

# ABA Day in Washington • April 15-17, 2008

## Congressional Visit Checklist

The more you know about your Members of Congress, including their background and their positions on issues of importance to the organized bar, the more effective your visit and other communications will be. Use this form as a guide to prepare for your visits. Refer to the [ABA Grassroots Advocacy Center](#) for the answers to many of these questions. For further assistance, contact Julie M. Strandlie, ABA Director of Grassroots Operations/Legislative Counsel at [jstrandlie@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jstrandlie@staff.abanet.org) or (202) 662-1764.

### Background

Name of Member of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_

Political Party/Ideology:      Liberal              Moderate              Conservative

Congressional Caucus Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Work Experience/Elected Office: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Legislative District Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Characteristics of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Key ABA/Bar Contacts in District: \_\_\_\_\_

### Legislative Background

1. Committee/Subcommittee memberships:

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2. Committees/Subcommittees chaired:

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3. Known position re: **ABA Day issues: Legal Services Corporation** funding (House and Senate --- refer to ABA-provided charts of past floor votes and whether the Member signed individual, or House or Senate-wide letters in support of increased funding); and **S. 186**, Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act (has the Senator co-sponsored the bill; is he/she an attorney?)

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4. Known position regarding other ABA priority issues (bankruptcy reform; health care law issues; youth-at-risk programs; or judicial independence):

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**Your Message:**

1. The issue(s) - (limit to LSC funding, S. 186 (Senate only) and no more than one additional issue):

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2. Three key points for each issue (see ABA one-pagers):

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3. Reasons each issue is important to District/State:

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4. What do you want the Member to do now—if not now, when:

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5. Thank for past support (check voting record, other legislative material):

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6. Necessary Follow-up:

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