

**24TH NATIONAL FORUM ON CLIENT PROTECTION
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BARBARA J. BOWE, LICSW, has been with Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) in Boston Massachusetts for the past 12 years. She is a graduate of Boston University's School of Social Work. She has been in practice for over 23 years. In that time she has managed inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs in the greater Boston area. She has worked for both in house and off site EAP programs in New England. Prior to coming to LCL she was at Westwood Lodge Hospital where she was a co-leader of the hospitals Dual Diagnosis Treatment Program. In addition to her clinical work she has been the liaison with all New England Law Schools. She facilitates LCL's professional conduct group for lawyers who are in trouble with their license at the BBO. She is also responsible for presentations to the MBA, BBA, and various other aspects of the bar in addition to providing consultation and training to the Judiciary. She maintains a private practice in Brookline, MA.

NONNIE BURNES is the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance. Commissioner Nonnie Burnes was appointed to head the Massachusetts Division of Insurance in February of 2007 by Governor Deval Patrick. Prior to taking the helm at the Division, Commissioner Burnes was a Justice of the Superior Court for more than a decade. Commissioner Burnes has a background as a legal advocate and has been a Superior Court Justice since 1996. While on the bench, she served as the chair of both the Gender Equality Advisory Board and the Jury Management Advisory Committee. Prior to her appointment to the Superior Court by Governor William Weld, Commissioner Burnes was an attorney at the firm of Hill & Barlow. In addition to her work on the bench and in private practice, she served as a Commissioner on the State Ethics Commission; a Fellow of the Boston Bar Foundation; the Vice Chair of the Boston Bar Association; and, on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and the Center for Law and Education. Commissioner Burnes is a member of the visiting committee for Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, the Center for Ethics and the Professions; and, a member of the Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers for Northeastern University. Commissioner Burnes received a B.A. from Wellesley College and a J.D. from Northeastern University Law School. In 2004, she received the Citation for Judicial Excellence from the Boston Bar Association.

PROFESSOR BETH COHEN is a 1984 Cum Laude graduate of Suffolk University Law School and in 1984 attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Salzburg, Austria, and received a Diploma in Advanced International Legal Studies. Ms. Cohen, an Associate Professor of Law at Western New England College - School of Law, Springfield, MA, has been on the faculty of the Law School since 1990. Her responsibilities at the School include, but are not limited to, teaching Professional Responsibility, Legal Research and Writing, and the Judicial Externship Seminar. Ms. Cohen also serves as Director of the first-year Legal Research and Writing Program. She has numerous professional and societal affiliations including the American Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, the Women's Bar Foundation, and the Hampden County Bar Association. Ms. Cohen resides in Belchertown, MA, with her two children, Nora and Ian Mitnick.

JULIUS I. DAVIS is a public member on the Client Security Fund for the State of California.

In 2002, after thirty-five years of service, he retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as an Assistant Chief of Police. During the course of his career with the Los Angeles Police Department, he was assigned to or commanded every segment of the Department, including being the Department's liaison to the City Attorney's Office. He was, for fifteen months, the Interim Chief of Police for the Inglewood Police Department in Inglewood California. He is a graduate of California State University at Los Angeles and Pepperdine University. He has been a member of the State Bar of California's Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and the Dispute Resolution Committee for the Ford Motor Corporation. He was appointed to the Client Security Fund in December 2004. He serves as Chair for 2007-2008, his terms expires in September 2008.

PETER G. DEGELLEKE is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Clients' Security Board, effective January 1, 2007, and a Board member since December 2003. He is a sole practitioner who specializes in criminal and civil litigation and corporate risk management. His office is in Concord, Massachusetts, where he is of counsel to the firm of McWalter, Barron & Boisvert. Admitted to the Bar in 1977 after graduating from Georgetown Law School, Mr. DeGelleke served two terms as a Hearing Officer for the Board of Bar Overseers, serves as an arbitrator for the Massachusetts Bar Association Fee Arbitration Board, and teaches trial advocacy in the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop. A member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), he provided pro bono representation to the family of a September 11 victim in making a claim with the Victim Compensation Fund as part of the Trial Lawyers Care program.

MICHAEL FREDRICKSON received his bachelor's degree from Macalester College, attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and did graduate work in English literature at the University of Toronto. In 1982 he graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the law review. He clerked for the Hon. George E. MacKinnon on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, then worked for over five years as a litigation associate at the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow. In 1989 he assumed his present position as general counsel to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. He has been an adjunct professor at Northeastern University Law School and the New England School of Law, teaching administrative law, professional responsibility, and law practice management. He has published several articles on legal issues, particularly legal ethics, and has contributed reviews on books about law and the legal profession. He is also the author of three novels about lawyers, *A Cinderella Affidavit* (Forge Books 1999), *Witness for the Dead* (Forge Books 2001), and *A Defense for the Dead* (Forge Books 2004).

JOHN S. GLEASON is Regulation Counsel for the Colorado Supreme Court where he directs an office responsible for the regulation of Colorado attorneys and magistrates and the prosecution of unauthorized practice of law matters. He also serves as counsel to the Supreme Court Attorneys' Fund for Client Protection, State Board of Law Examiners, and as Special Counsel for the Commission on Judicial Discipline. Prior to his appointment as Regulation Counsel to the Supreme Court, he served as a senior trial lawyer and Deputy Regulation Counsel. He previously served as a criminal prosecutor and was in private practice with a law firm in Denver for several years. He attended Bowling Green State University and Columbia College as an undergraduate and earned his law degree from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. Mr. Gleason is active locally and nationally with the National Organization of Bar Counsel, the National Organization of Judicial Counsel, the American Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association,

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MICHAEL E. HARMON is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Arkansas Office of Professional Conduct and is Counsel to the Arkansas Client Security Fund. He has been with the lawyer disciplinary agency since 1996 and has served as counsel to the Arkansas Fund since 1998. Michael is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection.

DANIEL R. HENDI is a 1983 graduate of the Western New England College School of Law located in Springfield, MA. He is employed by the New Jersey Judiciary in the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. He began his career with the Fund in 1988 as Deputy Counsel and is now the Deputy Director of that organization. Prior to coming to the Fund, Dan was employed as a Legal Editor for Prentice-Hall Publishing, and as an associate attorney in private practice representing the Hunterdon (NJ) County Board of Freeholders in issues involving solid waste management, transportation, union negotiations public employee matters, as well as real estate and commercial law. Dan has argued cases in New Jersey before its Chancery, Law, and Appellate Divisions, as well as before the Supreme Court of that State. He has also presented cases and argued in Bankruptcy Court, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. A native of Argentina, Dan now resides in New Jersey with his spouse, Lisa, and two children, Cameron and Connor.

DIANE L. KARPMAN has counseled lawyers for two decades. She defends lawyers in attorney discipline and regulatory proceedings before the State Bar Court in California and in ethics litigation support (motions to disqualify, breach of fiduciary duty, conflicts, etc.). An established authority in the areas of attorney ethics and standards of professional care, she is frequently retained as an expert witness in legal malpractice actions and related proceedings. Ms. Karpman has written and lectured extensively for the ABA, State Bar Educational Symposiums, State Bar Conventions, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers, Los Angeles County Bar, and local bar associations in the areas of professional responsibility and legal ethics. She is a contributing editor for *Bender's Attorney Ethics* (competency and trust account management); coauthor of the *California Lawyer's Guide to Professional Responsibility*, published (1994-1996), by Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, Inc., and associate editor of the Cornell Ethics Project with Professor Roger Cramton at law.cornell.edu/ethics. She writes a monthly column called "Ethics Byte" for the *Cal Bar Journal* at calbar.org, since 1997.

VICTORIA V. KREMSKI is Deputy Division Director of the Professional Standards Division of the State Bar of Michigan. Ms. Kremski serves as staff counsel to the Client Protection Fund. She directly supervises the State Bar's Client Protection Fund and Practice Management Resource Center programs. She also responds to ethics inquiries from Michigan attorneys and serves as one of the staff counsel to the State Bar of Michigan Ethics program. Ms. Kremski is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection, having been appointed in 2005. Prior to joining the State Bar, Ms. Kremski practiced law privately, handling primarily family law and personal injury matters. She is a graduate of the University of Denver School of Law and Fort Lewis College and is the author of "The Unauthorized Practice of Law and Landlord

Tenant Cases”, 78 Mich Bar Journal, p. 964, Sept. 1999; “Multidisciplinary Practices and the Main Street Lawyer,” 79 Mich Bar Journal, Sept. 2000 and “Ethical Ramifications for Michigan Attorneys Involved With Will and Trust Kit Companies,” 79 Mich Bar Journal, May 2000.

JANET GREEN MARBLEY is the Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection. She is also the Administrator for the Supreme Court of Ohio Clients’ Security Fund. The Ohio Supreme Court appointed her in March 1995. Ms. Green Marbley is licensed to practice law in the states of Ohio and Illinois. She is a Past President of the National Client Protection Organization (NCPO). Ms. Green Marbley is a past Chair of the ABA Advisory Commission on Lawyers’ Funds for Client Protection, as well as a former member of the Standing Committee on Client Protection (1998-2000). She is currently the Ohio State Bar Association Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

MICHAEL D. MIYAHIRA is the principal owner of Business Strategies, a company that provides consulting services to family owned and closely held businesses. The company focuses on long term strategic planning, planning for succession, managing relationships, debt restructuring, and management development. The company has clients on the island of Oahu and Hawaii. Mr. Miyahira is also the Chief Financial Officer for the Hawaiian Rainbows group of companies. Prior to 2000, he spent more than 24 years with one of Hawaii’s largest commercial banks on the Islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii. The bulk of his banking career was spent as a senior credit officer and manager of several of the bank’s business banking units. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Miyahira also currently serves as vice chair and corporate treasurer for the Island of Hawaii YMCA, Director of the National Client Protection Organization, and as a trustee of the Supreme Court of Hawaii Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the National Client Protection Organization. He is a past president of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of Hawaii Island, the Big Island Business Council and the Hawaii Island United Way, past treasurer for the United Way Statewide Association of Hawaii, and past chair of the Hawaii Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection. He has served on the State of Hawaii’s Dept. of Public Safety, Hawaii Island Corrections Advisory Council as well as on the Advisory Council for the School of Business at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

ERICA MOESER has been the president of the National Conference of Bar Examiners since 1994. She is a former chairperson of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association and has served as a law school site evaluator, as a member of the Section’s Accreditation Committee, and as the co-chairperson of the Section’s Bar Admissions Committee. She worked as the director of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for 17 years before joining the National Conference. Ms. Moeser holds the following degrees: B.A. (geology), Newcomb College of Tulane University, 1967; M.S. (Curriculum and Instruction), the University of Wisconsin, 1970; and J.D., the University of Wisconsin, 1974. She was admitted to practice law in Wisconsin in January 1975. Ms. Moeser holds honorary degrees from Nova Southeastern University, John Marshall Law School and Barry University School of Law. Ms. Moeser has taught Professional Responsibility as an adjunct at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 1992.

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CHARLES B. PLATTSMIER attended Louisiana State University Law Center from 1975 thru 1978 and became licensed to practice law in Louisiana in October of 1978. He entered the private practice of law and by 1981 was a partner in the law firm of Hunter and Plattsmier in Morgan City, Louisiana where the firm's emphasis was on maritime litigation. In 1993, Mr. Plattsmier began his own firm with offices in both Morgan City and Baton Rouge. During his first 17 years of private practice, Mr. Plattsmier was active in both local and state bar associations serving as the President of the St. Mary Parish Bar Association and as a House of Delegates member to the Louisiana State Bar from 1983 until 1995. In 1990, he extended his volunteer service to the legal profession by becoming one of the first lawyer hearing committee members in the then newly created Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. After serving as a lawyer member and chair of the hearing committee for four years, Mr. Plattsmier was offered and he accepted a position as a board member on the Disciplinary Board where he served for two years. On February 1, 1996 he became the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State of Louisiana and today stands as the longest serving Chief Counsel under the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. Mr. Plattsmier has authored amendments to both the Rules of Professional Conduct as well as Supreme Court Rule 19, was a member of the Ethics 2000 Committee that updated and amended Louisiana's ethics rules, and has served on countless committees of both the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana State Bar Association. He is a prolific speaker having provided over 300 lectures and presentations on ethics and professionalism nationally and across the state.

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