

# **WOMEN'S CAUCUS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS,  
BALLROOM SALONS 3/4, LOWER B2 LEVEL**

The Women's Caucus is open to all women and men in the legal profession interested in advancing the rights and opportunities of women in the legal profession.

We have a packed agenda, which includes an exciting special program, *Navigating the ABA*.

## **Navigating the ABA**

The ABA's entities and procedures can appear byzantine and impenetrable – to old and new members alike. A group of women representing sections, the House of Delegates, and other leadership posts will share their experiences and observations on how to get where you want to go in the ABA – and how to have some fun and meet some terrific people along the way. This program is designed to be informal and interactive, so bring your thoughts and your questions.

The caucus is the perfect opportunity to:

- Meet other ABA members and network with colleagues;
- Examine issues being addressed by the ABA that are of interest to and affect women;
- Discuss issues of concern to women lawyers;
- Find paths to leadership and mentors in the ABA;
- Announce ABA candidacies, and meet with declared ABA candidates; and
- Learn more about Commission on Women activities and programs, and increase your involvement with the Commission.

**⇒ FREE – No charge!**

**We'll supply beverages⇐**

The following pages contain a partial listing of programs and events scheduled for this year's Annual Meeting that may be of particular interest to women.

Please join us at the August Women's Caucus, and share your ideas and information about these and other issues. Invite your friends and colleagues to participate. Your continued interest and support are crucial factors in our continuing pursuit for equality in the legal profession.

For more information, please e-mail Barbara Leff at [leffb@staff.abanet.org](mailto:leffb@staff.abanet.org).

# COMMISSION ON WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS

## Saturday, August 7, 2010

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Gallery Ballroom, 2nd Floor, St. Regis Hotel**

*From Generation to Generation: Remarkable Women Leaders*

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, a panel of successful women lawyers and leaders, all former Brent Award honorees, will discuss the personal qualities and experiences that shaped their careers. Moderated by Mary Cranston, herself a Brent Award recipient, and her daughter Susie Cranston, co-author of the recently-published book *How Remarkable Women Lead: The Breakthrough Model for Work and Life*, the panel will focus on what drives women leaders. Based on five years of research, common behaviors in women leaders – including (1) finding passion and meaning, (2) choosing energizing activities, (3) positive thinking and framing, (4) networking, and (5) speaking up and taking risk – will serve as the framework for the panel discussion. The panelists' stories, insights, and perspectives on their journeys to the top of the legal profession will inspire you and teach you how to inspire others.

Panelists: Teveia R. Barnes (2004), President & Executive Director, Lawyers for One America, and Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP, San Francisco, CA; Angela Bradstreet (2007), California State Labor Commissioner, San Francisco, CA; Drucilla Ramey (1997), Dean, Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA

Moderators: Mary B. Cranston (2005), Firm Senior Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP, San Francisco, CA; Susie Cranston, Consultant, McKinsey & Company, San Francisco, CA

Co-sponsors: ABA Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, ABA Law Student Division, ABA Senior Lawyers Division, The Bar Association of San Francisco, Ms. JD, National Association of Women Lawyers, and National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

## Sunday, August 8, 2010

**12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon*

Join the Commission as it celebrates its 20th Annual Awards Luncheon to recognize and honor women lawyers who have excelled in their fields and paved the way to success for other women lawyers. Named after America's first woman lawyer, the luncheon will recognize these women lawyers for their remarkable achievements and contributions to the legal profession and gender equality:

- **Brooksley E. Born**, Retired Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP and former chairperson of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; in Washington, DC
- **Elizabeth J. Cabraser**, Partner, Loeff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and leader in the plaintiffs' complex litigation/class action bar; in San Francisco, CA
- **Willie Stevenson Glanton**, Civil Rights Activist and the first African American woman elected to the Iowa Legislature General Assembly; in Des Moines, IA
- **Hon. M. Margaret McKeown**, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the first woman partner at Perkins Coie LLP; in San Diego, CA
- **Laura Stein**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, The Clorox Company and the first woman general counsel at two *Fortune* 500 companies; in Oakland, CA

**Individual tickets may be available on the day of the event on a limited basis.** Questions: Contact Beverly Tate at 312-988-5668 or tateb@staff.abanet.org.

## COMMISSION ON WOMEN PUBLICATIONS

### FEATURED PUBLICATIONS – ORDER ONLINE AT [www.ababooks.org](http://www.ababooks.org)

#### ***Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Strategies for Success from Multicultural Women Attorneys***

This book is a follow-up to the popular volume, *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That*, published in 2000. It offers letters outlining various roadmaps for success in the legal profession as a minority woman attorney. You'll read letters from 44 women in various roles in a wide range of work environments. Each chapter concludes with a collection of tips for success from these distinguished women.

#### ***Fair Measure: Toward Effective Attorney Evaluations, Second Edition***

This is the second edition of the book originally published in 1997. The book contains a current, comprehensive review of the psychological literature on stereotyping, and it outlines a step-by-step process for implementing and conducting performance evaluations that are free from bias. Additional material includes sample evaluation forms, performance evaluation training materials for supervising attorneys, and instructions for completing performance evaluations.

#### ***From Visible Invisibility to Visibly Successful: Success Strategies for Law Firms and Women of Color in Law Firms***

This is the follow-up publication to *Visible Invisibility: Women of Color in Law Firms* (2006), the groundbreaking national study by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession. This report is the result of information, insights, and advice gathered from 28 women of color partners in national law firms and examines law firm practices that contributed to their success. Download the report (PDF) at no cost at [www.abanet.org/women/woc/wocinitiative.html](http://www.abanet.org/women/woc/wocinitiative.html).

### ***Perspectives Magazine – For and About Women Lawyers***

**For ABA members:** We invite you to receive the *Perspectives* quarterly magazine in an electronic format **at no additional cost**. It's easy - all you have to do is log onto the ABA web site and select "Women's Rights" as one of your areas of interest. Visit [www.abanet.org/women/perspectives.html](http://www.abanet.org/women/perspectives.html) for step-by-step instructions.

The Commission's magazine, *Perspectives*, is published four times a year and provides in-depth articles for and about women lawyers with the latest news in the field and insights for a successful career.

Hot topics of interest to women lawyers include:

- Strategies for surviving the current economic crisis
- Practical advice and career building tips
- Glass ceiling issues
- Work/life balance
- The latest political and legal developments affecting women in the field
- Interviews with leading women attorneys
- Gender bias in the courts
- Information about current Commission activities and upcoming events
- News from women's bar associations from across the country.

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## RESOLUTIONS

Below is a partial list of resolutions of particular interest to women that will go before the ABA House of Delegates. For a complete list of resolutions, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/leadership/2010/annual>.

### 11-1

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Amends §1.2 of the Constitution to include the following language as one of the purposes of the Association: “to defend the right to life of all innocent human beings, including all those conceived but not yet born.”

### 109A

#### **COMMISSION ON YOUTH AT RISK COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY JUDICIAL DIVISION**

Urges state, local, territorial and tribal governments to provide legal counsel to children and/or youth at all stages of juvenile status offense proceedings as a matter of right and at public expense.

### 109B

#### **COMMISSION ON YOUTH AT RISK COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

Urges state, local, territorial and tribal governments to effectively implement the older youth provisions of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, in particular to extend foster care, independent and transitional living services, adoption assistance, and guardianship assistance to all youth and young adults through at least age 21.

### 111

#### **SECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL PRACTICE, SOLO AND SMALL FIRM DIVISION TORT TRIAL AND INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION COMMISSION ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW COMMISSION ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION VERMONT BAR ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION**

Urges state, territorial and tribal governments to eliminate all of their legal barriers to civil marriage between two persons of the same sex who are otherwise eligible to marry.

## **2010 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN**

**Thursday, August 5, 2010**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Room 2014, 2nd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*ABA CLE CENTRE SHOWCASE PROGRAM: Same-Sex Marriage—Moving Beyond State Courts*

To date, most of the litigation regarding same-sex couples and marriage has focused on state constitutional claims. Currently, however, a number of lawsuits raise federal constitutional claims with respect to same-sex couples and marriage. In addition, in a number of states, same-sex couples obtained the right to marry through the legislative process. The panelists are all on the front lines of these developments.

Speakers: Mary Bonauto, Boston, MA; Theodore Olson, Washington, DC; Beth Robinson, Middlebury, VT  
Moderator: Raymond Marshall, San Francisco, CA

Primary Sponsor: Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Rooms 2001/2003, 2nd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*ABA CLE CENTRE SHOWCASE PROGRAM: Enforcing a Right to Counsel for Children: The Time Is Now*

Children are removed from their homes and placed into state custody every day, yet depending on the state in which they live, they may not be represented by a lawyer in these life-impacting legal proceedings. This program will explore the role a lawyer should have for a child in the dependency court under the ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility and what barriers exist in allowing lawyers to represent children.

Panelists: Judge Rosemary Barkett, Miami, FL; J.C. Coble, Denver, CO; Professor Bruce Green, New York, NY; Peter Samuelson, Los Angeles, CA; Alex Smith, Invited, San Francisco, CA

Moderator: Hilarie Bass, Miami, FL

Primary Sponsor: Section of Litigation

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Room 3005, 3rd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*Immigration Trends—Impact on Gender-Based Violence*

Discussion on existing and proposed state “immigration” laws and trends in enforcement and their chilling impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking. Training on how to assist victim service providers including attorneys, shelters, and counseling centers responding to proposed legislation that criminalizes the “harboring or transport” of undocumented persons. Training on compliance with federal Violence Against Women Act confidentiality provisions in response to law enforcement trends regarding immigrants.

Primary Sponsor: Commission on Domestic Violence

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Reed Smith LLP, 101 Second Street, San Francisco, CA**

*How to Expand Your Practice -- Top Takeaways from Leading Corporate Counsel*

Panelists: Dorian Daley, Judith Bain, Julie Gruber, Ashley Watson

Moderator: Dale Cendali

Primary Sponsor: Women & IP Law Subcommittee of the IP Committee of the Section of Litigation

**5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 101 California Street, 39th Floor, San Francisco, CA Law Firm**

*ABA Women Rainmakers 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception*

Join the ABA Women Rainmakers as they celebrate 20 years of rainmaking! The special evening will take place at the offices of Winston and Strawn. All Rainmakers past, present and future are welcome to attend! You won't want to miss the outstanding view of the Bay, Coit Tower, Pacific Heights, TransAmerica Pyramid, Alcatraz, and the Golden Gate Bridge. Beginning as a small group of women interested in improving their business development skills and the skills of other women, the group has greatly expanded its membership and purpose. This year marks a special year for Rainmakers as they commemorate their achievements at the 3rd ABA Women Rainmakers Mid-Career Workshop, this October in Washington, DC.

Primary Sponsor: Law Practice Management Section

## Friday, August 6, 2010

### **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Room 3020, 3rd Floor, Moscone Center West**

#### *Emerging Legal & Social Issues in Same-Sex Dissolutions*

This panel will present an overview of emerging legal issues arising in the dissolution of same-sex partnerships, including the interaction of non-marital and marital law, jurisdictional debates regarding recognition of out-of-state parentage and marriages/partnerships, and the consequences of federal nonrecognition, especially the tax ramifications of dissolutions. The panel will explore the underlying social issues of gender, relationship recognition, the politics of civil marriage, and the new demographics of lesbian and gay communities in the context of the changing legal environment and discuss the value of mediation and collaborative approaches to same-sex dissolutions, as well as the need for legal and social competence on the part of attorney and mediator practitioners.

Panelists: Frederick Hertz, Oakland, CA; Shannon Minter, San Francisco, CA

Primary Sponsor: Section of Dispute Resolution

### **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Room 2008, 2nd floor, Moscone Center West**

#### *Solo Day: Practicing the Practice of Law – Part I*

The art of practicing law in solo or small firm settings. Basic nuts and bolts in setting up and operating a solo or small firm law office. Benefits and logistics of a virtual or physical office. An overview of what equipment to buy/lease, computers, copiers, postage machines. What is in the marketplace for basic software needed to keep track of calendars, billing, word processing. The importance of backing up data; and where (off-site “clouds” vs. external drives). What staff to hire and when: secretary, file clerk, paralegals, and what should you be paying in the market place. Advertising, website, yellow pages, and getting your name out there. Basic malpractice insurance needs. A primer in practicing the practice of law. What NOT to do when starting out.

Speakers: Kenneth Ashman, Chicago, IL; Tamara Freeze, Irvine, CA; Hersh Makkar, Duluth, GA; Daniel Tann, Philadelphia, PA

Primary Sponsor: General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division

### **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP, One Market Plaza, Steuart Tower, San Francisco, CA**

#### *Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop*

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life. Cancer patients face a variety of legal problems related to their illness, including healthcare concerns, insurance coverage and benefit matters, and employment related issues. This seminar will discuss practices, procedures and statutory enactments to help attorneys in assisting clients. Information will also be provided on how to become advocates for breast cancer patients.

Speakers: Lisa Bailey, MD, FACS, Berkeley/Oakland, CA; D'Anne Gleicher, Alameda, CA; Eugene Holmes, Washington, DC; Julia Molander, San Francisco, CA; Vedica Puri, San Francisco, CA; Thomas Worth, San Francisco, CA

Primary Sponsor: Health Law Section

### **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Rooms 270/272/274, Mezzanine Level, West Mezzanine, Moscone Center South**

#### *Taking Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Efforts to the Next Level*

Many fear that when employers are seeking to cut costs and reorganize their businesses, “microinequities” and implicit bias come to the forefront, while employer diversity and inclusion efforts take a back seat.

Microinequities are those seemingly small acts of abuse, aggression and disrespect that can dissipate energy, drain resources, lower morale, decrease confidence and impede performance in the workplace. This panel will examine the causes and legal and non-legal effects of microinequities and implicit bias, offer suggestions on how to ameliorate the effects of some of these all too human behaviors and look at alternative models of traditional legal work in an effort to help employers capitalize on diversity and inclusion efforts.

Speakers: Maureen S. Binetti, Woodbridge, NJ; Naomi C. Earp, Washington, DC; Ann Fromholz, Dallas, TX; Miriam Lopez, Glendale, CA

Moderator: Eric A. Tate, San Francisco, CA

Primary Sponsor: Section of Labor and Employment Law

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Golden Gate Hall C1, B2 Level, San Francisco Marriott Marquis**

*Successful Pipeline Initiatives and Strategies—A Roundtable*

The sixth in a series, this Pipeline Diversity Roundtable presents a discussion of diversifying the educational pipeline to the legal profession focusing on three key segments of the pipeline—high school, college and law school. The roundtable will educate lawyers about the important role of the educational pipeline in creating a truly diverse, inclusive legal profession. The roundtable will highlight effective, replicable strategies and programs for building pipeline projects and programs, and discuss ways of measuring and defining success. Participants will have ample opportunity to network and to learn how they and their organizations can get involved in plugging the leaks along the pipeline to the legal profession.

Speakers: Leonard Baynes, Queens, NY; Frank Wu, San Francisco, CA

Primary Sponsor: Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline

**9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Sea Cliff, 2nd Floor, Palace**

*Liberty and Justice for All? The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement on LGBT Rights*

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s confronted the entrenched forces of segregation, discrimination, hatred and inequality, changing the face of American law. In this panel discussion, we will explore how that movement instructs and challenges the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in their legal struggles in employment, benefits, housing, marriage, adoption, and more. With an analysis of past and current case law and anecdotal notes, the panel will discuss the similarities and differences between these two movements for civil rights, where LGBT rights currently stand, and what the future may hold for these and other groups seeking Liberty and Justice for All.

Primary Sponsor: Young Lawyers Division

**10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., French, Lobby Level, Fairmont**

*Making the Business Case for Diversity*

Diversity is more than an objective. Statistics prove that companies which seek to understand how their differences can make them stronger have a competitive business advantage. The distinguished speakers on this program will explore how maximizing diversity will help achieve success at the negotiating table, in the board room, and in the court room. This is a program you can't afford to miss.

Speakers: Rossina Gil, Calabasas, CA; Sharon Jones, Chicago, IL; Hazel-Ann Mayers, New York, NY;

B. Lawrence Theis, Denver, CO

Chair: Sharon Weiss, Los Angeles, CA

Primary Sponsor: Business Law Section

**1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Ballroom Salons 5/6, Lower B2 Level, San Francisco Marriott Marquis**

*Next Steps: Emerging Issues in Diversifying the Legal Profession*

In order to embark on the next phase of our diversity journey together, it is essential that we be conversant with emerging issues that underlie the discussion. A panel of diversity experts will examine the key emerging issues that were identified in the recently issued ABA report: *Diversity in the Legal Profession: The Next Steps*. These include such topics as: diversity fatigue, creating an inclusive workplace culture, implicit bias, and diversity as a journey—not a destination. The panel will also lead a discussion on how leadership commitment to diversity and inclusion can affect these issues and lead to sustainable results. During the second part of the program, ABA and bar leaders are invited to share their ideas on how they plan to implement the report's recommendations. Let's come together as we conclude Past President H. Thomas Wells Jr. and President Carolyn B. Lamm's Diversity Initiatives and ensure that we have a bold and effective plan for the continuing journey ahead.

Primary Sponsor: Presidential Initiative—Commission on Diversity

**2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Room 2008, 2nd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*Solo Day: Practicing the Practice of Law—Part II*

The office is now set up and clients are actually coming in. How to not work 14 hour days since you don't have staff and operate as a solo: basics in client and office management. How to juggle client telephone calls, appointments, court hearings when you are a sole practitioner and there are only 24 hours in the day. Along with general office survival tips and ideas, survival tips for the mobile lawyer will be given on how to maximize their time via the social web and virtual law office, rather than take away from their time. Computer research tools, and best use of software to manage your practice: Microsoft Office and WordPerfect, Adobe PDF, billing software,

calendaring software, Westlaw and other online research tools. How to get temporary help, contract secretaries and contract attorneys when needed. What do clients expect from you and how to deliver it when you are doing all the work yourself.

Speakers: N. Kay Bridger-Riley, Tulsa, OK; Stephen Maskaleris, Florham Park, NJ; Charley Moore, San Francisco, CA; Larry Rice, Memphis, TN

Primary Sponsor: General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division

**3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Room 3014, 3rd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*Celebrating Women on the Appellate Bench: A Mock Argument Examining Gender Influences on Decision Making*

The growing number of woman appellate judges gives cause for celebration. But what role, if any, does their gender play in deciding appeals? A mock argument of a gender-sensitive hypothetical, to a panel of all woman judges, provides a platform to consider the concepts debated during Justice Sotomayor's confirmation.

Speakers: Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly, Lansing, MI; Chief Justice Chase Rogers, Hartford, CT; Kathleen Sullivan, New York, NY; Paul Watford, Los Angeles, CA

Moderator: Karen Precella, Fort Worth, TX

Primary Sponsor: Section of Litigation

**3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Room 3018, 3rd Floor, Moscone Center West**

*Planning for Same-Sex Couples and the Changing Definition of Marriage*

Couples and their families present particular challenges (e.g., absence of marital deduction) and opportunities (absence of restriction on "intra-family transfers"). This program will review the basic concerns in working with unmarried couples, address necessary modifications to basic estate planning documents addressing this population's planning needs and consider possible advanced planning opportunities including layered discounts using old fashioned GRITs. Issues presented by the opportunities for and restrictions on same sex marriage, civil unions and "domestic partnership" statutes also will be discussed.

Speakers: Patricia A. Cain, Santa Clara, CA; Jerry S. Chasen, Miami, FL

Primary Sponsor: Section of Real Property Trust & Estate Law

**5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Veranda Ballroom B, Lobby Level, Four Seasons**

*Minority Lawyers Reception*

Please join the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession as we welcome lawyers and law students from across the country for a networking reception celebrating diversity in the legal profession.

Primary Sponsor: Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession

**Saturday, August 7, 2010**

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Room 2008, 2nd floor, Moscone Center West**

*Fuel the Spark: Success in Law and Life*

Content will cover best practices related to successfully balancing a legal career and life. The scope will cover ABA Model Ethics Rules such as competence, conflicts of interest and duties to potential clients. The theme will cover 5 guiding values for achieving this success and tie in with the ethics rules.

Speakers: Kevin Houchin, Fort Collins, CO; Loi-Natalie Laing, Atlanta, GA

Primary Sponsor: General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Vanderbilt, Terrace Level, Fairmont**

*Women's Business Law Network*

Come meet with the WBLN for discussion of projects and our featured presentation "A Conversation with a Glasscutter."

Speakers: Martha M. Anderson, Buffalo, NY; Bruce A. Cheatham, Dallas, TX; George M. Taylor III, Birmingham, AL; Thomas M. Thompson, Pittsburgh, PA; Dennis J. White, Boston, MA

Co-chairs: Peter Haver; Margaret L. Milroy, Arlington, VA

Primary Sponsor: Business Law Section

**12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Moscone Center West**

*Combating Gender-Based Violence Globally*

The ABA Rule of Law Initiative hosts a luncheon panel on combating gender-based violence.

Speakers: Anita Botti, Washington, DC; Jennifer Rasmussen, Washington, DC; Natacha Thys, Washington, DC

Primary Sponsor: Rule of Law Initiative

**2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Plaza Room A, Lobby Level, Hilton San Francisco Union Square**

*Returned to Sender: An Open Roundtable on Legal Implications of Adoption Disruption at the International and Domestic Levels*

Earlier this year, when a U.S. adoptive mother of a Russian boy put him unaccompanied on a plane back to Russia with a note attached, this “disrupted adoption” became an international incident. Adoption failure, especially for older youth adopted in the U.S. and abroad, is a topic that has not received the legal attention it requires.

Interested ABA members and others will discuss what steps might be taken in law and policy reform to help prevent adoption disruption and better support adoptive families.

Primary Sponsor: Commission on Youth at Risk

**7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Ballroom Salons B and 7, Lower B2 Level, San Francisco Marriott Marquis**

*2010 Thurgood Marshall Award Reception and Dinner*

Honoring Paul M. Smith

Primary Sponsor: Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities

**Sunday, August 8, 2010**

**2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Ballroom Salons 1/2, Lower B2 Level, San Francisco Marriott Marquis**

*Minority Caucus Meeting*

**Monday, August 9, 2010**

**12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Empress of China, 838 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA**

*8th Annual Ruth C. Burg Luncheon for Women in Public Contract Law*

Primary Sponsor: Section of Public Contract Law



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