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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Juneau Bar Association! As the holiday season's festivities wane and a new decade begins, now is a great time to take stock, reflect and plan for the future. Welcome to the fourth installment of JBA's annual newsletter!

ALASKA BAR CONVENTION

The big event for JBA in 2009 was the Alaska Bar Convention. Anyone who visited the hospitality suite can attest that Juneau set the bar for creating a fun-filled, relaxed atmosphere for locals and visitors alike. Through the warmth and generosity of the local bar, JBA provided, not only exceptional food, drinks and entertainment in the "best hospitality suite in Alaska Bar Convention history," but we also provided home-cooked meals and a small gift to commemorate the occasion. Thank you again to everyone who donated their time, money and talents!

LUNCH SPEAKERS

JBA meets every Friday, noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel Gold Room. Among JBA's list of distinguished guest speakers in 2009 were several state legislators, an Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice, an Attorney General, and the Governor. We look forward to seeing you in 2010 as we strive to provide a slate of equally interesting speakers! Please email JBA with any speaker ideas you may have at juneubarassociation@hotmail.com.

Upcoming speakers include:

- **January 29th: Senator Hollis French**
- **February 5th: Representative Cathy Munoz**

NEW LAWYERS SECTION

JBA also launched a New Lawyer Section in 2009. While membership is limited to law students, law clerks, and attorneys in their first ten years of practice, we invite lawyers of all ages to provide practice tips and other advice. For more information please contact Tom Jantunen at Tom.Jantunen@alaska.gov.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

As you know, Alaska bar members must complete 3 hours of approved ethics CLE and are encouraged to complete 9 hours of approved voluntary general CLE each year. 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. To help members keep track of their JBA CLEs, we are updating our database of presentations, credits and attendees. The database is available on the JBA website at http://juneubarassociation.org/continuing_legal_education.

As always, JBA is looking for new CLE presenters so if you are interested in presenting a short CLE on a topic of substantive law (and earn .5 CLE credits and a free lunch) please contact CLE Committee Chair Leif Haugen at nordicninja@msn.com. You may also send an email to the JBA at juneubarassociation@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendar for:

- **January 15th, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Juneau Bench and Bar:** A panel of our local judges and magistrates, including: Chief Justice Carpeneti, Judge Collins, Judge Pallenberg, and Judge Levy, will preside over an interactive discussion on any topic of interest. They also plan to provide a short list of helpful ethical hints and/or pitfalls. While there is no cost for the CLE, there is a \$15.00 fee for a buffet style lunch served by the Baranof. Look for the e-vite. In order to ensure that the Baranof has plenty of food and seating, please RSVP through the e-vite link or email juneubarassociation@hotmail.com. You may also RSVP by contacting Jessica Srader, Karen Godnick or Kelly Jantunen.

TRIAL SKILLS CLE

JBA has not given up on its crusade to organize a **special "Trial Skills" CLE series!** The plan is to have several 3-hour CLEs that cover every stage of a trial, such as *voir dire*/jury selection; opening statements; direct and cross examinations; impeachment; exhibits; hearsay and trial objections; and closing arguments. If you would like to help organize participation-based (as opposed to lecture format) workshops and/or you have trial-practice experience and would like to share your talents, **JBA needs you!** Please contact CLE Committee Chair Leif Haugen at nordicninja@msn.com. You may also send an email to the JBA at juneaubarassociation@hotmail.com. This fantastic opportunity cannot occur without the participation and help of the local bar!

DAY OF SERVICE

As lawyers, we are expected to (and we do) give back to our communities, whether it is through charity, *pro bono* work or other volunteer service. In order to further that spirit of giving and to help those who are less fortunate, JBA is Hosting a *Day of Service* on Martin Luther King Day—January 18, 2010.

A *Day of Service* is a collaboration of local attorneys who offer a free community legal clinic. We need to recruit approximately 30 volunteer attorneys to assist low-income community members with legal needs in the areas of **family law, landlord/tenant, public benefits, and domestic violence issues**. If you are proficient in an area not listed and are interested in volunteering please let us know! **The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Jury Assembly Room of the Dimond Courthouse.**

You can choose to volunteer in either the 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. shift or the 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. shift (or both!).

We cannot hold this event without **YOUR** help and support. If you are unable to assist by providing legal services, please consider donating to help cover the cost of beverages (coffee, tea, and water), snacks, and a deli lunch. For questions and/or additional information, please contact Hanna Sebold, Karen Godnick or Kelly Jantunen.

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 interested in joining. This year, with the dawn of a new decade, 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 2010, 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. Your membership dues will pay for all of the fabulous events hosted by JBA during 2010. These include events such as the annual summer picnic, the annual holiday party, numerous CLE opportunities, and social functions 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 weekly JBA meeting minutes, invitations, and reminders of upcoming JBA events. Paid JBA members may also subscribe to the JBA weekly meeting minutes by emailing JBA at info@juneaubarassociation.org.

Because JBA does not exist without the support and participation of active volunteers and members, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

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