



Dear Access to Justice Leader:

As a member of the Planning Committee, I want to join ABA President William H. Neukom and ABA Day Planning Committee Chair Stephen N. Zack in urging you to register now to participate in "ABA Day in Washington" to be held April 15-17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

It is very important that Access to Justice Commission leaders come to Washington at this time.

The 110th Congress is considering legislation and policies of great importance to the justice system including the Administration's proposed \$39 million funding cut for the Legal Services Corporation. Effective, in-person contacts from bar and ATJ leaders, in our roles as local community leaders, lawyers and constituents, are an integral part of the organized bar's lobbying efforts on access issues. Participating in ABA Day is one of the key contributions you can make as a bar leader.

ABA Day unofficially kicks off Tuesday morning, April 15 with an opportunity to be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. ABA Day programming begins Tuesday evening with the Welcome Dinner, which will include the presentation of Grassroots Advocacy Awards to the State Bar of Wisconsin, the State Bar of South Dakota, the Past President of the West Virginia State Bar and the President of the Florida Bar Foundation. All ABA Day attendees must attend a training session beginning at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16 so attendees should plan to arrive on Tuesday evening. Hill visits follow the training sessions and the day is capped off by the very popular Congressional Reception, this year at Washington's Union Station. On Thursday morning there will be a breakfast on the Hill with Members of Congress, followed by more Hill visits.

Sleeping rooms are currently available at the Sofitel Lafayette Park. These rooms, offered at a substantially reduced rate to ABA Day participants, will be held only until March 15, 2008. Please [register for the meeting online](#) through the GAO website and [make your hotel reservations](#) now. The ABA Day website also includes a [detailed meeting schedule](#), and all the information you need to fully participate in ABA Day.

I look forward to seeing you and other access to justice leaders in Washington. If you would like additional information about ABA Day, please contact Julie Strandlie, Planning Committee Counsel and Director, ABA Grassroots Operations, at (202) 662-1764.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah S. Hankinson".

Hon. Deborah Hankinson (former)
Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants