

## **ABA's Position on Military Tribunals Set by House at Midyear Meeting**

The American Bar Association's House of Delegates approved a resolution at the ABA Midyear Meeting in February that seeks to limit the use of military tribunals. The resolution recommends that tribunals not be used to try U.S. citizens, resident aliens, or those lawfully present in the U.S.; that they generally not operate in the United States; and that they be used to try only people accused of violating the law of war.

"The ABA wants the terrorists prosecuted to the full extent of the law and brought to justice – but we want them brought to justice in the American way," said ABA President Robert Hirshon.

For the complete text of the recommendation, please visit [www.abanet.org/media/report\\_tribunals.html](http://www.abanet.org/media/report_tribunals.html).

## **Dialogue on Freedom Site Provides Outreach Help**

How can lawyers and judges teach about enduring American values in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks? Dialogue on Freedom (<http://www.dialogueonfreedom.org>) is a new program conceived by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and operated by the ABA. This program is designed to provide lawyers and judges with topics, resources and tips to engage high school students in a "Dialogue on Freedom." Each dialogue is a carefully planned discussion with high school students in their classroom organized and facilitated by lawyers and judges. The purpose is to explore American civic values and traditions.

Organized around the topics, "American Identities and Constitutional Values," "Individual Freedoms, Democratic Participation, and Other Cultures," and "American Civic Values in a Global Age," Dialogue on Freedom aims to offer new insights into what American democracy stands for. More information and resource material, including "dialogue starters," teaching tips, bibliographies and a local media plan is available free of charge to interested bars via the Web site [www.dialogueonfreedom.org](http://www.dialogueonfreedom.org).

## **ABA Nominates New Leadership**

During the American Bar Association's Midyear Meeting in Philadelphia in February, Dennis Archer of Detroit was nominated to become president-elect of the ABA and H. Thomas Wells Jr. of Birmingham, Ala. was nominated to become chair of the ABA House of Delegates, the association's policy-making body. They will be elected by the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in August in Washington D.C.

Archer, former mayor of Detroit and former Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, will be the first African-American president of the ABA. Archer will become president for a one-year term beginning in August 2003, and Wells was nominated to office for a two-year term at the conclusion of this year's Annual Meeting.

In addition, nine people were nominated for positions on the ABA's Board of Governors. They are:

- Howard H. Dana Jr. of Portland, Maine., District 1, composed of Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire;
- Alice E. Richmond of Boston, District 2, composed of Connecticut, Michigan and Massachusetts;
- Carolyn B. Lamm of Washington, D.C., District 4, composed of Virginia and the District of Columbia;
- J. Douglas Stewart of Gainesville, Ga., District 6, composed of Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia;
- William H. Allen of Little Rock, Ark., District 12, composed of Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa and New Mexico;
- Pamela J. Roberts of Columbia, S.C., to represent the ABA Section of Litigation;
- John K. Uilkema of San Francisco, to represent the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law;
- Lori K. Weems of Miami, to hold the Young Lawyer Member-at-Large seat on the board;
- Paula J. Frederick of Atlanta, to hold the Woman Member-at-Large seat on the board; and
- Walter H. White Jr. of London, England, to hold the Minority Member-at-Large seat on the board

All of the nominees will serve three-year terms once elected at the Annual Meeting in August.

## **President-elect Carlton Looking for Interested Members to Work on Committees**

American Bar Association President-elect A.P. Carlton is looking for ABA members to help fill nearly 700 appointments in committees, commissions, task forces and national conference groups. People interested working on these committees must be either nominated or nominate themselves using the online recommendation form, which is located here: [www.abanet.org/leadership/appointments.html](http://www.abanet.org/leadership/appointments.html).

For more information, please contact Heather Wier, Office of the President, 312/988-5116.

## **National Public Radio to Air Conversation with ABA President-elect A.P. Carlton**

American Bar Association President-elect A.P. Carlton will be featured on National Public Radio's "Justice Talking" radio show the week of March 18th. Carlton will be debating the importance of judicial independence and the effects of judicial campaign advertising with James Wootton of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. See the "Justice Talking" Web site, which is located at [www.justicetalking.org](http://www.justicetalking.org) for local stations and times. The program was taped at the NCBP Midyear Meeting in Philadelphia.

## **New ABA Task Force to Examine International Money Laundering**

The American Bar Association announced it has created a task force to analyze the broad legal implications of efforts to thwart international money laundering, and the potentially profound impact those efforts could produce on relationships between lawyers and their clients.

The ABA Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession will be chaired by Edward J. Krauland, a member of the governing council of the ABA Section of International Law and Practice who is a co-chair of that section's Anti-Money Laundering Task Force. Other members of the ABA group are yet to be appointed.

"The task force will enable the ABA to have a meaningful role in advising federal policy-makers as they examine anti-money laundering proposals," said ABA President Robert Hirshon.

## **Ethics 2000 Commission Focuses on State Education**

The House of Delegates completed debate on Report 401 of the Ethics 2000 Commission at the Midyear Meeting. The Model Rules of Professional Responsibility as amended by the House are available on the Commission's Web site, [www.abanet.org/cpr/ethics2k.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/ethics2k.html). The Web site also contains details about the debate at the House.

The commission is now looking to assist states with reviews of the commission's recommendations. Contact Becky Stretch at [stretchc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:stretchc@staff.abanet.org) or 312-988-5297 if the ABA can assist with your state's review.

## **Task Force to Examine Billable Hours System**

The American Bar Association created a Presidential Commission under the leadership of Robert Hirshon to determine the impact on the profession of the predominance of the billable hours system. Law firms and in-house attorneys can go to [www.abanet.org/careercounsel/billable.html](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/billable.html) to fill out an electronic questionnaire and provide narrative comments on the related message board. All comments will be posted anonymously. If you prefer to complete a hard copy version of the questionnaire, please contact Katy Englehart at [kenglehart@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kenglehart@staff.abanet.org); 312/988-5134.

The commission will be compiling the information submitted and incorporating it into its analysis during 2002.

## Law Day Proclamation Online

Looking for ways to raise Law Day's impact? Use the ABA's sample proclamation (<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/proclamation.html>) as is, or adapt it to fit the emphasis of your program, but either way, get Law Day proclaimed by your mayor, governor, and other civic leaders. Start now, and use whatever personal contacts your bar has, and be persistent as they request works its way through channels. A public signing is a good photo opportunity and provides a way for key Law Day planners to get recognition.

## Bar Executives Get the CAE!

Diane Gill, executive director of the Jacksonville Bar and Karen France, executive director of the Clearwater Bar both earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in late January from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). Gill and France took the test in November and will be honored at the ASAE Annual Meeting and Exposition in August. For a complete list of CAE designates, please visit [www.asaenet.org/newsroom/0,1989,showarticle=yes^articleId=53019,00.html](http://www.asaenet.org/newsroom/0,1989,showarticle=yes^articleId=53019,00.html)

## E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards

Nomination forms and guidelines for the 2002 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards are now available at [www.abanet.org/cpr/gambrell.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/gambrell.html). The annual awards, in the amount of \$3,500 each, are presented by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism, to recognize projects contributing to the understanding of professionalism among lawyers. Law schools, bar associations, law firms and other law-related organizations are eligible. Applications must be received on or before March 30, 2002. For more information, contact Grace Kang at [Kangg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:Kangg@staff.abanet.org) or at 312-988-5312.

## 2002 Brown Award Winners Recognized

The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services presented the 2002 ABA Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access to the Baltimore-based non-profit legal network Civil Justice, Inc. The project uses technology to link solo practitioners and provides resources to better enable them to cost-effectively provide legal services in important areas such as predatory lending. Meritorious recognition went to the ARAG Group for its prepaid and technology-based services, the lemon law firm Kimmel & Silverman for its effective niche marketing and the law firm Velie & Velie for services it provides through OnLineVisas.com. Details about the Brown Award and recipients are found at [www.abanet.org/legalservices/brown.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/brown.html).

## Government and Public Lawyers Looking for Nominations for 3 Awards

The ABA's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its three national awards, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in August 2002, in Washington D.C.

- The **Dorsey Award** honors an outstanding **public defender or legal aid lawyer**. Eligible recipients are lawyers who serve indigent persons, in the employ of legal aid bureaus, indigent defense, or Legal Services Corporation funded legal organizations providing legal service to the disadvantaged.
- The **Hodson Award** recognizes sustained outstanding service or a specific extraordinary accomplishment **by a government or public sector law office**. Eligible nominees include all government or public sector law offices (e.g. legal aid bureaus, public defender offices and other legal organizations funded by the Legal Services Corporation) at the federal, state and local levels. Departments or units within offices are also eligible.

- **The Nelson Award**, recognizes outstanding contributions to the ABA by **an individual government or public sector lawyer**. All government and public sector lawyers are eligible and the division will consider an individual's specific extraordinary accomplishments as well as sustained superior contributions over a number of years.

These awards offer a rare opportunity to recognize the outstanding work accomplished in the public sector. They also serve to inform the general community about the exceptional work of the nation's public sector lawyers.

Nominations must be received in the division's office by April 5, 2002. To obtain a nomination brochure, contact Theona Salmon at 202-662-1023 or e-mail her at [salmont@staff.abanet.org](mailto:salmont@staff.abanet.org). All nomination information can also be found on the division's Web site: [www.abanet.org/govpub/annual.html](http://www.abanet.org/govpub/annual.html)

## **Nominees Sought for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy**

The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources invites your nominations for the ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law. Now in its third year, the award recognizes individuals, organizations or programs that have distinguished themselves in environmental law and policy by contributing significant leadership - through programs, services, regulatory systems, legal cases, journalism, education or legislation - that directly resulted in environmental law or policy. The 2002 award will be presented at the ABA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in August.

For a nomination form, please contact Eileen Zorc at 202/662-1694 or [zorce@staff.abanet.org](mailto:zorce@staff.abanet.org) or visit [www.abanet.org/publicserv/awards.html](http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/awards.html). The deadline for ABA receipt of completed packets is Friday, April 5, 2002.

## **National Conference on Professional Responsibility**

The ABA Center for Professional Responsibility is holding the 28th annual National Conference on Professional Responsibility on May 30-June 1, 2002 in Vancouver, British Columbia at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. Attendees have the opportunity to formally and informally collect information and discuss current issues and problems in the area of professional responsibility with leading experts, scholars and practitioners from across the country. Conference faculty include recognized experts on professional responsibility who provide written materials, present plenary discussions and direct panel workshops open to audience participation. The conference programs address recent trends and developments in legal ethics, professional discipline for lawyers, professionalism and practice issues. For more information, visit the conference Web site at [www.abanet.org/cpr/prconf.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/prconf.html) or contact the center at [ctrprofresp@abanet.org](mailto:ctrprofresp@abanet.org).

## **ABA Book Publishing Discount Program**

You can save 40% on select ABA publications by participating in the ABA Book Publishing Discount Program. The program is targeted exclusively to bar associations and gives you the opportunity to generate additional revenue, enhance CLE programming or increase the value of your association membership. For detailed information on the program please visit [www.abanet.org/abapubs/discountprogram.html](http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/discountprogram.html)

One publication available through this program is **The Attorney and Law Firm Guide to the Business of Law**, by Edward Poll. The book simplifies the often-complex process of operating a law practice so that anyone who follows these simple yet effective rules will become more effective in connecting with clients and becoming more profitable. For more on this book, go to <http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/books/5150286/5150286.html>. Other books available can be found at [www.ababooks.org](http://www.ababooks.org). To place an order, please contact Catherine Flanagan at 312/988-6112, e-mail: [flanagac@staff.abanet.org](mailto:flanagac@staff.abanet.org).

## **Newsletter Available from Commission on Women**

If your bar is looking for the most up to date information about women in the legal profession, the ABA Commission on Women publishes its newsletter, *Perspectives*, which offers a fresh, modern angle on the issues that are important and relevant to women in the legal profession. The newsletter offers in-depth features, news about issues, interviews and advice for women lawyers and those interested in women's roles in the legal community. For more information about the newsletter and to order your subscription to *Perspectives*, please contact Stacy Irish at 312/988-5715.

## **Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Publications**

The Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice recently published 2 books that may be of interest to bars across the nation:

### **The Cost-Benefit State**

By Cass R. Sunstein

Price: \$69.95 (Regular) \$59.95 (ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section members)

Over the past decades, applying cost benefit analysis (CBA) to new regulations has become accepted practice. The issues being debated today concern how - not whether - agencies use CBA to carry out their mandates. This timely guide examines new trends in CBA and how courts are responding in contested cases. The book analyzes the legality of actions taken by the EPA, OSHA, CPSC, and other agencies. Updated in light of the September 11 attacks, the book focuses special attention on airport security, bioterrorism, and other timely issues. To order, call the ABA Service Center at 800/285-2221, send an e-mail to [service@abanet.org](mailto:service@abanet.org), or visit the Section website at <http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/publish.html>.

### **Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, 2000-2001**

Editor: Jeffrey S. Lubbers

Price: \$89.95 (Regular) \$59.95 (ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section members)

Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice 2000-2001 describes and analyzes current developments in administrative law and regulatory practice, both by process (e.g., adjudication and rulemaking) and by substantive area of practice. This compendium enables the administrative lawyer to stay abreast of developments in the field - especially in related areas of specialization that might bear on his or her own area. Experts in the field write these reports. Reports of broadest interest - topics that cut across all substantive specialties - include those of the Committees on Adjudication, Constitutional Law and Separation of Powers, Dispute Resolution, Judicial Review, Legislative Process and Lobbying, Rulemaking, Regulatory Initiatives, and Rulemaking. Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice 1999-2000 provides a ready source for practitioners, judges, and academics on significant events within administrative law.

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