pledged contributions and trust interest	\$ 5,437	Total Lease Liability*	\$ 11,254
Fixed Assets (net of depreciation)	\$ 1,039	Net Assets without Restrictions	\$ 22,419
Right of Use Asset*	\$ 9,233	Net Assets with Restrictions	\$ 14,145
Other Assets	\$ 53	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 49,917
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