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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the House of Delegates  
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of Delegates

**FROM:** James R. Silkenat, Chair  
Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

**SUBJECT:** Open Hearing at 2008 Midyear Meeting

**DATE:** January 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will hold an open hearing in conjunction with the 2008 Los Angeles Midyear Meeting on **Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in Room 502, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel.** The purpose of this hearing is to meet informally with Association members who may be considering the submission of proposals to amend the Constitution or Bylaws at the 2008 Annual Meeting in New York, New York.

If your entity is considering a proposal to amend the Constitution or Bylaws, you are invited to attend the hearing. For those unable to attend the hearing, written statements can be submitted to the Committee's staff liaison, Rochelle E. Evans, at the American Bar Center in Chicago no later than **Wednesday, February 6, 2008.** All written statements will be placed on the Committee's agenda for discussion. The Committee is prepared to assist sponsors of proposals in drafting amendments that achieve the purpose and effect desired by the sponsor, while maintaining consistency of style with the Association's governing documents.

The Committee will meet again in May 2008 to consider proposals filed by the **March 14, 2008, filing deadline.** Interested persons are welcome to participate in the May meeting via telephone conference or submit written statements for the Committee's agenda. Please contact Rochelle E. Evans at [evansre@staff.abanet.org](mailto:evansre@staff.abanet.org) at 312/988-5157 for further details.

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