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NEW LAWYERS' DIVISION

Newsletter

August 2010

Message from the Chair

Thanks to all of you who attended the NLD section meeting at Convention. It was a great turnout and certainly set the tone for a successful year to come for our Division! With **NCAJ President Phil Baddour's** focus on education for the upcoming year, the NLD is getting more attention than ever from NCAJ leadership.

The President's vision for the upcoming year is...

*Learning from each other...making the best even better
 To increase our knowledge
 To improve our skills
 To instill our values*

Now is the time to let the leadership know what new lawyers would like to see from NCAJ -- what we can learn from each other. Please feel free to email AndreaD@ncaj.com with any ideas that you have to help NCAJ better serve its new lawyers.

I'm looking forward to a great 2010-11 for NLD!

Thanks so much!
Stewart Poisson
Chair, New Lawyers Division

NLD Listserv Changes Coming Your Way!

The New Lawyers Division listserv is such a valuable resource and tremendous Division member benefit, that Division leadership has decided to make the Division listserv an 'opt out' benefit.

Currently, most NCAJ listservs are an 'opt in' membership benefit, i.e., once a member joins a Section or Division, that member needs to 'opt in,' or choose to participate in that Section or Division listserv.

With the NLD listserv being an 'opt out' benefit, a Division member will be automatically added to the Division listserv, unless that member indicates that he/she does not wish to participate in the NLD listserv.

This changeover to an 'opt out' listserv will occur on or about Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

If you DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE in the NLD listserv, please email AndreaD@ncaj.com indicating

that you DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE in the NLD listserv.

If you wish to participate in the NLD listserv, NO ACTION is required by you. If you are not already a member of the NLD listserv, you will be added to the NLD listserv on or about Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

Update Your Membership Profile Before It's Too Late!

Make sure that your contact information on file with NCAJ is accurate so other NCAJ members know how to reach you! A new edition of the NCAJ Membership Directory will be printed soon. Please check to see that your membership profile is up-to-date and complete by logging into your membership profile [here](#).

Have You Taken Full Advantage of NCAJ's Sections?

Membership within one or more of NCAJ's Sections is an invaluable professional resource to assist you with your day-to-day professional life. The ultimate benefit of Section membership is inclusion in a community of other NCAJ members who practice in the same area of law and who will provide professional support and idea exchange either in person, at events or virtually, through Section listservs. Through tailored CLEs, electronic newsletters, roundtables and meetings, you'll stay up-to-date on all the happenings in your areas of practice. Each Section listserv gives you access to advice from lawyers around the state willing to answer those vexing questions that come up from time to time. Need a quick answer? Section members are always willing to provide prompt responses on each of the Section listservs.

NCAJ Sections: Auto Torts, Civil Rights, Commercial Litigation, Consumer Areas of Practice, Criminal Defense, Disability Advocacy, Eminent Domain, Employment Law, Family Law, Juvenile Defense, Nursing Home Litigation, Products Liability, Professional Negligence, Small Office Practice, Workers Compensation.

Don't Delay - Take Advantage of all that NCAJ has to offer -- [Click Here](#) to enroll in a NCAJ Section.

Questions? Please email AndreaD@ncaj.com.

Renew Your NCAJ Membership Today!

Please remember that your NCAJ membership renewal was due on July 1! To continue to partake in the many benefits of NCAJ membership, including access to section listservs, social events and discounted CLEs, please [click here](#) to renew your membership for the July 2010-June 2011 year.

La Fiesta – Volunteer Today!

It's Fiesta time! Volunteer today to represent the North Carolina Advocates for Justice at the NCAJ booth at La Fiesta del Pueblo which will be held indoors at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. La Fiesta del Pueblo is an annual event organized by El Pueblo, a North Carolina non-profit statewide advocacy and public policy organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community.

As a NCAJ volunteer you will answer questions from the general public who stop by the NCAJ booth at La Fiesta. In addition to the tremendous public service, volunteering for La Fiesta is a great way to make the general public aware of your organization or firm.

For more details or to volunteer to staff the NCAJ booth at La Fiesta, please email AndreaD@ncaj.com. If you are volunteering, please indicate which shift would work best with your schedule: Saturday, September 11 from 12 to 3 PM, 3 to 6 PM or 6 to 8 PM; or Sunday, September 12 from Noon to 3 PM or 3 to 6 PM. Although it is not a mandatory requirement, those members who speak Spanish are strongly encouraged to participate in Fiesta.

Many Thanks, in advance, for Volunteering for this AWESOME Public Outreach Event!

Upcoming Events

SECTION SOCIALS - RSVP TODAY!

The Socials listed below are open to all NCAJ members and non-NCAJ members. Appetizers are courtesy of Section leadership. For more details or to RSVP, please email AndreaD@ncaj.com.

Juvenile Defense Section Summer Networking Social

August 19, 2010, 5 to 7 PM

*Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery (The Back Bar)
Chapel Hill*

The Juvenile Defense Section leadership hopes that any legal professional who shares their common interest and passion to protect the rights of juvenile clients will attend this casual & fun social.

Third Annual Civil Rights Section Fall Networking Social

September 30, 2010, 6 to 8 PM

*Tyler's Tap Room & Restaurant
Durham*

The Civil Rights Section leadership invites you to attend this social to have fun and mingle with colleagues from many of the civil rights advocacy groups around the region.

PAC RECEPTIONS - SAVE THE DATE!

As NCAJ prepares for the 2010 election season, NCAJ cordially invites all members to regional PAC Receptions. The 2010 election is critical to NCAJ's mission of Protecting People's Rights. NCAJ PAC needs your help to support those candidates who will fight for justice and protect your clients' rights.

Plan to attend any or all three of these PAC Receptions!

September 16, 2010, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

*NCAJ Headquarters
Raleigh*

September 23, 2010, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

*Bonterra Dining and Wine Room
Charlotte*

September 30, 2010, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

*The Law Offices of Comerford and Britt
Winston-Salem*

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these events, please contact Todd@ncaj.com or 919.835.2816.

MOUNTAIN MAGIC 2010 - SAVE THE DATE!

October 14-17, 2010

*Grove Park Inn
Asheville*

Make plans NOW to attend Mountain Magic 2010 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on October 14-17, 2010! Mountain Magic offers informative CLE for the criminal and civil practitioner and 6.0 hours CPE for paralegals and legal assistants. There are lots of networking opportunities at the Section & Division meetings and plenty of time to relax and unwind at the many social gatherings. Mark your calendar and make your hotel reservation today by calling the Grove Park Inn at (800) 438-5800 or (828) 252-2711 and mentioning that you are with the Trial Lawyers.

Interested in other CLE Credit?

Please [click here](#) for the full schedule of upcoming live educational seminars and video replays.

Support the NCAJ Fall Food Drive

The NCAJ *Dare to Care: Feed Those in Need* Spring Food Drive held this past March, and sponsored by the New Lawyers Division, was a great public service for North Carolinians as over 1000 lbs. of food was donated to food banks across the state.

The New Lawyers Division leadership is currently preparing for the upcoming Fall Food Drive in November and needs your assistance!

Volunteer Your Law Firm to be a Food Drive Host Law Firm. Your law firm would be the home for a food donation box where NCAJ members can stop by and drop off food donations. Your law firm will be prominently noted in any promotional materials about the NCAJ Food Drive.

Volunteer to be a Regional Food Drive Coordinator. The Regional Food Drive Coordinator will drop off donation boxes to local area host law firms and deliver food donations to local area food bank. Your name will be prominently noted in any promotional materials about the NCAJ Food Drive.

Work with Your Local Law School, County Bar Association or Court House to Host a NCAJ Food Donation Box. Make the public aware of NCAJ's great public outreach program by contacting local organizations to host a NCAJ Food Donation Box.

Host a food donation get-together. What better way to have fun, socialize & at the same time perform a great public service? Host a regional gathering of NCAJ members and ask members to bring food donations.

To volunteer or for more details, please email AndreaD@ncaj.com.

2010-11 New Lawyers Division Officers

Chair: [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wadesboro/Wilmington)

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