

## Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting September 11-13, 2011 Dunes Manor Hotel Ocean City, Maryland

### Communication and Technology

### Member Benefits

- Last year we initiated the use of Constant Contact for email communication
- > Today we are rolling out two new somewhat related member benefits
- Each FALJC member is entitled to his or her personalized "member@FALJC.org" email address
- > For example, james.gilbert@faljc.org
- An email will be sent to the membership later this month with the details of how to set up your own member@faljc.org email address
- Emails can be downloaded directly to your Smartphone, your home email software, or you can retrieve them from any computer connected to the Internet
- For many of our members, they may choose to use their new member@faljc.org email address in place of their business or other personal email address

## Communication and Technology

### Member Benefits

- Our second new membership benefit we offer in conjunction with the ABA
- FALJC members can now join the ABA Judicial Division, including the National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary (NCALJ) for the significantly reduced rate of \$105
- This is over 50% off the current rate, and the benefit is good each year
- To take advantage of the new rate, we need as many new members to join the ABA as there are existing members of the group
- One new member for each existing member
- See either myself or Dick Goodwin for further information, but please sign up ASAP so that we can secure this special discounted rate

- > FALJC is a national organization of ALJs
- Nearly half of existing FALJC members live outside of the metro DC area
- All Executive Committee meetings are held in the DC metro area
- Our Annual Meetings have been held in the DC area for many years
- How can we use technology to involve our non DC members in FALJC?

- What are our goals?
- Increase our participation and membership beyond the Beltway
- > How can we do that?
- Make our website more user friendly
- Professional redesign
- Improve functionality
- > What else?
- Leverage technology so members can participate electronically in our meetings

- > First step?
- Redesign of www.FALJC.org
- Working with Georgetown Web Design
- Initial mockup design of new website completed
- > We all know the old website



## 2012 Technology Plan The New FALJC.ORG!

- > Sleeker, more professional image
- Easier navigation
- Easy to upload information and change content
- Increased functionality to handle credit card transactions for dues paying
- Electronic registration for future Annual Seminars
- Host our archive of materials, including videos of Executive Committee meetings



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#### About

Federal Administrative Law Judges, often referred to as the Federal Administrative Trial Judiciary, perform judicial functions within the Executive Branch of the Government. In adjudicating cases before them, Administrative Law Judges conduct formal trial-type hearings, make findings of fact and law, apply agency regulations, and issue either initial or recommended decisions. Administrative Law Judges have complete decisional independence, and to protect that independence, have "tenure very similar to that provided for Federal judges under the constitution." The U.S. Supreme Court stated that the role of an administrative law judge is "functionally comparable" to that of federal trial judges. [Read More...]

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#### Calendar

-Friday, March 18, 2011 FALJC Members' Luncheon

-Friday, April 15, 2011

FALJC Members' Luncheon to Honor Retirees

-Friday, May 20, 2011

FALJC Members' Luncheon

#### Members

- -Membership application
- -Renew membership

#### **Document Library**

- -"Overview" Section
- -"How to Apply" Section
- -"Qualifications & Evaluations" Section Form
- -FALJC Briefing Book [see more...]

- Quote of \$2,400 includes all formatting, transfer of existing files, and complete website
- We expect the new website to go "live" before the end of 2011
- > What else are we planning?

## 2012 Technology Plan Video Conferencing

- Use existing technology to allow non DC members to participate live in meetings
- Video conferencing is becoming more affordable
- Minimal hardware investment includes FALJC laptop, video camera, and projector
- Members can appear via video at Executive Committee or watch and participate online

# 2012 Technology Plan Projected Cost

- One time costs for website design and hardware
- Redesign of website \$2,400
- Purchase of HD camera, projector, and laptop for use at meetings, use of video conferencing services approximately \$2,600
- > Total projected investment for FY 2012 is \$5,000
- > It's both ambitious and achievable

- Motion for consideration under Article II of the FALJC Bylaws
- We request approval for a \$5,000 technology budget for FY 2012 to implement our Technology Plan