

BLS SCHOLARS & FELLOWS RETENTION TASK FORCE

Summary Minutes

Action Item for June 25, 2025, Meeting

June 20, 2024

The Scholars and Fellows Retention Task Force had a productive meeting. The first draft of the taskforce's recommendations has substantially been prepared. The task force will review and revise the draft and will circulate a final first draft to further comment and peer review. We requested and obtained volunteers to prepare template letters and anticipate having a peer reviewed guidebook finalized by Labor Day. Judge LaRose, Michael Bittner, Zachary Hyman and Catherine McEwen attended the meeting.

January 18, 2024

There is a problem dealing with law students, as they don't have practical issues for Zach to spend time on by phone to discuss and strategize. He said that if a law student calls him to have coffee, he does not want to go, but if the law student has a real project, Zach will help. Tabitha Taylor proposed that the current Fellow class be in charge of planning and presenting the programming because it will encourage them to learn about how BLS works. Zach Hyman also stated that his job is to put out ideas and get the "practices thing" done, but that the program is not ready now. Michelle Suarez discussed best practices for in-person programming.