



## FJA Constitution

The Federal Judges Association is an independent, voluntary Association of Active, Senior, Retired and Resigned Judges of the United States Federal Courts established under Article III of the Constitution.

The purpose of this Association is to seek the highest quality of justice for the people of the United States, and pursuant thereto, the Association is authorized to do all things reasonable and necessary to:

- preserve and protect the ability of the Federal Judiciary to attract and retain the best qualified men and women for judicial service;
- preserve and protect the independence of the Federal Judiciary from intrusion, intimidation, coercion or domination from any source;
- formulate and carry out such other activities and program as are deemed necessary and appropriate in further of its stated purpose.

In the conduct of these programs and activities, the Association shall work in coordination and cooperation with the Chief Justice of the United States, the Judicial Conference of the United States, the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the various other Judges' Associations, Lawyers' Associations and public, quasi-public and private associations and organizations committed to this same purpose.

In the conduct of its affairs, the Association shall take no action or position inconsistent with any formal action or position of the Judicial Conference of the United States unless and until approved as specified in Article VI B of the bylaws.

The Corporation shall be organized as a not-for-profit organization exclusively. Its activities shall be conducted in such manner that no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or individual, and it shall engage in no business ordinarily carried on for profit. It shall not have the power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends. In addition, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

In the event of dissolution any assets of the corporation will be donated to the American Judicature Society, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is "to Promote the Effective Administration of Justice.