

ABA/NLADA 2008 EQUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Second Confirmation

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR REGISTERING FOR THE 2008 EQUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR IMPORTANT LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE AND **NEW NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.**

(To immediately access the Networking Opportunities Section, click:

www.equaljusticeconference.org/networking.shtml)

Logistics

WEBSITE UPDATES

Check the conference website at www.equaljusticeconference.org regularly for conference updates, featured speakers, program descriptions and panelists, and workshop scheduling.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Minneapolis Hilton
1001 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55403
Phone: (612) 376-1000; Fax: (612) 397-4875
Room Rate: \$168 plus tax

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA 55403
Phone: 612-370-1234 or 800-233-1234
Room Rate: \$179 plus tax

Accessibility

The Hilton and Hyatt are fully accessible for people with restricted mobility and each has guest rooms adapted for wheelchairs. Make arrangements for a guestroom that meets your specific requirements when making reservations with the hotel. All meeting rooms at the Hilton are fully accessible. If you have a physical challenge that may impact your participation in this conference, please contact Jessica Watson at watsonj@staff.abanet.org at the ABA immediately to discuss accommodations. We cannot ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations without prior notification of need.

Parking

The Hilton offers a daily rate of self parking for \$12 and valet parking is \$24.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport

Distance from hotel: 12 miles/Drive time: 20 minutes

Directions from Airport: Take Highway 5 East to 62W to 35W North and follow "Downtown Exits". Exit at 11th Street and stay

in the right-hand lane. The Hilton is located on the corner of 11th Street and Marquette Avenue.

Getting to and from the Airport

Subway/Rail Service, typical minimum charge is \$1.75 each way

Limousine, typical minimum charge is \$30

Super Shuttle, typical minimum charge is \$14 each way

Taxi, typical minimum charge is \$25

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Conference registration will be open Tuesday, May 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday.

CLE CREDIT

NLADA will apply for CLE accreditation for all qualifying conference sessions in each state with mandatory CLE. Complete information will be available in the registration packet you receive at check-in. Please familiarize yourself with your state's CLE requirements.

MEALS

Your registration fee includes the following meals: Wednesday continental breakfast and box lunch; Thursday continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner dance party; and Friday brunch. Meal and event tickets for your guests are available at the following costs: Wednesday box lunch - \$35; Thursday lunch - \$45; Thursday dance party - \$50; and Friday brunch - \$50.

Meal and event tickets will be included in your registration packet and are also available for purchase on-site.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits will include publications, computer services and equipment, and much more. If you wish to be an exhibitor, contact Hillary Evans at (202) 452-0620 X219 for more information.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Conference registration cancellations received by the ABA in writing no later than April 21, 2008 will be subject to a \$75 administrative charge. After April 21, registration fees are not refundable but registration may be transferred to another individual for this year's conference.

EXPLORE MINNEAPOLIS

Visit our web site at www.equaljusticeconference.org for things to do in Minneapolis.

Networking

■ *Pre-Conference Want-Ads*

Is there is a particular business connection you want to make at the conference? Do you have a burning question that only someone from similar circumstances can answer? We've created a pre-conference *Want-Ad* opportunity just for you!

The purpose of the want-ads is to connect folks at the conference who are looking to develop a particular relationship (business relationship!) either at the conference or outside in real life, or who could really benefit from getting one-on-one advice from another conference attendee. You tell us what/who you are looking for, and we'll match you up! Some examples of want-ads include:

- **First time pro bono program attendee seeking veteran EJC'er for schmoozing, introductions, and just general help with not feeling so clueless and overwhelmed by conference offerings.**

- **Mid-size law firm attorney seeking others to discuss how building a pro bono program in a mid-size firm is different from what happens in large firms.**
- **State court administrator seeking same for discussion regarding self-help center development.**

SEEKERS: If you are interested in posting a want-ad, please complete this online form -

www.equaljusticeconference.org/submit_wantads.shtml. Ads will be posted on a public bulletin board. No personal identifying information will be shared publicly. We will then match responders with the person who originally made the inquiry, and provide each party with the other's contact information.

RESPONDERS: If you are interested in responding to a want-ad browse them here

www.equaljusticeconference.org/wantads_public.shtml. Check them out and, if you think you have some expertise to offer the "poster" just respond to the ad per the site's instructions. The individual parties should connect in advance and set up a time to meet at the conference. We will not be responsible for matching people other than the initial "meet and greet" of providing individuals with the appropriate contact information.

■ ***Pre-Conference "Expert" Ads***

Are you a conference veteran or a newbie with expertise in a particular area? Do you want to pass your acquired wisdom onto others? We've created a pre-conference *Expert* opportunity just for you!

The purpose of the expert-ads is to offer yourself up as sage counsel to another conference attendee who could really benefit from your advice. You tell us what your particular area of expertise is, and we'll match you up! Some examples of expert-ads include:

- **Judge offering insight into strategies most likely to engage reluctant bench members in encouraging and supporting pro bono .**
- **Law firm coordinator offering advice about how to best "woo" firms with pro bono project proposals or partnerships.**
- **Pro Bono Director in NYC willing to provide information about pro bono opportunities in the NYC area. .**

If you are interested in posting an expert ad, please complete this online form

www.equaljusticeconference.org/submit_experts.shtml. "Expert" ads and people matching will be handled in the same manner as the want-ads.

The deadline for posting want-ads and "expert" ads is April 28, 2008.

Come back to the site periodically to view new ads, as new ads may be posted daily, and maybe even post one of your own!

■ ***Dine-Around with NAPBPro.***

Want some extra networking time?? Just want to meet some new pro bono folks?? Join the NAPBPro (National Association of Pro Bono Professionals) Dutch Treat Dine-Around! A NAPBPro member will host interested conference attendees for a fun night of dining, networking and most importantly meeting new friends! *If you did not indicate your interest on your conference registration form, please be sure to sign up onsite at the registration desk.*

■ ***Poster Session***

The poster session at the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference is a forum for attendees to highlight their programs and to share their successful ideas with colleagues by presenting new initiatives, a practical problem-solving effort, or an innovative program which significantly impacted their ability to serve their clients needs. Poster presentations provide other conference participants an opportunity to quickly and easily become acquainted with your work. An effective poster

presentation highlights, with a visual display, the main points or components of your topic. As discussed below, your poster presentation **provides you the opportunity to share your ideas with literally hundreds of conference participants!**

Date and Time of Poster Sessions

The poster session will open on Wednesday, May 7 during the box lunch networking session. During this opening poster session time, presenters are expected to remain at their individual displays to be available for questions and discussion of the poster content.

Poster presenters should come 30 minutes early to set-up their presentation and eat lunch before the ballroom opens to all other conference participants.

Posters will remain up throughout the rest of the conference. Feel free to “staff” it during breaks and other times convenient to you.

For more information on participating in the poster session, click on this link:

www.equaljusticeconference.org/poster.shtml.



Speed Networking

Speed networking *also speed-networking* *noun* [U] /'spiːd ˌnetwɜːkɪŋ/

a method of making a potential business contact by briefly talking to a series of people at an organised event and exchanging contact details

The business community has given speed dating a professional twist. Speed networking is based on the idea that one can gain new professional contacts through brief face-to-face interactions with people who share common business goals and interests. At the Equal Justice Conference speed networking event people are given a structured environment in which they can talk to people with whom they wouldn't have otherwise come into contact, and can quickly decide whether there is a mutual interest without the need for polite or unnecessarily long conversations.

The exact arrangements will be described on-site, but in a typical speed networking event, people are given five minutes or less to talk to a potential contact, and are then moved on – often to the sound of a buzzer. At the end of the meeting, business cards can be exchanged, thereby sowing the seeds for a new professional connection. There's a facilitator and timekeeper managing this process, so you do none of the work and reap the benefits!

Have we got your interest? In order to engage in speed networking, it is necessary for you to pre-register. This is so we will be able to know how many tables/how big of a ballroom we need. In order to pre-register for speed networking, please click on the following link www.equaljusticeconference.org/submit_speed_networking.shtml. We hope you participate as we experiment with new networking opportunities. This will be a fun event!