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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 third installment of JBA's newsletter! 2009 promises to be an exciting year.

ALASKA BAR CONVENTION

The Big Event this year is the Alaska Bar Convention, which Juneau is hosting. The Convention will take place May 6th - 8th at the Baranof. We at the JBA have been busy planning several activities to help welcome our out-of-town colleagues and make this a fantastic convention for locals and visitors alike. We are also making arrangements to provide each convention attendee with a small gift to commemorate the occasion. Events we have planned include:

May 5th:

Dinner with Out of Town Members

Thanks to Judge Collins, we are going to bring back the night-before-the-convention dinner! This is a great way to get involved and meet some new Alaskan lawyers! We ask that JBA members sign up to either host dinner at their house or help another member host. We are planning on matching 2 JBA members to every 6 out of town members. Please e-mail info@juneubarassociation.org to sign up.

Hospitality Suite and Trivia

The JBA will also be hosting a Hospitality Suite at the Baranof during the Convention. In addition to the suite being a great place to relax and have a drink with your colleagues, we are organizing nightly events. On May 5th, we will kick off the hospitality suite with trivia night! Led by Tony Sholty, this event will feature questions involving our favorite profession as well as Alaska History and a myriad of other trivial topics. There will be prizes! More details will follow so keep yourself informed by visiting JBA's website at: www.juneubarassociation.org.

May 6th:

Hospitality Suite and Texas Holdem Poker Tournament

Wednesday night head to the hospitality suite to relax. You will also have the option of competing for bragging rights and prizes in a Texas Holdem poker tournament! The game will once again be hosted by Anchorage attorney Ken Jacobus. Thanks Ken!

May 7th:

Hospitality Suite

No trivia or poker planned for this night, but please come by to visit, unwind and have some fun.

Please donate to the Alaska Bar Convention Fund!

We need *your* help to have a fantastic Bar Convention! In addition to payment of your 2009 dues, please consider making a donation for the Alaska Bar Convention. Any amount is appreciated and will go a long way in making this a Convention to remember.

Special thanks to the following firms and individuals who have already made generous donations:

- Baxter Bruce & Sullivan, P.C.
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- Shirley Kohls
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- Kathleen Strasbaugh
- Patrick Travers

MEMBERSHIP DUES

While JBA membership reached an all-time high with 110 paid members in 2008, 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, the JBA would love to be able to list even more paid members! JBA dues are \$50 per person. If you have already renewed your JBA membership for 2009, 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 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, invitations, and reminders of upcoming JBA events. Paid JBA members may subscribe to the JBA weekly meeting minutes by emailing JBA at info@juneabarassociation.org.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The JBA Continuing Legal Education Program continues to be very 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. To help members keep track of which JBA CLEs they have attended, JBA maintains a database of CLE presentations, CLE credits and attendees. This database can be found on the JBA website at http://juneabarassociation.org/continuing_legal_education. Take advantage of this opportunity to earn these CLE credits while socializing with your peers.

Upcoming scheduled CLE speakers include:

April 17th: Mike Lessmeier, Communication in the Courtroom

June 5th: Lynda Barker, How to Make a Record

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.

Starting in March of this year we are presenting a special "Trial Skills" CLE series! We will have several 3-hour CLEs taught by Juneau's own Louis Menendez and Bob Blasco and other experienced Juneau attorneys. These workshops will be based on the NITA method, and will therefore be participation-based instead of conducted in a lecture format. We think this will be a fantastic opportunity! Space will be limited, so make sure to sign up early. More details will follow so please keep informed by visiting JBA's website at: www.juneabarassociation.org.

March 27th: Voir dire/Jury Selection and Opening Statements

The Following Dates are Subject to Change:

May 29th: Direct and Cross Examination

July 31st: Impeachment

September 18th: Exhibits

December 11th: Closing Arguments

In addition to these five sessions, we will have a companion section in October taught by Michael Lessmeier which will address Hearsay and Trial Objections and will be more lecture-based. More details to follow.

Special thanks to Karen Godnick and Kelly Jantunen for making the CLE program and the CLE attendee database such a great success!

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:

February 13th: Patti Bippus, Thunder Mountain High School Principal

February 20th: Sally Smith, Lessons Learned Commission

February 27th: Talis Colberg, Alaska Attorney General

March 6th: Cathy Muñoz, Representative District 4

March 13th: Juneau Senator Kim Elton

WEBSITE

The JBA is proud to present its website <http://juneaubarassociation.org>! This site is full of information, including all of the following:

- **A list of upcoming events and scheduled speakers, updated often;**
- **Links to Alaska court calendars including: Alaska Supreme Court oral argument calendar, Alaska Court of Appeals oral argument calendar, Juneau Superior Court calendar, and Juneau District Court calendar;**
- **Juneau Superior Court cases under advisement lists;**
- **Information about the 2009 Bar Convention;**
- **Upcoming CLE Offerings;**
- **2007 and 2008 CLE credit history for all local attorneys who attend our sponsored CLEs;**
- **Information and events for our New Lawyers Section;**
- **Information about the JBA in general;**
- **Information about the JBA's Board of Directors;**
- **Information about becoming a JBA member;**

- A list of all current JBA members, and for those who are interested, links to your e-mail (e-mail info@juneaubarassociation.org to add your e-mail);
- Past editions of our Newsletters;
- A Photo Gallery featuring pictures from our events; and
- Useful links to just about everything including websites, legal research sites, forms, and employment bulletins.

Make sure to check the website often for updates!

NEW LAWYERS SECTION

The JBA is proud to announce the creation of a New Lawyer Section! Membership in the Section is limited to law students, law clerks, and attorneys in their first ten years of practice. However, we hope to have lawyers of all ages come to New Lawyer Section meetings as we would like to recruit experienced members of the JBA to provide practice tips and other advice. These meetings will take place the third Friday of each month, starting February 20, 2009 at 5:30pm at the Bergman Hotel (434 3rd St in Juneau). Our first guest speaker will be Tom Wagner! For more information please contact Tom Jantunen at Tom.Jantunen@alaska.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of JBA.



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