



AGENDA

Unless otherwise noted, all events are “business casual” dress and will take place at the Sheraton Raleigh, Oak Forest B Room, 421 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

- 12:30 pm **Check-in/On-Site Registration/Light Snacks Provided**
- 1:00 pm **Call to Order and Introductions**
Michelle Frazier, NABE GR Chair and Assistant Executive Director, North Carolina Bar Association; and *Evelyn E. Sullivan*, NABE President and Executive Director, Lancaster Bar Association (PA)
- 1:15 pm **“Laboratories of Democracy” Roundtable**
Open Discussion by Workshop Participants
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm **“Judicial Independence & J.A.I.L. 2.0”**
William E. Raftery, Court Research Analyst, National Center for State Courts
- 5:00 pm **Break**
- 6:30 pm **Networking Reception**
Caffe Luna
136 E. Hargett St.
Raleigh, NC 27601
- 7:30 pm **Group Dinner**
Same as above

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

- 8:00 am **Full Breakfast**



9:00 am

" ABA/NABE Resources & Legislative Review"

Rita C. Aguilar, State Legislative Counsel, and *Denise Cardman*, Acting Director, Governmental Affairs Office; *Henry "Hank" F. White*, Executive Director, American Bar Association

9:30 am

" Administrative Best Practices"

Jim Covington, Director of Legislative Affairs, Illinois State Bar Association; *Lisa Roys*, Public Affairs Director, State Bar of Wisconsin; *Jim Carney*, Lobbyist, The Iowa State Bar Association

10:30 am

Break

10:45 am

" Grassroots Lobbying"

Thomas Barnett, Executive Director, State Bar of South Dakota; *Julie Strandlie*, Director of Grassroots Operations and Legislative Counsel, Governmental Affairs Office, American Bar Association; *Debbie Gibbs*, Director of Government Relations, Boston Bar Association

12:15 pm

"Working Luncheon"

Small group discussions on selected topics, moderated by *Don Philips*, Government Relations Counsel, Connecticut Bar Association

1:30 pm

Break

1:45 pm

" Specialized Courts"

The Honorable John R. Jolly, Jr., Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases, State of North Carolina; *The Honorable Judge Joseph Buckner*, Chief District Court Judge for Judicial District 15B and President of the NC Conference of District Judges; and *Nevin Mindlin*, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Bar Association

2:30 pm

Break



- 2:45 pm **“Q&A with Brennan Center”**
James Sample, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice;
Jim Clark, Legislative Counsel, Kansas Bar
Association
- 7:00 pm **Dine Around Town**
- 9:30 pm **Networking Meet-up**
Location TBD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007

- 8:00 am **Full Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **“Duke/Nifong Debacle”**
Douglas J. Brocker, The Brocker Law Firm, PA, served
as Special Counsel to the North Carolina State Bar;
Wade M. Smith, Tharrington Smith, LLP, served as
Criminal Defense Attorney for Duke Lacrosse Team
player; and *The Honorable C. Colon Willoughby, Jr.*,
Wake County District Attorney
- 10:00 am **“State of the States: Political/Trends Update”**
Karl T. Kurtz, Director, Trust for Representative
Democracy, and Editor and Author of *The Thicket*
Blog, National Conference of State Legislatures
- 10:50 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **“Emerging Issues”**
Gail Stone, Director of Justice and Diversity
Initiatives, Washington State Bar Association; *Damon*
Circosta, Assistant Director, North Carolina Center
for Voter Education; *Janna M. Chernetz*, Assistant
Legislative Counsel, New Jersey State Bar
Association
- 11:50 am **Break/Box Lunches Provided**
- 12:00 pm **GR Section Business Meeting**
- 12:30 pm **Complete Evaluation Forms and Adjourn**