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President and CEO Eugene Meyer addresses the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner as Hon. David McIntosh looks on.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2024 and my time as CEO of the Federalist Society drew to a close I reflected on not only the successes of the last year but also on the key things that the Society has accomplished over time. Throughout its time the Society consistently stayed true to its focus on openly and energetically exploring the ideas that lie behind our constitutional system and the rule of law. This focus on ideas is not a rejection of the value of direct advocacy, which indeed many of our members engage in. We are always proud of those members personally actively playing their proper role as citizens and trying to apply the ideas they believe that are vital to our country.

But they do such advocacy on their own because for the Society it is the focus on ideas that sets the organization apart and has helped it offer an enormous contribution to law and the public policy debate. If you have enough good people seriously examining and struggling with how best to design and operate a legal system that helps its citizens flourish, you will also end up training leaders who can play a vital role in addressing whatever problems arise.

The principles of the Society focus on a belief in limited constitutional government, the separation of powers, the rule of law and individual freedom. Understanding those principles, injecting them into our legal and public policy discussions, and understanding that through debate and discussion we can help ourselves and others better understand them has, I believe, been key to our success.

Intellectually serious societies generally flourish and societies that are not intellectually serious don't. The United States is the only country founded on an idea, and throughout most of its history it has continued to take its founding ideas—and challenges to them—seriously. The Federalist Society, I believe, has made an enormous contribution in continuing to help examine and refine those ideas. I thank all those who have been a part of it during my 40+ year tenure. As Sheldon takes over as CEO I am confident that that will not change.

Eugene B. Meyer

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STUDENTS



In 2024, the Student Division continued to advance the Federalist Society’s mission on law school campuses across the country. With active student chapters at every accredited law school in the United States, the Student Division is instrumental in fostering intellectual curiosity and introducing students to conservative and libertarian legal principles.

Students mingle at the 2024 National Student Symposium at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA.

During the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters, student chapters, with the help of the Student Division, arranged for an intellectually diverse range of judges, legal practitioners, and other experts to speak on their campuses. In this way, active student chapters continued to create opportunities for discussion and debate in law school environments that are otherwise often ideological echo chambers. In addition to speaking events, student chapters hosted book clubs, exam prep sessions, workshops, alumni receptions, luncheons with faculty, and social events.

As a result of all of this student-chapter-driven and Student-Division-assisted programming, student members of the Federalist Society are better equipped to continue contributing to public policy debate and legal scholarship after graduation and throughout their professional careers.

STATISTICS

1,374
speaker events

700+
social events

74K+
attendees

211
active chapters

The Student Division also hosted debates and speaking events via Zoom, which were attended not only by students, but also by practitioners and scholars. Launched by the Student Division in 2024, SOC! SIDEBAR is a Zoom series that pairs judges with student chapter presidents for conversations that reveal the person behind the robe. SOC! SIDEBAR explores each judge’s stories, quirks, and passions—and how those interests relate to the law.

In an age where judges are too often caricatured or misunderstood, SOC! SIDEBAR reminds us that they’re real, three-dimensional people with interests like everyone else. It also gives our student chapter presidents a unique opportunity to shine as interviewers, bridging the gap between the bench and the next generation of lawyers.

In the summer, the Student Division hosted student chapter presidents at the annual Student Leadership Conference in the Washington, D.C., area. At this conference, student leaders meet and receive training on how best to run their chapters. Participants return to their schools well equipped to further the Federalist Society’s mission on their campuses.

The Student Division also hosted the annual Student Symposium, which is held on a different law school campus each year. The 2024 Symposium, held at Harvard Law School, centered around the question: “Why Separate Powers?”. Attendees enjoyed the Symposium’s debates and panels, which featured professors, judges, and legal scholars. Students welcomed this opportunity to socialize with hundreds of like-minded peers.



Student chapter presidents listen to a speaker at the annual Student Leadership Conference.



Benjamin Pontz welcomes students to the 2024 National Student Symposium at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA.



James Tierney, Prof. Maureen Brady, and Justice Sarah Keeton Campbell look on as Prof. Ernest Young debates Judge Stephanos Bibas over the separation of powers at the 2024 National Student Symposium.

LAWYERS



Hon. Don McGahn and Judge Kyle Duncan participate in a fireside chat with the D.C. Young Lawyers Chapter.

In 2024, the Federalist Society’s Lawyers Chapters had their busiest programmatic year yet. They hosted more than 520 programs along with 16 state and regional conferences and four annual dinners. Prominent featured speakers included former U.S. Attorneys General John Ashcroft, Jeff Sessions, and Bill Barr; Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti; FTC Commissioner Andrew Ferguson; State Supreme Court Justices Sarah Campbell, Sarah Warren, and Nels Peterson; and many other leading practitioners and state court judges.

Lawyers chapters also expanded the Federalist Society’s presence in states where engagement has historically been limited, including Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. An entirely new chapter was also launched in Northern Virginia. The young lawyers activity across the country has increased, and we have retained an increasing number of recent graduates as members.

STATISTICS

125
chapters

16
state conferences

480+
programs



Judge Roy Kalman Altman talks about the history of the state of Israel at the 2024 Florida Chapters Conference in Kissimmee, FL.

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht speaks on threats to the judiciary at the 2024 Texas Chapters Conference in Fort Worth, TX, with Judge Lisa Branch, Judge James Ho, Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, and James Sullivan.



Federalist Society President and CEO Eugene Meyer chats with attendees at the 2024 Western Chapters Conference at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA.

FACULTY



In 2024, 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.

Prof. Michael Heise offers advice to students at the 2024 Kent Student Academy in Annapolis, MD.

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, the Junior Scholars Colloquium, James Kent Academy, co-sponsored colloquia, and academic fellowships.

Our 25th Annual Faculty Conference, which took place in Washington, D.C., under the general aegis of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), was well attended. Our luncheon debate exploring the conflict between free speech and non-discrimination in *303 Creative* attracted especially strong interest, and our panel on consideration of race after *SFFA v. Harvard* received compliments from a number of faculty—including some not affiliated with FedSoc.

STATISTICS

27

new SCOTUScast episodes

1,900+

views of the Supreme Court Preview Panel

48,610

new downloads of SCOTUScast episodes

FACULTY CONFERENCE



Dr. Jeffrey Ventrella and Cory Liu converse at a reception at the 2024 Faculty Conference in Washington, D.C.



Prof. Jennifer Mascott talks about the constitutionality of independent agencies at the 2024 Faculty Conference in Washington, D.C.



Prof. David E. Bernstein mingles at the 2024 Faculty Conference in Washington, D.C.

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 have found 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. The 2024 Junior Scholars Colloquium took place May 31 to June 1 in Annapolis, MD.

87% of Junior Scholars Colloquium papers placed in an ~top-50 flagship law review



JOSEPH STORY AWARD

The winner of the 2024 Joseph Story Award was Professor Aditya Bamzai of the University of Virginia School of Law. 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.

Prof. Aditya Bamzai accepts the 2024 Joseph Story Award for young academics from Keith Zimmerman at the 2024 National Student Symposium at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA.

PRACTICE GROUPS



In 2024, the Practice Groups continued to advance high-level legal and policy discussion from our national office. Important progress was made in leadership, membership, programming, and a rebranding of online and podcast content. There are now over 600 volunteer executive committee members in the 15 Practice Groups, with 37 new members—including 10 new student liaisons—added this year alone.

Todd Clark and Alison Somin speak on a panel about race-based admissions at the 2024 Education Law & Policy Conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Practice Groups built on long-standing, excellent in-person programming. In 2024, we hosted 22 in-person events including conferences and briefings. There were four one-day conferences, including the Twelfth Annual Executive Branch Review Conference, the National Security Symposium, the Education Law & Policy Conference, and the Federalist Society’s first-ever conference on artificial intelligence. The Practice Groups also coordinated the Federalist Society’s signature event, the National Lawyers Convention. The 2024 convention was held for the first time at the Washington Hilton. The larger space enabled us to accommodate more attendees and more panels than ever before.

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

STATISTICS

22

in-person events

150+

virtual events

600+

executive committee members

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. The Practice Groups also hosted a number of in-person fireside chats, roundtables, and luncheon panel conversations in 2024. One notable event was a fireside chat with FTC Commissioner Melissa Holyoak at the Mayflower Hotel, where the commissioner discussed her recent appointment, her approach to competition and consumer welfare, and her goals for her term.

Throughout 2024, the Practice Groups hosted more than 150 virtual events. The top ten webinars alone garnered a combined total of 107,166 views. Our webinars routinely attract hundreds of live viewers, who can 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 has continued to enjoy immense popularity with our audience. Our Supreme Court preview series, A Seat at the Sitting, 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. Our Litigation Update series featuring programming on non-Supreme Court cases has also been very popular, and it provides expert commentary on important cases that may not have much coverage elsewhere.



Governor Glenn Youngkin addresses the 2024 Education Law & Policy Conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.



Jamil Jaffer and Michael Groen discuss the future of state AI regulation at the symposium on AI and the law at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.



Roger Klein and Michael Daugherty pose for a photo at the symposium on AI and the law at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS



Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti talks to the 2024 Tennessee Chapters Conference in Nashville, TN.

STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Through its programming, publications, and personal relationships, the Federalist Society continues to foster discussion about the role state attorneys general should play in policing government overreach at the federal and the state level. 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.



Justice Evan Young speaks at the Texas Young Lawyers Summit in Dallas, TX.

STATE COURTS PROJECT

The State Courts Project exists to promote 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 2024, the Federalist Society 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 Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and more. We have also hosted candidate forums to increase public knowledge on the role of state courts in states such as Ohio and North Carolina.



Students observe a virtual lecture on the Constitution.

CONSTITUTION DAY

The Federalist Society hosted its fifth annual Constitution Day program. During the week of Constitution Day—September 17—Federalist Society volunteers taught middle and high school students across the country about America’s founding documents and principles. We matched over 400 Federalist Society members—both lawyers and law students—with middle school and high school students from all over the country.

STATISTICS

400+ *FedSoc members participated in this year’s program*



Ashley Callen, Kimberly Hamm, and Judge Eleni Roumel talk about the scope of congressional investigations at an event in Washington, D.C.

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 2024, 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.



Justices Neil Gorsuch and Stephen Breyer hold a fireside chat at the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.

2024 NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION

In 2024, the National Lawyers Convention and the Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner attracted more than 3,100 people. 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 world. The theme of the 2024 convention was “Group Identity and the Law.” The Scalia Dinner featured a discussion between former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch. The 23rd Annual Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture featured an address by Prof. Jonathan R. Turley of the George Washington University Law School. The 16th Annual

Rosenkranz Debate between Miguel A. Estrada and Patrick F. Philbin, moderated by Prof. Eugene Volokh, was an interesting debate about the constitutionality of Congress’ TikTok ban. The convention concluded with the Robert H. Bork Memorial Lecture, which was delivered by Prof. Stephen E. Sachs of Harvard Law School, and a recognition of outgoing president Eugene Meyer.

The Practice Groups hosted 22 panels, debates, discussions, and addresses. Along with all of the alumni lunches, leadership meetings, and book signings, the 2024 convention offered enriching programming and networking opportunities for veteran and new attendees alike.



Judge Lisa Branch poses for a photo with Justice Amy Coney Barrett and Judge Britt C. Grant before the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.

Attendees enjoy the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.



Professor Stephen Sachs receives a bust of Judge Robert H. Bork from Robert H. Bork Jr. after delivering the annual Robert H. Bork lecture at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention.



Justice Brett Kavanaugh stands for a photo with Roger Klein, Jered Ede, and Julia Witt before the 2024 Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.



Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle explores the future of administrative law at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C.



Prof. Nadine Strossen emphasizes the importance of free speech in higher education at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C.



Attendees listen to a panel at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C.

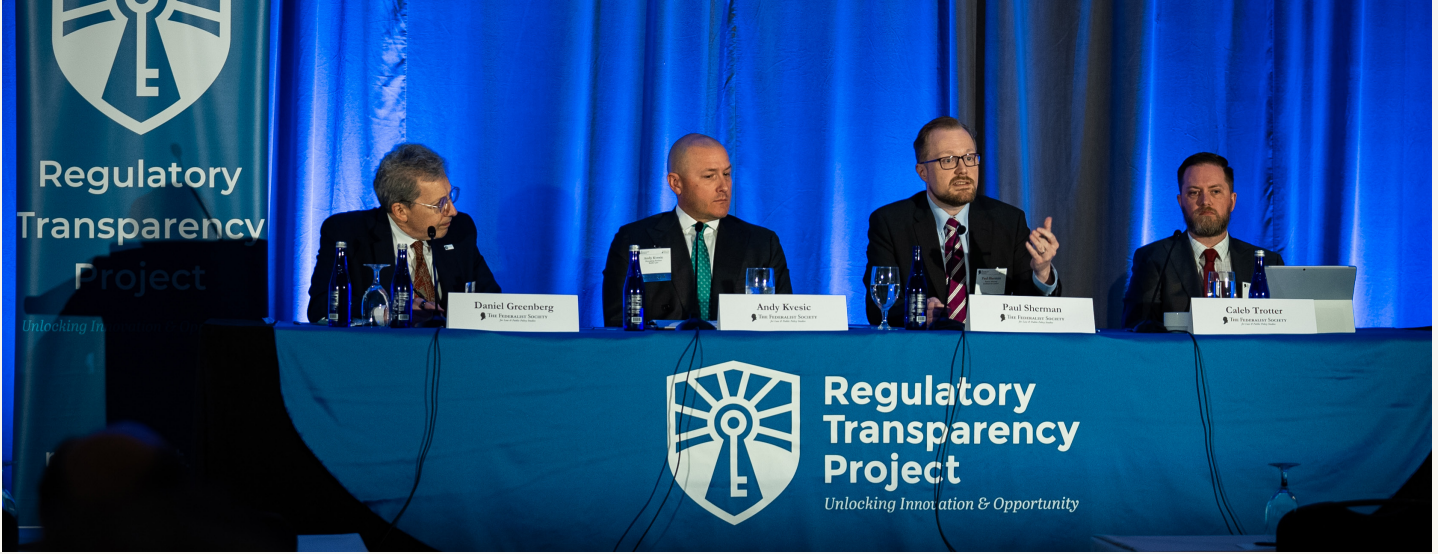
Prof. Cary Coglianese, Judge Neomi Rao, Prof. Philip Hamburger, Paul Clement, Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, and Prof. Aram A. Gavoor pose for a photo after their panel at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention.



Prof. Jonathan Turley offers the annual Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C.



Prof. Michael McConnell questions Prof. David Schizer, Jay Edelson, and Matt Stoller about threats to democratic society at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C.



REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY PROJECT

Daniel Greenberg, Andy Kvesic, Paul Sherman, and Caleb Trotter discuss practical challenges to legal licensing reform at a symposium on legal licensing reform at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

In 2024, the administrative state was as active as ever, and RTP led the way in shining a light on how administrative action affects innovation, dynamism, and the American entrepreneurial spirit. With over 185 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.

In 2024, RTP produced a new Fourth Branch mini-documentary, *A New Dawn of Workplace Regulation: The Gig Economy*. The film featured labor law experts and gig economy workers, who provided insights into the advantages and challenges confronting independent contractors within the dynamic realm of the “gig economy.”

We invite you to visit fedsoc.org to learn more about RTP’s work and join the conversation.

STATISTICS

23

live events hosted

27

new podcasts released

28

new videos released



Prof. Julia Mahoney, Doha Mekki, Ryan Newman, and Leil Weinberger debate corporate personhood at the 2024 Freedom of Thought Conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Website
freedomofthought.fedsoc.org

20
alumni events

12
podcast recordings

The Freedom of Thought Project addresses emerging questions pertaining to free speech and thought—including the right to say unpopular things. The project explores how the new dynamic that is more skeptical of free speech is playing out in particularly consequential areas of society and considers how incentives might be adjusted towards supporting freedom of thought.

In 2024, the Freedom of Thought Project hosted virtual programs, in-person events, and alumni receptions, as well as a day-long conference. Responses to the Freedom of Thought Conference have been 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.



IN-HOUSE COUNSEL NETWORK

In 2024, 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 is often the only avenue through which corporate attorneys can hear about under-discussed aspects of a legal issue, connect with like minded

individuals, and engage in private conversations about best practices. The network connects nearly 800 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.

ANNUAL IN-HOUSE CONFERENCE NETWORK

The annual conference featured two plenary panels and eleven breakout sessions. Topics included recent administrative law decisions, workplace DEI, and many other issues relevant to in-house attorneys. Speakers included judges, state attorneys general, and in-house attorneys from Fortune 500 companies.

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. The 2024 regional conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee, and it focused on “The Future of Business Lawyering.” It featured a keynote address by Adam Ciongoli, Chief Legal and Policy Officer at Fox Corporation.

NEWSLETTER

We periodically publish an In-House Counsel Newsletter to 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.

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