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BECOME A MEMBER

It is the goal of the FJA that all Article III judges belong to our organization. For more information or to become a member, please go to our website at www.federaljudgesassoc.org or contact our Executive Director, Megan Cruz at (301) 358-4442 or fja@federaljudgesassoc.org.

Membership dues are $17 per pay period, if paid by payroll deduction. Dues for those who prefer to pay by check are $220. We also encourage you to contact an FJA Officer or your circuit representative on the FJA Board of Directors, whose information can be found on our website.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FJA does what you cannot do individually:
- Speaks in one voice for Article III judges on issues of pay and benefits.
- Monitors and responds to legislation that impacts the independence of the judiciary.
- Protects the status and benefits of all active and senior judges.
- Maintains contact with Congress, including co-hosting a Congressional reception.

In addition, the FJA provides:
- Information as to pending legislation.
- Sample speeches and presentations for multiple occasions.
- Materials for civic education.
- Private message board.
- FedAdvantage program participation.
- Security updates.
- A listing of resources relevant to the federal judiciary.
- The opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the country and internationally.
- A Quadrennial (every 4 years), part of which may include receptions at the White House and U.S. Supreme Court.

PAY RESTORATION

From its inception, the FJA has tirelessly worked to obtain fair and equitable pay in order to maintain an impartial and independent judiciary. In November 2012, the FJA sponsored a class action suit on behalf of all Article III judges, challenging the denial of COLAs on statutory and constitutional grounds. That suit is known as Barker v. United States. In November 2013, the Court of Federal Claims determined that the decision in Beer, et al v. United States applied to the Article III judges covered by the Barker litigation and the salaries of Article III judges were adjusted accordingly. The FJA is devoted to continuing its work in support of federal judges on issues related to compensation and benefits.