



# JUNEAU BAR ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleague:

Greetings from the Juneau Bar Association. As part of our ongoing efforts to keep you informed about current and future events, welcome to the second installment of JBA's semi-annual newsletter! The upcoming months in 2008 and 2009 promise to provide ample opportunities for you to socialize with your colleagues, network with the legal community, have fun and become involved.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Take Your Law Clerk or Legal Intern to the Local Bar.** Friday, July 11th is "Bring Your Law Clerk/Legal Intern" Day at the JBA luncheon. JBA will treat to lunch legal interns or law clerks that come to the JBA lunch that day. Please spread the word. All law clerks/legal interns are welcome, whether serving in the public, private, or judicial sector.

**The Russians Are Coming!** Juneau is excited to once again host, along with Sitka, the Russian Delegation of the Khabarovsk/Alaska Rule of Law Partnership. This year's conference will take place July 19th to July 26th. Please join JBA and World Affairs Council in welcoming members of the Khabarovsk legal community at the Thane Ore House on Wednesday, July 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes wild, locally caught king or sockeye salmon (seasonal dependent), beer battered halibut, BBQ beef ribs, homemade baked beans, cornbread, all you can eat salad bar and soft drinks for the cost of \$20 per person. No need to RSVP. Just show up and have a great time. For more information, please contact Marie Marx at [mmarx@baxterbrucelaw.com](mailto:mmarx@baxterbrucelaw.com).

**Fun with Steve Van Goor.** Alaska Bar Counsel Steve Van Goor will present a special, two-hour ethics CLE, beginning at 12:00 p.m., for the Juneau legal community on September 26th. It will take place during the regularly scheduled JBA luncheon at the Baranof. The CLE presentation will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m., so please arrive by noon. So that the Baranof has an idea of the number of attendees, registration will be required for this event. Please register by emailing your name and number of attendees to Karen Godnick at

kgodnick@faulknerbanfield.com by Friday, September 19, 2008. Steve Van Goor welcomes anyone to submit specific questions, topics, or hypotheticals for him to address. Please e-mail them to Karen Godnick by July 30th.

**Eat, Drink and Be Merry.** JBA's annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sandy Beach, Shelter #2. Family and friends are all welcome! It is potluck style so come and bring your favorite dish! For more information, contact Picnic Committee Chair Karen Godnick at 586-2210 or kgodnick@faulknerbanfield.com.

**Alaska Bar Convention.** Juneau will serve as host for the 2009 Alaska Bar Convention. The dates of 2009's convention are May 6th-8th. As JBA plans to host a hospitality suite for each evening of the convention, as well as present attendees with a small gift, JBA's fundraising for the convention has already begun. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Your donations will help ensure that the 2009 Alaska Bar Convention is one to remember!

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

While JBA membership has reached an all-time high with 88 current, paid members, we know that there are still many more of you who are incredibly eager to join. This year, in light of the 2009 Alaska Bar Convention to be held May 6th-8th in Juneau, JBA has set a goal of joining up 100 paid members. Please help us reach this goal by renewing your JBA membership! JBA dues are \$50 per person. If you have already renewed your JBA membership for 2008, JBA thanks you. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send a check to P.O. Box 21502, Juneau, Alaska, 99802-1502, made payable to Juneau Bar Association. In addition to the 2009 Alaska Bar Convention costs, your membership dues will be used to pay for exciting events hosted by JBA during 2008/2009. These include the annual summer picnic and numerous social functions throughout the year, including a holiday party and social events to celebrate the swearing-in of new members of the bench and bar.

Along with your dues, JBA asks that you provide your email address, so we can send you JBA weekly meeting minutes. Paid JBA members may subscribe to the JBA weekly meeting minutes by emailing JBA at juneaubarassociation@hotmail.com.

#### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The JBA Continuing Legal Education Program continues to be wildly successful. At lunch meetings on the last Friday of each month, members of the local bench and bar present a short CLE on various topics. Each attendee and presenter earns .5 CLE credits. As Alaska bar

members know, Alaska bar members are required to complete 3 hours of approved ethics CLE each year and are encouraged to complete 9 hours of approved voluntary general CLE each year. Take advantage of this opportunity to earn these CLE credits while socializing with your peers.

Upcoming scheduled CLE speakers include:

July 25th: Russian Delegation (Russian Law)  
August 29th: David Seid (Criminal Law Ethics).  
September 26th: Alaska Bar Counsel Steve Van Goor (Ethics)  
October 31st: Mike Lessmeier (Depositions)

Please mark these dates on your calendar and come by the Baranof for some continuing education and good company.

JBA is always looking for new CLE presenters so if you would be willing to present a short CLE on a topic of substantive law (and earn .5 CLE credits and a free lunch) please contact CLE Committee Chair Karen Godnick at 586-2210 or [kgodnick@faulknerbanfield.com](mailto:kgodnick@faulknerbanfield.com).

### **LUNCH SPEAKERS**

JBA meets each Friday for lunch at the Baranof Hotel Gold Room from noon to 1:00 p.m. Please join us! Upcoming scheduled speakers include:

July 11th: Mike Levine, Pacific Counsel and Senior Advisor with OCEANA (Bring Law Clerk or Legal Intern to JBA Luncheon Day)  
July 18th: David Newman, Democratic candidate for House District 3  
August 1st: Beth Kerttula, State Representative and incumbent candidate for House District 3  
August 8th: Cathy Munoz, Republican candidate for House District 4  
August 22nd: Stephanie Madsen, Republican candidate for House District 4  
September 5th: Standing Master Brad Brinkman

Thank you for your continued support of JBA.



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