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Attention All FJAA Members:

FJAA was established as an association dedicated to a very special group--federal judges' assistants. Our Association's purpose is to promote the general welfare of its members, encourage the highest ethical standards of conduct, and promote continuing education and professional development. Our Constitution and Bylaws provide the rule of law for our Association.

At the current time, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP is granted to Judicial Assistants holding current appointments by Justices of the United States Supreme Court, Article III Judges, or United States Magistrate Judges. That membership entitles Judicial Assistants the privilege of voting and holding elective or appointed office within the FJAA. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are entitled to all privileges of membership except those of voting or holding office.

Our positions are changing throughout the country. The Judges' Secretaries Advisory Council (JSAG) has noted that 52% of judges have NO Judicial Assistant, and have instead chosen to hire an extra Law Clerk in chambers. Those Law Clerks are responsible to perform the administrative duties of a Judicial Assistant, but are hired as Law Clerks. Because of this change, the FJAA Executive Board has been discussing how we, as an Association, can be more inclusive. Our belief is that it is time to consider offering membership to those who perform administrative duties in those chambers that have no Judicial Assistants. In order to determine how best to be inclusive, we would like to hear from our membership.

Your input is vital to our success in accomplishing goals with your interests and our growth at heart. SURVEYS MUST BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 15, 2016.

The surveys were sent out to all members on July 18, 2016. Please vote. This is your chance to voice your opinion.

Thank you for your participation!

Best Regards,

Mary Ellen Druckenbrod

