



## The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association

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Dear Alfredo:

On the recommendations of the Hon. Gustavo Gelpi and Russell Del Toro, it is my privilege to nominate you to become a Fellow of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. This is an honor accorded to only a very small number of Federal Bar Association members and it is predicated on your demonstrated commitment to and leadership within the FBA and your legal community.

The Foundation has undergone a major transition over the past several years. It has become a dynamic organization that can and will play an important role in supporting legal research and education, advancing the science of jurisprudence, facilitating the administration of justice and fostering improvements in the practice of federal law. In recent years, the Foundation has provided over \$30,000 in grants to support projects including publishing an updated white paper on judicial compensation that received nation-wide publicity. In addition to the white paper, the Foundation has also begun awarding the \$1,000 Kintner Scholarship to help fund college expenses for the child of an FBA member who is also a government employee, has provided funds to endow the Bernie P. Becker Scholarship at the William Mitchell College of Law, and has provided monies to support legal aid for asylum seekers petitioning for review in federal courts and assistance for individuals who have been wrongly convicted.

In addition to these projects, the Foundation also expects to award two substantial grants in the upcoming year. One grant will support a project to increase awareness of the rule of law and the federal courts and the second will support another judicial research and education project. A number of highly respected judges, public and private sector attorneys and academics support the Foundation's activities and have agreed to serve on grant review committees. The Foundation counts on the Fellows to support these beneficial activities and would appreciate your involvement as well. In addition to helping the Foundation carry out its mission, the Fellows also engage in social and educational activities.

Appointments to the Fellows may be accepted in three categories: Fellows, Life Fellows, and Sustaining Life Fellows. Fellows are required to make a minimum contribution of \$1,500,

payable at once or in annual installments of at least \$150 over ten years. Life Fellows are recognized as such upon the full payment of \$1,500 or more. Life Fellows who wish to continue contributing on annual basis will be designated as Sustaining Life Fellows. All contributions to the Foundation may be treated as charitable contributions for tax purposes, since the Foundation is chartered by Congress as a 501(c)(3) organization.

In accepting this invitation, kindly mail your initial donation of at least \$150 to the Fellows Program, Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, 2215 M Street, NW, Washington DC 20037. Please make your check payable to Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.

If you have any questions about your nomination, please don't hesitate to contact me at (828) 835-9730 or [ramcnew@msn.com](mailto:ramcnew@msn.com), Hon. Gustavo Gelpi at (787) 772-3102 or [Gustavo\\_Gelpi@prd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Gustavo_Gelpi@prd.uscourts.gov) or Russell Del Toro at (787) 754-8722 or [rdeltoro@dtslaw.com](mailto:rdeltoro@dtslaw.com) . Alfredo, I look forward to your joining and actively participating in the Fellows program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RAM', is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. McNew

cc: Hon. G. Gelpi  
R. Del Toro  
A. Meyerson