NCFTJ

Strategic Plan (2015-2020)

Mission: The purpose of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges (“NCFTJ”) is to provide a forum for its members to improve the administration of justice in the federal trial courts through conferences, seminars, educational programs and other activities; to support efforts to maintain the judicial independence of the federal trial courts; to promote diversity within the federal trial courts; to increase public understanding of the federal trial court system; to enhance the role and general welfare of its members; and to strengthen the federal system of justice at the trial court level.

Goal 1: Increase the visibility and relevance of NCFTJ within JD and ABA

A. Create permanent liaison relationships with key entities (ongoing)
   1. Encourage committee participation by those appointed to the NCFTJ's board and within the general membership of the NCFTJ
   2. Obtain ABA presidential appointments
   3. Anticipate JD chair change and work towards committee appointments

B. Work to increase our internet presence (resource tab, canned material, etc.) (short term)

C. Reevaluate and revise committee structure and resource commitment (short range)

D. Leverage NCFTJ members' leadership positions within other ABA divisions, sections and forums for joint collaboration on projects and events

Goal 2: Strengthen the Federal trial court system through public understanding, independence, diversity, and professionalism

A. Work with the Federal Judges Association, Federal Magistrate Judges Association, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and others on issues of interest to federal trial judges (ongoing)

B. Work towards judicial independence (ongoing)
   1. Evaluate whether Amici should be proposed to ABA
   2. Voice conference positions on resolutions/policies
   3. Evaluate whether resolutions should be proposed to strengthen federal trial system

C. Work with the JD Committee on Diversity and support efforts to promote judicial diversity (ongoing)
Goal 3: Enhance the role and general welfare of members

A. Establish early communication with each newly appointed judge/welcome letter (annually)
   1. Work with Administrative Office of the Courts to identify newly appointed judges
   2. Work with Federal Judicial Center to facilitate communication with newly appointed judges at FJC training programs

B. Solicit the participation of local judges at ABA Special, Midyear and Annual Meetings

C. Create mechanism/communicate to members about leadership and committee opportunities and conference activities and get them involved (appoint them) (short term)

D. Select a local federal judge(s) to be recognized at the ABA Midyear Meeting (annually)

Goal 4: Create educational programs to promote members’ professional growth and quality of life and to generate non-dues revenue

A. Develop and implement a substantive training program/conference to educate lawyers and judges on federal trial court practice (biannually)

B. Work with other conferences to create other training and educational programs/webinars (short term and annually)