

HARVARD LAW FEDERALIST SOCIETY

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HLS Fed Soc Merchandise

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HLS Federalist Society

A Welcome Message from the President...

Dear Alumni:

The Harvard Federalist Society is thriving. Our membership is booming, with more than 200 dues-paying members. Our speakers series is intellectually engaging, with topics ranging from the Paycheck Fairness Act to judicial activism to ending the Federal Reserve. Our community is tight-knit, with frequent social events including the Night of the Living Constitution party, trivia night, field game day, and weekly lunches with the chapter board.

Our chapter continues to foster relationships with prominent faculty on campus—this past semester, members attended small group lunches with John Manning and Charles Fried. Through the introduction of an intra-organization mentoring system, the Federalist Society at HLS has situated members of our chapter for academic excellence. We have also helped position our members for success beyond law school by providing on-campus interview advice, a clerkship workshop, and a 1L jobs book and panel. One of our central goals for this year is to expand the opportunities available to HLS students to conduct research for conservative and libertarian leaning academics across the nation. In addition, we continue to work with the HLS administration to bring independent thinkers to campus—Professors Stephen Sachs, David Skeel, and Andrew Gold will be visiting in upcoming semesters.

Thank you for forming the foundation of such a successful chapter. With your help, the Harvard Federalist Society will continue growing our presence in the legal community. We look forward to your continued engagement with us!

May Davis
Chapter President

Fall Events Recap

Our chapter hosted a variety of events this semester...

- ✦ 9/8 - Armed Self-Defense and the African-American Community
- ✦ 9/12 - Welcome Back BBQ and Party
- ✦ 9/18 - Eugene Volokh: Mechanisms of a Slippery Slope
- ✦ 9/19 - Clerkship Panel and Workshop; Info Session for 1L and Transfer Students; Happy Hour and House Party
- ✦ 9/29 - Genevieve Wood: The Paycheck Fairness Act
- ✦ 9/30 - Texas Solicitor General Jonathan Mitchell: Zivotofsky v. Kerry; Fed Soc/ACS Coffee Series: US Geopolitical Responsibility
- ✦ 10/6 - Judge Jennifer Elrod: Shifting Tides in the Least Dangerous Branch
- ✦ 10/7 - Lawrence White: End the Federal Reserve - A Modest Proposal; Dinner with WLA
- ✦ 10/8 - Happy Hour
- ✦ 10/10 - Lunch with Professor Dale Carpenter
- ✦ 10/16 - Fed Soc/ACS Coffee Series: Financial Regulation
- ✦ 10/20 - Hannah Smith: Hobby Lobby; Colloquium: Religious Liberty
- ✦ 10/23 - Henry Nau: Conservative Internationalism
- ✦ 10/28 - Randy Barnett: Our Republican Constitution; Moot Court-Tom Goldstein: Omnicare
- ✦ 11/1 - Night of the Living Constitution Party
- ✦ 11/3 - Academia Lunch with Lee Otis
- ✦ 11/5 - 1L Job Panel; Co-sponsored: The First Amendment and Reproductive Justice
- ✦ 11/6 - Donald Marquis: Why Abortion is Immoral
- ✦ 11/12 - Fed Soc/ACS Coffee Series: Women in the Military - Selective Service and Sexual Assault
- ✦ 11/14 - Private Meeting with Justice Scalia
- ✦ 11/17 - Scalia Lecture: Judge Frank Easterbrook
- ✦ 11/18 - OPIA Conservative Careers
- ✦ 11/19 - Michael Glennon: National Security and Double Government
- ✦ 11/20 - Ed Whelan: Judicial Activism
- ✦ 11/24 - Fed Soc/ACS Coffee Series

National Lawyers Convention

More than **50 members** of our chapter attended the 2014 National Lawyers Convention in Washington, DC. During the day, members attended **panels on a variety of topics** including religious liberties, intellectual property, civil rights, financial services, and international and national security law. **Justice Alito** spoke at the Lawyers Convention Annual Dinner and **John Allison**, President and CEO of the CATO Institute, spoke at the Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture. We had a **private meeting with Justice Scalia** on Friday afternoon. Later that night, the Harvard chapter invited alumni and Federalist Society members at other law schools for a **social gathering at Mad Hatter DC**. We also enjoyed catching up with Harvard alumni at the **Annual Alumni Breakfast** on Saturday morning.



ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Shad White

2014 HLS grad from Sandersville, Mississippi



Greetings from balmy Mississippi! After graduating in May and taking the Mississippi bar in July, I took a break from the grind of law learning to attend the final phase of the Blackstone Legal Fellowship in Arizona. Following that, I traveled in South Korea for a little over a week with an old friend, ate some great food (including live octopus), and rested. In late August I started in my current position: campaign manager for Mississippi's sitting governor, Phil Bryant. Our Election

Day is in November 2015, so we're just in the planning and fundraising stages of work now. Two weeks ago we held the largest non-presidential fundraising event in Mississippi history, and our campaign is recruiting county chairs in all 82 Mississippi counties. For now we are pinching every penny, but our staff and online presence will begin to take shape after the New Year. I couldn't be happier with work or life. I'm living in Jackson, which offers a welcome relief from the Boston weather and is closer to family. I've also tried to spend a little time watching college football this fall, as our Mississippi teams outperform expectations. Occasionally—on Sundays usually—I miss my B-league co-ed flag football team from HLS. Sometimes I do Sunday morning stretches just to reminisce.

Carol Szurkowski

2014 HLS grad from Harding, New Jersey



I moved to Columbia, South Carolina, to clerk for Judge Dennis W. Shedd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for the 2014-15 term. I very much enjoy getting to know the Judge and my co-clerks, and have especially enjoyed the two court weeks in Richmond, VA that I have experienced so far. I am staying in touch with the Federalist Society by connecting with other clerks and young lawyers who were members at their schools and by attending events with my local chapter. I recently traveled to DC for the National Lawyers Convention. I am also having a blast living in the South for the first time and have taken advantage of the weekends to explore other southern cities during this year.

A message from new members...

Cody Rutowski

1L from Cincinnati, Ohio

I am a 2014 graduate of Auburn University, where I interned for Chief Judge W. Keith Watkins of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama and the Lee County (AL) District Attorney's Office. I joined Fed Soc to become a part of a close-knit and ideologically diverse group of conservative and libertarian law students. It has been a great community and support network that has helped me navigate the challenges of 1L year. I have also enjoyed the wide variety of speakers and issues presented at the lunch events Fed Soc has hosted. Perhaps my favorite part of Fed Soc's lunch events is that they include a primary speaker and a responding speaker, which provides a great diversity of viewpoints at every event. I am excited to become more involved with the Harvard Chapter as well as the National Fed Soc organization.

Justin Gilio, Vice President of Membership: Fall recruitment was a great success! After hosting several events, including our always-popular **Welcome Back BBQ**, we are proud to announce that we have welcomed **almost 50 new members**. Additionally, more than **660 students** have signed up for our emails.

Trenton Van Oss

1L from Pittsburgh, PA

I joined the HLS community this past fall as a 1L after graduating from Wheaton College (IL) and spending a year as a legal assistant for a civil litigator in the Chicago area. The Federalist Society has enhanced my experience at Harvard in so many ways—great people and friendships, interesting speakers and events, and the opportunity to meet 2Ls and 3Ls who can give all sorts of advice, from how to be a conservative at HLS to tips for first-year exams.

I also had the privilege to attend the National Convention in Washington, D.C., this November and I can't recommend it highly enough to any future 1Ls thinking about going. It's a rare opportunity to listen to and meet some of the best legal thinkers in the country, as well as have a fun time getting to know fellow FedSocers from HLS and all around the country. The Federalist Society has been an excellent part of my 1L experience, and I look forward to staying involved during my time at HLS and beyond.

Strengthening our connections with chapter alumni remains one of our top priorities.

Over the summer, the Harvard Federalist Society hosted happy hours for students and alumni in New York, Washington, DC, Dallas, and Houston. These gatherings were a huge success and we hope to see you at future events.

This year, we aim to further improve the ties and connections between alumni and current students. We really enjoyed meeting all of you at the Alumni Breakfast at the National Lawyers Convention in DC, and invite you to attend our next major alumni event: the annual Banquet at the Harvard Faculty Club on April 10, 2015. If you are interested in attending, especially with a cadre of classmates, please contact our Development Chair, Peter Fritz, pfritz@jd16.law.harvard.edu.

If you have other ideas for the chapter or want to know about other ways to get involved, please reach out to Peter, email listed above, or May Davis, sdavis@jd15.law.harvard.edu.

There are two ways to donate:		
Online	(1) Go to https://www.fed-soc.org/donate/step1 .	(2) Email cynthia.searcy@fed-soc.org and inform Ms. Searcy that your donation should go to Harvard Law School.
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1L and 2L Fed Soc members volunteering at the National Lawyers Convention in Washington, DC.

Inaugural Justice Antonin Scalia Lecture: Judge Easterbrook on “Interpreting The Unwritten Constitution”

Justice Scalia, Judge Easterbrook, Judge Kavanaugh, Judge Sutton, Professor John Manning—these are among the notable conservatives who filled the audience of the inaugural Justice Antonin Scalia Lecture, an annual lecture series focused on advancing the founding principles of the Constitution. An anonymous donor funded the series, and former chapter president Joel Alicea helped facilitate the proposal. Judge Easterbrook delivered the lecture, “Interpreting the Unwritten Constitution.”

His lecture explained the rule-based principle behind applying doctrines not specifically written in the Constitution. He focused on four such doctrines: judicial review, intergovernmental tax immunity, sovereign immunity, and the anti-commandeering principle. He evaluated each doctrine under the constitutionally proscribed role of the judge under *Marbury v. Madison*. The judicial role under *Marbury* is a search for rules, Judge Easterbrook said. “When the Framers did not create a rule . . . we have neither judicial review nor the feared dead hand, but democracy.” Where there are no rules that can be derived from text, structure, or background understanding at the time of the Founding, Judge Easterbrook explained that unwritten constitutional doctrines lose legitimacy, giving examples in the context of sovereign immunity and anti-commandeering.

Alicea, now an associate at Cooper & Kirk, attended the lecture. “I think it is a very significant moment for the Law School and for the legal academy in general,” Alicea said. “When Justice Scalia was appointed to the Supreme Court, originalism and textualism had almost no standing in the legal academy. Now, Harvard has a major lecture series named after Justice Scalia and a Dean who enthusiastically praised his legacy. For the nation’s leading law school to honor the foremost proponent of originalism and textualism in this way is remarkable, and it speaks well of Harvard.”

Watch here: goo.gl/0Sw0so



Students at breakfast with Judge Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit.



President May Davis and 2L Paige Burroughs with Justice Scalia.



Fed Soc hosted a breakfast with Judge Kavanaugh of the DC Circuit.



Mr. Paul Clement with HLS Chapter President May Davis and Vice President Dave Casazza at a DC Alumni Happy Hour this past summer.



On July 17, HLS Federalist Society students spending the summer in NYC attended the Federalist Society New York Lawyers Chapter Reception & Cocktail Party. The reception was hosted by Buddy (HLS alumnus) and Denise Menton at their home in the West Village.



Members at the Annual Night of the Living Constitution Party.



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