

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Section of Labor & Employment Law
State and Local Government Bargaining & Employment Law Committee
Midwinter Meeting
February 5-7, 2009
Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

PROGRAM AGENDA

Thursday, February 5

- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** **Sunset Cruise Cocktail Reception (*Catamaran Bamboushay*)**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** **Welcome Dinner (*Poolside*)**

Friday, February 6

- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast (*Garden Terrace*)**
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome & Overview of Administrative Matters**
Co-Chairs (*Hibiscus/Orchid/Seagrape*)

James Allmendinger
NEA New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire

John H. Gretzinger
Nantz Litowich Smith & Girard
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Harvey A. Nathan
Mediator and Arbitrator
Chicago, Illinois

Section Report

Barbara Berish Brown, Section Chair
Washington, D.C.

Barbara J. D'Aquila, Council Liaison – Employer
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Don Slesnick, Council Liaison – Union & Employee
Coral Gables, Florida

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Subcommittee Report: Impact of Federal Legislation

Timothy Hawks
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Allan Drachman
Boston, Massachusetts

David Fernstrum
Grand Rapids, Michigan

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Subcommittee Report: Grievance Arbitration

Kevin Harty
Lansing, Michigan

Jennifer Poltrock
Chicago, Illinois

Arthur Riegel
Hewlett Harbor, New York

**9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Subcommittee Report: Practice & Procedure –
Scope of Bargaining**

Jennifer Coffey
New York, New York

George Crisci
Cleveland, Ohio

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break (*Garden Terrace*)

**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee Report: Practice & Procedure –
Jurisdiction of State Commissions and
Unit Determination Issues**

Fred Cloppert
Columbus, Ohio

Aaron Granger
Columbus, Ohio

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee Report: Interest Arbitration

Gary Bailey
Western Springs, Illinois

Harvey A. Nathan
Chicago, Illinois

Robert Smith
Chicago, Illinois

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee Report: Practice & Procedure – Unfair Labor Practices

Michele Cotrupe
Chicago, Illinois

Colleen O’Keefe
Chicago, Illinois

1:00 p.m. Golf Tournament (*Mahogany Run Golf Course*)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception (*Garden Terrace*)

Saturday, February 7

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (*Garden Terrace*)

**8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Announcements and Committee Business
Co-Chairs (*Hibiscus/Orchid/Seagrape*)**

**8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Subcommittee Report:
Ethics in Practice of Labor & Employment Law**

Jina Jonen
Madison, Wisconsin

Dan Nielsen
Racine, Wisconsin

Steve Weld
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. SPECIAL REPORT:
All Shook Up: Public Sector Negotiations During
Economic Turmoil and Uncertainty**

During 2008 the private sector experienced jaw-dropping financial gyrations we thought had been banished after the Great Depression. What impact will this financial upheaval have on public sector negotiators during 2009-2010? The accurate answer to this question requires a careful differentiation among (1) the impact of the collapse of the housing bubble starting in 2006; (2) the impact of the general economic slowdown starting in 2007; and (3) the impact of the free-fall in prices of stocks and other financial instruments during 2008. Professor Feuille will examine these phenomena, their impacts on state and local government revenues, and the likely effects encountered by state and local government employer and union negotiators as we move forward.

Peter Feuille
Professor of Labor and Industrial Relations
School of Labor and Employment Relations
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Subcommittee Report: Diversity Committee**
- D. Lynn Morison
Detroit Michigan
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** **Refreshment Break (*Garden Terrace*)**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Subcommittee Report: Constitutional Issues – Due Process**
- Joseph McKittrick
North Hampton, New Hampshire
- D. Lynn Morison
Detroit, Michigan
- Mark Olson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **Subcommittee Report: Constitutional Issues – First Amendment**
- Lisa Salkovitz Kohn
Chicago, Illinois
- Todd Park
New Castle, Pennsylvania
- Steven Rynecki
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Subcommittee Report: Constitutional Issues –
Rights of Members and Non-Members**
- Elliott Goldstein
Chicago, Illinois
- Martha Marcero
Lansing, Michigan
- Gary Messing
Sacramento, California
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Subcommittee Report: States without Bargaining Legislation**
- Marilyn Raskin-Ortiz
Latham, New York
- 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.** **Closing Remarks
Co-Chairs**
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Tennis Tournament**