

President's Forum

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President's Message—A Look at NCBP's Mission, Communications and Inclusiveness

Dates and Deadlines

NCBP Midyear Meeting

February 10-12, 2011

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Atlanta, GA

Email Chrishelle Thomas at
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ABA Bar Leadership Institute

March 10-11, 2011

Chicago Marriott Downtown

Chicago, IL

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Western States Bar Conference

March 30-April 2, 2011

Maui, HI

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President's Forum promotes communication among members of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. All members are invited to send information on their bar's activities to:

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www.ncbp.org!



James P. Nolan

I am extremely honored and humbled to assume the office of president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and to follow in the footsteps of some of the finest bar leaders our profession has to offer.

I truly believe that it is good to be a lawyer and that it is good to be a member of our esteemed legal profession. As members of our profession, we should be proud of what we do and the ideals for which we stand. I further believe that it is one of the highest callings of our profession to serve as bar leaders as it is those persons who give their precious time and resources to promoting the legal profession, fellow lawyers and the community at large.

Similar to my year as president of the Maryland State Bar Association, there are three words which I will use to define my year as president of NCBP: mission, communications and inclusiveness. Our focus will be on the mission of NCBP which is to provide high quality programming to bar leaders and to promote collegiality among these bar leaders and their bar associations. We will seek to enhance our communications effort through our new and improved NCBP website and more direct contact with our institutional and individual members. NCBP will also seek to become more inclusive and truly a home for all bar leaders and bar associations – be they state, metropolitan, local or specialty. Our executive council is committed to addressing the needs of all bar leaders and all bar associations.

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Nominations Sought for the NCBP Fellows Award

NCBP is seeking nominations for its 2011 Fellows Award which honors an outstanding past president of a bar association. To qualify for nomination, an individual is required to meet the following criteria: must be a past president of a bar association; must have demonstrated a continuing commitment to leadership, service, the work of the organized bar and the purposes of the NCBP; and must have demonstrated a lifetime of achievement or exceptional service to lawyers or the public.

The award will be presented Friday, February 11, at the NCBP Friday Joint Luncheon, held during the NCBP 2011 Midyear Meeting in Atlanta. The deadline for submissions is December 10, 2010.

Please send all nominations electronically to Lanneau Wm. Lambert Jr., NCBP Fellows Award Committee Chair, c/o Kimberly Vann, at vannk2@staff.abanet.org. Details about nomination requirements are available on the NCBP website, www.ncbp.org.



**Mark I. Harrison, NCBP 2010
Fellows Award recipient**



REGISTER TODAY

FOR THE NCBP 2011 MIDYEAR MEETING IN ATLANTA!

For more information, read page 3 of this issue.

March 10-11, 2011

The Bar Leadership Institute: Guiding Your Leadership Journey

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2011 American Bar Association Bar Leadership Institute, or the BLI as it is known, is sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services and the Division for Bar Services and will be held March 10-11 in Chicago, Illinois.

What will you learn?

The program will focus on the techniques and skills needed to be an effective bar association steward. Four core challenges will be addressed:

- Leadership
- Governance
- Finance
- Communications

The faculty of the BLI is made up of current and past bar presidents, veteran bar executives, and professional consultants. It features plenary sessions and small group workshops. Discussion sessions and social events provide an opportunity to meet and network with bar colleagues from all types of bar associations and to trade ideas and perspectives. Participants also will have the opportunity to talk with ABA staff experts one-on-one!

Who attends?

The BLI is a must for presidents-elect of bar associations and other presidential-track officers. To enhance the learning experience, many organizations also send their executive directors or other professional staff.

How do you register?

For up to date program information, visit the BLI website: www.abanet.org/barserv/bli.html.

Questions?

Please contact Karyn Linn at linnk@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5350.

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In this regard, we look forward to working with the Metropolitan Bar Caucus, National Association of Bar Executives and National Conference of Bar Foundations, as well as with the leadership of the American Bar Association.

We urge all bar associations to join NCBP in its efforts to make us all stronger, more vibrant and more relevant. Please plan to attend the midyear meeting in cosmopolitan Atlanta, Georgia, in February 2011 and in the beautiful Canadian city of Toronto in August 2011. The programs and social events are guaranteed to be first-rate and will include more opportunities for interaction among attendees.

NCBP leadership has the good fortune of working with the dedicated staff of the American Bar Association Division for Bar Services. All bar leaders and bar associations should avail themselves of the tremendous services and resources which are offered by the Division.

I am pleased to be working with wonderful NCBP officers who include Immediate Past President Mary Torres of New Mexico; President-elect and Program Chair Frederic Ury of Connecticut; Treasurer Karol Corbin Walker of New Jersey; and Secretary Carl Smallwood of Ohio. I congratulate Mary for completing a terrific year as president.

I am also fortunate to work with an outstanding executive council which consists of bar leaders from across the country and Canada. Based on the results of our recent fall meeting in my hometown of Annapolis, Maryland, we have a great team and are off to a strong start this bar year.

I encourage your participation by visiting the NCBP website, www.ncbp.org, getting involved in the NCBP Fellows, if you are a past president of a bar association, and by becoming leaders of NCBP in order to directly assist in the continuation of its important mission.

See What's New at www.ncbp.org...

- ◆ An exciting, easy-to-use format
- ◆ More resources for bar leaders
- ◆ Site search capability
- ◆ Coming in 2011—online dues payment



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NCBP 2011 MIDYEAR MEETING

Atlanta February 10-12

Thursday, February 10

7:00 am - 5:30 pm

Joint Registration

7:00 am - 12:00 pm

NCBP Committee Meetings

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NCBP Executive Council Meeting

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Metro Bar Caucus (MBC)

Executive Committee Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

ABA Legislative and Governmental

Advocacy Update—Program and

Reception

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

MBC Welcome Reception

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

NCBP Executive Council, Council Alumni

and NCBP Past Presidents

Dinner (Location TBD)

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

MBC Executive Committee Dinner

(Location TBD)

Friday, February 11

6:45 am - 5:00 pm

Joint Registration

7:45 am - 9:00 am

NCBP Breakfast and Welcome

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Plenary Session: A Transforming

Profession and Challenges to Bar

Associations

Friday, February 11 (cont.)

9:30 am - 10:50 am

Roundtable Discussions and Reports

10:50 am - 11:15 am

NCBP Sponsor Appreciation and

Networking Break

11:25 am - 12:25 pm

Joint Concurrent Workshops—Virtual Law Firms/Websites; LRS: Member/Public Service; Membership Efforts: Matching Benefits with Demographics; Metro Bars and the Judiciary; and Bar Association/Bar Foundation Relationships(sponsored by NCBF)

12:30 pm - 1:40 pm

NCBP/NABE/NCBF Joint Awards

Luncheon

1:40 pm - 2:05 pm

NCBP Sponsor Appreciation and

Networking Break

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Joint Concurrent Workshops—Diversity in a Tough Economy; How to Attract and Keep Sponsors; Pro Bono for Targeted Populations; Metro Bars and Managing Partners; and Board Participation: Governance and Expectations

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

NCBP Forum on Ethnic and Racial

Diversity

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

MBC Beer and Bull Session

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

NCBP/NABE/NCBF Joint Reception

Saturday, February 12

7:00 am - 11:30 am

Joint Registration

7:30 am - 9:00 am

NCBP Breakfast Roundtables and Sponsor

Forum

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Metro Bar Caucus (MBC)

Executive Committee Meeting

9:00 am - 11:20 am

NCBP Plenary Session

9:00 am - 9:15 am

ABA President Speaks

9:15 am - 9:45 am

Reputation and the Public Trust

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Roundtables Discussion and

Reports

11:00 am - 11:20 am

More Hot Tips on Hot Topics

11:20 am

Final Remarks and Adjourn

Early Registration Deadline:

12/17/10

Final Registration Deadline:

01/14/11

All events are at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel unless otherwise indicated. More detailed program, speaker and event information will be posted over the next several weeks on www.ncbp.org. Times are subject to change. Register online today at www.abanet.org/midyear/2011 or download a faxable registration form at the same site. Email registration questions to: NABE-NCBP-NCBFregistration@staff.abanet.org.

