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**2006 HAWAII ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, AUG. 5 – SUNDAY, AUG. 6**

HONOLULU, Aug. 4, 2006 – A speech by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy at the 2006 American Bar Association Opening Assembly, remarks by former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and a dialogue on the interrelationship between the rule of law and judicial independence featuring former Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and incoming ABA President-elect William Neukom, are among the featured weekend events at the ABA 2006 Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

In addition, a program that will provide a retrospective of the tenure of Chief Justice of the United States William H. Rehnquist, a program moderated by former Solicitor General Kenneth Starr that seeks to answer the question, “what do judges do?” and a primer on global counterfeiting will also be showcased.

**Saturday, Aug. 5**

From 7:30 – 9 a.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 311, the program, “**Chief Justice Rehnquist: An Interactive Retrospective**,” will occur. The session will explore the contributions and legacy of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist in the form of a mock argument, a panel discussion and audience participation. Speakers will include **former Solicitor Generals Drew E. Days III and Kenneth W. Starr**, as well as **Rehnquist’s former law clerks Maureen E. Mahoney and Jeffrey L. Bleich**.

“**Deferred Prosecution Agreements: An Effective Way to Punish Corporate Misconduct or the End of the Adversary System?**” focuses on recent deferred prosecution agreements between the Justice Department and U.S. businesses, including AOL, KPMG and Computer Associates, and an analysis of whether this kind of agreement is good or bad for the criminal justice system. The program, which will take place from 7:30 – 9 a.m., will also address attorney-client privilege in a corporate setting. The location of the program is the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 313B.

The moderated roundtable discussion, “**Prosecuting the World’s Worst War Criminals: From Sierra Leone to The Hague**,” will outline the changes that took place over the last year at the International Criminal Court, the Special Court of Sierra Leone and the Iraqi Special Tribunal, and place them in the context of U.S. governmental policy. The session will occur at the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, 318A from 7:30 – 9 a.m.

**“Judicial Independence in the Context of the Rule of Law in the World Today”** will consist of a dialogue focusing on the interrelationship between the rule of law and judicial independence in the United States and beyond. Panelists will include U.S. Supreme Court columnist and **author Joan Biskupic**; television commentator, producer and **talk show host Lynn Doyle**; **former Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. of the Supreme Court of the Philippines**; and **incoming ABA President-elect William Neukom**. The 9:30 a.m. program will take place in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 310.

**“Sex Slaves in the 21st Century: The Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking”** will present recent successes in the new effort to combat the sex slave trade and focus on possible ways to redouble the efforts through refining existing legislation, encouraging developing countries to assist in solving the problem from the supply and demand ends of the sex slave trade, and discussing the problems in rescuing trafficked persons and then providing the victims with the support they require. The program is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, 313B.

**U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**, along with **Chief Justice (ret.) of the Supreme Court of the Philippines Hilario Davide, Jr.**, will be honored at the **2006 ABA International Rule of Law Luncheon**. **Admiral William J. Fallon, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command**, will present keynote remarks at the noon lunch that will occur at the Hawaii Convention Center in the Kalakaua Ballroom.

**Kenneth Starr**, former judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, will moderate **“What do Judges Do? Being a Judge in America.”** The program, which will run from 1 – 4 p.m. in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Lobby Level, Regency Room II, will compare judicial decisions to decisions made by the executive or legislative branches.

**Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Anthony M. Kennedy** will present the keynote address at the **Opening Assembly of the Annual Meeting**, 4 - 6 p.m. The event will take place in the Maui/Kauai Rooms, 2nd Floor, of the Sheraton Waikiki.

The **2006 Thurgood Marshall Award** dinner will occur at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Lanai Room, Sheraton Waikiki. This year's honoree, **Julius L. Chambers**, is a veteran civil rights lawyer, activist and educator.

### **Sunday, Aug. 6**

Genetically modified foods: agricultural break-through or a threat to our food system? **“Food Fights: Genetically Modified Food and the Law”** will focus on the various legal issues in agricultural biotechnology from a variety of perspectives. The program will be at the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd floor, Room 315, and will run from 7:30 – 9 a.m. The panel will analyze this emergent area of international law and explore the methods lawyers have been using to prosecute and defend claims that genetic modification has caused harm to the food supply.

**“The Perfect Storm: Preparation, Response and Recovery”** examines an array of issues under the topics of preparation for, response to and recovery from disasters, including what lessons have been learned; the roles of local, state and federal governments; as well as private concerns, including the bar, restoration of basic services and legal structure, and issues for consumers, lawyers and business. The session is scheduled for 9:30 – 11a.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 320.

Counterfeit goods are entering the world economy in increased quantities and manufacturing operations must be vigilant in protecting their intellectual property rights. **“Counterfeiting: How Globalization, Technology and the Internet Have Created a Worldwide Crisis and How to Combat It”** will focus on creative ways to protect intellectual property against infringement, misappropriation and theft, including business solutions where foreign legal regimes prove inadequate. The International Law-sponsored session will run from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd floor, Room 318B.

**“Silencing the Court: Judicial Impartiality v. Free Speech, A Mock Supreme Court Argument”** will focus on the conflict presented in the denial of *Dimick v. Republican Party of Minnesota*, where the need for judicial ethics codes that protect public confidence in the impartiality of the courts collides with the rights of judicial candidates to free speech and association. A panel of psychologists and communication specialists will analyze the behavior and comments of the mock trial participants.  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 315

**“Principles of Forensic DNA for Officers of the Court: A New Tool for Attorneys and Judges”** will inspect pretrial DNA evidence issues, procedural considerations for defense lawyers and prosecutors, trial presentation, the jury and expert witnesses. Part two of a two-part series, this workshop will cater to legal professionals involved in the prosecution, defense or judicial action related to criminal forensic DNA cases, and will occur at the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 313B from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**“Hurricane Katrina: A Civil Rights Disaster?”** will consist of a roundtable discussion that will examine the effects of Hurricane Katrina from a civil rights perspective and explore what the effects of the hurricane, particularly in New Orleans, demonstrate about race and poverty in our country, specifically in terms of access to justice and access to the political process. The program will run from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and take place at the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd Floor, Room 318A.

Former Maryland Lt. Gov. **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** will keynote the **“16th Annual Margaret Brent Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon.”** The luncheon recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their area of specialty and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers, and will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center, 4th Floor, Kalakaua Ballroom.

Reporters with ABA credentials are welcome to attend and cover any event at the meeting. Credentials can be obtained in the full-service Press Room in the Hawaii Convention Center, 3rd floor, Room 324.

The Press Room is open at 8 a.m. It will close one hour after the adjournment of the House of Delegates on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Credential guidelines can be found online at [www.abanet.org/media/credentials.html](http://www.abanet.org/media/credentials.html). **The on-site Press Room phone number is 808/792-6622. The fax number is 808/792-6624.**

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