

PROFILES IN MEMBERSHIP

Elwood F. Cahill Jr.

For virtually all of his 25 years of practice, Elwood Cahill has been an active member of the ABA. From his days as a young lawyer, Elwood realized that service to the profession and to the public were integral parts of the practice of law.

"I have been very fortunate to have had every opportunity to become involved in the ABA, and especially the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section." As a liaison from the ABA/YLD, Elwood had the privilege of serving on the Section Council at a very young age. After serving in a variety of positions from vice-chair of the Surveys Committee, to chair of the Membership Committee, to most recently chair of the Diversity Committee, he now has come full circle to serve once again on the Section's Council.

The Section has allowed Elwood to give back to the profession and to the public in keeping with the Jesuit tradition of "men of service." "I am proudest of my involvement with the Diversity Committee of the Section. We were able not only to adopt the first formal Diversity Plan for the Section, but we

actually implemented a number of important initiatives that were identified as priorities for the Section, including Manny Halper's Minority Outreach Project, the annual Diversity Luncheon, and the designation of two positions in the Section's Fellows Program being earmarked for minority lawyers. The work of the Diversity Committee reminds me that our quality of life depends on the

quality of life of all around us. The privilege of practicing law comes with a responsibility to help improve the quality of life of not just all attorneys, but all humanity."

Elwood's service to the profession is not limited to the ABA. He has served as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, and he has presented at meetings of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He serves on the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Bar Association, and he was recently nominated as the secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Even a fair amount of his spare time is devoted to community service in New Orleans.

Elwood is the proud father of three beautiful daughters, Erin, Kristen, and Abby. Each of his daughters has accompanied him on various Section trips. "My father instilled in me a strong sense of service and of community. I hope each of my daughters can also recognize that service to others is the best part of life." ■



Kalimah Z. White

Since being selected for the Section's Fellows Program in 2003, Kalimah White has been actively involved in the Section. Within the first few months of her fellowship, Kalimah collaborated with the Section's Membership Committee to establish a Young Lawyers Network (YLN)



to improve young/new lawyer involvement, substantively and socially, in the Section. Currently, Kalimah works diligently with YLN leadership to bring substantive and professional development programming to young/new lawyers, including collaborating with the Community Outreach Committee to provide beginning level substantive programs in

real estate and probate to young and minority lawyers. She works with the Section's Membership Committee to develop innovative recruitment initiatives. Recently, Kalimah was named vice-chair of the Fellows Program.

As a vice president and relationship manager at NatCity Trust Company of Delaware, Kalimah understands the advantages of active involvement in the Section. "In my position I have the opportunity to lecture on asset protection planning throughout the country. However, before I became involved with the Section, my lecturing experience was limited. My Section involvement has honed my speaking skills, which have been an asset to me and my organization." In addition, Kalimah recognizes the mentoring and networking opportunities available within the Section. "It is astounding to me that I can associate with asset protection gurus like Gideon Rothschild and Alexander Bove. In the probate area, this Section is the best place to gain knowledge, experience, and credibility."

Although Kalimah's Section activities keep her very busy, she still finds time to serve other important organizations. Currently, Kalimah chairs the Probate Committee of the Real Estate and Probate Section of the National Bar Association (NBA). In addition, Kalimah will be a lecturer on asset protection planning at the 2006 ALI-ABA Conference.

Kalimah enjoys spending time with her 10-year-old daughter, Kierra, her large family, and friends. "I have made many good friends in my short time with the Section. I look forward to continuing the friendships for many years to come!" ■

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