

Federal Bar Association's Capitol Hill Day

The Federal Bar Association during its **Capitol Hill Day** on April 26, 2018, will urge President Trump and the United States Senate to honor their Constitutional responsibilities to nominate judicial nominees and promptly act upon those nominations, in response to a growing vacancy crisis afflicting the federal courts.

"Today there are nearly 150 judicial vacancies in our nation's courts, representing 18 percent of all Article III federal judgeships, said Kip Bollin, president of the Federal Bar Association. "Judicial vacancies mean that our federal courts are not being staffed at the level Congress intended, triggering the slower dispensation of justice."

In addition to judicial vacancies, FBA leaders participating in Capitol Hill Day will urge Congress to adequately fund the federal courts, establish additional federal judgeships in high-caseload judicial districts, and establish an Article I immigration court.

W. West Allen, chair of the FBA Government Relations Committee, stated, "The Federal Bar Association represents the foremost constituency of our federal courts. As its practicing bar, we have a responsibility to remind Congress of the critical role the courts play, the challenges they face, and their ongoing needs."

Last year, the annual FBA advocacy event broke all-time attendance records involving FBA national, circuit, chapter, section, and division leaders. Working off a common agenda of FBA policy priorities, FBA leaders participated in over 200 meetings with House and Senate offices across the Hill.

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