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## NEW LAWYERS' DIVISION

### Newsletter

March 2011

### Call for Nominations – Honorary New Lawyer Award!

*The New Lawyers Division leadership is seeking nominations from Division members for the 2011 New Lawyers Division "Honorary New Lawyer" Award.*

**The deadline to submit nominations for the "Honorary New Lawyer" Award is Thursday, March 17, 2011.**

The "Honorary New Lawyer" Award is presented to a NCAJ member who has strongly supported, encouraged and contributed to the development of new lawyers.

The Award will be presented to the Award recipient at an upcoming Spring/Summer NLD event and will be noted at Convention 2011 in Wilmington in June.

[Click here](#) for the "Honorary New Lawyer" Award Nomination Form.

The New Lawyers Division leadership thanks you, in advance, for your nominations!

### Announcing NCAJ's Educational Achievement Program



The North Carolina Advocates for Justice is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Educational Achievement Program** (EAP). EAP is designed to recognize NCAJ members for their commitment to improving trial skills and understanding substantive law as a means to better serve their clients.

- Attorneys who complete 20 CLE hours through NCAJ in one year, or an average of 20 hours per year over a three-year period, earn the distinction of an "Advocate" of the Educational Achievement Program (retroactive to July 1, 2010).
- Legal Assistants earn this distinction by completing 10 CPE hours in one year, or an average of 10 hours per year over a 3-year period (retroactive to July 1, 2010).
- Those members who achieve this status will be recognized in the NCAJ membership directory, on the NCAJ website, at Convention, and in other NCAJ publications. In addition, an "Advocate" of EAP will receive a specially designed logo to use in the firm's marketing and communications materials (all as set forth by accompanying NCAJ guidelines).

For additional information about NCAJ's Educational Achievement Program, please visit [www.ncaj.com](http://www.ncaj.com) or contact Kim Williams at 800.688.1413 or [Kim@ncaj.com](mailto:Kim@ncaj.com).

## Introducing NCAJ's Veterans' Affairs Listserv – Join Today!

NCAJ has created a listserv especially for NCAJ members who do work in the Veterans' Affairs area. The Veterans' Affairs listserv is free of charge to NCAJ members and a membership list for those participating in the Veterans' Affairs listserv can be found on the Members' Homepage, [members.ncaj.com](http://members.ncaj.com). To participate, email [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com) to set-up your listserv account.

## Upcoming Events – RSVP Today!

### NCAJ REGIONAL EVENTS - RSVP TODAY!

NCAJ Regional Events are free of charge and open to NCAJ members and non-members -- invite a non-member to attend the meeting with you! For more details or to RSVP, contact [Liz@ncaj.com](mailto:Liz@ncaj.com).

#### March 4, 2011

*Goldsboro Country Club  
Goldsboro*

NCAJ President, **Phil Baddour**, will be hosting a lunch at the Goldsboro County Club in Goldsboro at Noon immediately followed by a free CLE presentation by *Lawyers Mutual*. [Click here](#) for details.

#### March 16, 2011

*Montero's  
Elizabeth City*

NCAJ member and Pasquotank County Captain, **Danny Glover**, will be hosting a reception at Montero's in Elizabeth City at 5:30 pm preceded by a three-hour free CLE presentation by *Lawyers Mutual*. [Click here](#) for details.

### UPCOMING SECTION & DIVISION EVENTS - RSVP TODAY!

All NCAJ members are welcome to attend any NCAJ Section or Division event. For more details or to RSVP, contact [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com).

**March 15:** Commercial Litigation Section Meeting, NCAJ, Raleigh (Also Avail by Phone)

**March 17:** Disability Advocacy Section ALJ Networking Reception, Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville

**March 23:** Mexican Consulate Reception, NCAJ, Raleigh

**March 30:** Small Office Practice Section Presents...Technology, NCAJ, Raleigh

**March 30:** Juvenile Defense Section Meeting, NCAJ, Raleigh (Avail by Phone)

**April 13:** Legal Assistants Division Get-to-Know Luncheon, NCAJ, Raleigh

**April 14:** New Lawyers Division Networking Reception, NCAJ, Raleigh

**April 15:** Professional Negligence Regional Section Meeting, Locations: NCAJ, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Wilmington (Also Avail by Phone)

**May 6:** Disability Advocacy Section Annual Meeting, NCAJ, Raleigh

**May 12:** New Lawyers Division Networking Social, RiRa's Irish Pub, Charlotte

**June 17-22:** Section & Division Meetings at Convention, Hilton Riverside, Wilmington

### CONVENTION 2011 - SAVE THE DATE!

**June 18-22, 2011**

*Hilton Riverside  
Wilmington*

Mark your calendar for **June 18-22** as NCAJ heads back to Wilmington for **Convention 2011!** This year, ALL events will take place under one roof at the Hilton Riverside in historic downtown Wilmington. Convention 2011 Program Co-Chairs, **Emily McNamara**, *Wilmington* and **Vernon Sumwalt**, *Charlotte* have planned a tremendous Convention for you!

Convention Highlights:

- *Keynote Speaker:* consumer advocate **Erin Brockovich**
- *Saturday's Luncheon Speaker:* North Carolina's own **Roger Smith**
- *Civil Masters in Advocacy Seminar:* Hone your skills at **Arguing Motions** (morning) and **An Introduction to Reptilian Trial Advocacy from the Founders** (afternoon)
- *Criminal Masters in Advocacy Seminar:* **Hit & Runs: Fast-Paced Multi-Subject Hot Button Topics for the Everyday Practitioner**
- *Summer Conference for Paralegals:* Get a full year's CPE credit!

Make your room reservation NOW! NCAJ has reserved room blocks at the following locations. *Be sure to mention the NC Advocates for Justice for discounted rates!*

- **Hilton Riverside** - \$159/night - 910.763.5900 (*Both river view and city view rooms available.*)
- **Best Western Coastline** - \$129/night - 910.763.2800 or 800.617.7732 (*All river view rooms, less than two blocks from the Hilton.*)
- **Riverview Suits** - \$159/night - 910.772.9988 (*One-bedroom condos, all river view, one-half block from Hilton.*)
- **Shell Island Resort** - \$199/night - 910.256.8696 or 800.689.6765 (*In Wrightsville Beach, oceanfront one-bedroom condos.*)

Wrightsville Beach is a 20-minute drive from downtown Wilmington. For those who wish to rent beach cottages, NCAJ recommends the following realtors:

- **Intracoastal Rental** - 800.533.1840 or 910.256.4503 - [www.intracoastalrealty.com](http://www.intracoastalrealty.com)
- **Bryant Real Estate** - 800.322.3764 or 910.256.3764 - [www.bryantrealestate.com](http://www.bryantrealestate.com)

Stay tuned to your mailbox and email inbox for updates about Convention!

## Add A Section...at Half-Price!

*New to a Practice Area? Want to "Try Out" a Section? New to NCAJ and Haven't Joined a Section Yet?* If your answer is "YES", NOW is a good time to add another Section to your membership - at half price of \$47.50!!

Join a Section and be included in a vibrant, statewide community of other NCAJ members who practice in the same area of law and who will provide you with professional support, expertise and idea exchange.

Take advantage of Section-specific resources: listserv, CLE, statewide socials and meetings, electronic newsletters, document banks or online trial notebooks, and much more!

NCAJ supports its members by providing a wide range of Sections - more than most TLAs in the nation: Auto Torts, Civil Rights, Commercial Litigation (free through June 2011), 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.

**NOTE:** This offering only applies when you ADD a Section(s) to your membership and CANNOT be applied to your current Section membership(s).

[Click here](#) to join a Section(s) online using your credit card.

[Click here](#) for the form to join a Section(s) using a check.

Questions? Contact [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com) or (919) 836-4215.

## Acquaint Your Colleagues with All that NCAJ Has to Offer...at Half-Price!

Pass along the good news to colleagues who are non-NCAJ-members: *NCAJ membership is now half-price!*

As you are aware, NCAJ has so much to offer your colleagues: Sections & Divisions specific to your practice area; CLEs provided statewide - live, video replay, webcast; Educational Achievement Program; legislative initiatives that positively impact you and your clients; "Trial Briefs" bi-monthly print journal, "Brief Notes" weekly e-

newsletter; "e-Clips" daily news updates and other NCAJ publications; Amicus brief writing/filing/assistance; print and online membership directory listing, and much, much more!

[Click here](#) to print a Half Price Membership Application to pass along or let your colleagues know that they can enroll online at [www.ncaj.com](http://www.ncaj.com). *Questions?* Contact [LisaW@ncaj.com](mailto:LisaW@ncaj.com) or (919) 835-2807.

## Division Member News

*Congratulations & Much Success to the NLD-ers listed below in their individual endeavors!*

**William T. Miller** and **Terry T. Yde** of *Terry T. Yde, P.A.* are pleased to announce the opening of their new office on 210 N. Main Street, Suite 226, Kernersville, Phone: (336) 497-4419, Fax: (336) 497-4422.

**John Wait** of *Wait Law, P.L.L.C.* now has two offices: 1208 Eastchester Drive, Suite 101, High Point and 2 Salem Street, Suite 203, Thomasville.

*The Law Office of D. Hardison Wood* is pleased to announce that **Adam A. Smith** has joined the firm. Adam practices in workers' compensation, personal injury and products liability law. Read more about Adam at [hardisonwood.com](http://hardisonwood.com) or contact Adam at (919) 233-0520.

## 2010-11 New Lawyers Division Officers

**Chair** [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wilmington)  
**Vice Chair** [Kristina Brown](#) (Raleigh)  
**Secretary** [Megan Christenbury](#) (Greensboro)  
**Immediate Past Chair** [Ben Whitley](#) (Raleigh)  
**CLE Chair** [Matthew Ballew](#) (Raleigh)  
**Publications Chair** [Jesse Rigsby, IV](#) (Raleigh)

### NLD Regional Captains:

**Region 1 - Eastern** [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)  
**Region 2 - Southern** [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wilmington)  
**Region 3 - Triangle** [Joseph Baznik](#) (Raleigh)  
**Region 4 - Triad** [Rhett Johnson](#) (Winston-Salem), [Whitney Wallace](#) (Salisbury)  
**Region 5 - Charlotte** [Brad Champion](#) (Charlotte)  
**Region 6 - Western** [Steve Agan](#) (Asheville)

### NLD Liaisons:

**Auto Torts** [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)  
**Civil Rights** [Russell Johnson](#) (Raleigh)  
**Consumer Areas of Practice** [J. Matt Norris](#) (Raleigh)  
**Criminal Defense** [Toussaint Romain](#) (Charlotte), [Chas Post](#) (Charlotte)  
**Disability Advocacy** [Ashley Maxwell](#) (Raleigh)  
**Eminent Domain** [Benjamin Mount](#) (Raleigh)  
**Employment Law** [Vanessa Lucas](#) (Raleigh)  
**Family Law** [Karen Jackson](#) (Greensboro)  
**Hispanic Latino Legal Issues** [Anabel Rosa](#) (Durham)  
**Juvenile Defense** [Brandi Clemmons](#) (Durham)  
**Products Liability** [Scott Harris](#) (Raleigh)  
**Professional Negligence** [Will Elam](#) (Charlotte)

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