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## News and Notes

### New Commission Members

The Commission on IOLTA welcomes new members Diane Don, Ainslee Ferdie, Justice Bernette Johnson and Darrell Jordan for the 2010-2011 bar year.



**Diane Don** has an extensive background in the financial services industry. She currently serves as Senior Vice President, Downtown Miami Market Executive, at Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust. She is the manager of the Miami Office and her responsibilities span multiple disciplines including fiduciary banking and asset management. Prior to joining Gibraltar, Ms. Don served as a Senior Vice President and Law Firm Practice Group Manager at BankUnited. Ms. Don began her banking career at SunTrust Bank from which she moved to

Citigroup to serve as Director of the Law Firm Group, managing an extensive portfolio of nationally recognized law firms.



**Ainslee Ferdie** is a partner in the firm of Ferdie and Lones in Coral Gables, Florida. His practice focuses on title insurance and real estate and business closings. As a litigator, Mr. Ferdie has appeared in over 50 of Florida's 67 counties and in federal courts in seven states. He is an active mediator in both state and federal district court, as well as with the Florida Department of Insurance. Mr. Ferdie has served as a

magistrate in Dade County and as an associate municipal judge in West Miami. He is a former president of the Coral Gables Bar Association and played a leadership role in the Association Abogados Interamericana.



**Justice Bernette Johnson** has been an Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court since 1994. Prior to her election to the bench, Justice Johnson spent most of her legal career working in the public sector, including as a legal services attorney and as a deputy city attorney for the City of New Orleans. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the ABA Spirit of Excellence Award, the Ernest N. Morial

Award, presented by the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, and the Distinguished Civil Rights Advocate Award.



**Darrell Jordan** is the Managing Attorney of the Dallas Office of Dykema Gossett. His name is a very familiar one to the IOLTA community, as he is a former chair of the Commission on IOLTA and provided countless hours of pro bono service representing the Texas Access to Justice Foundation in the litigation challenging the constitutionality of IOLTA. Mr. Jordan is also a former member of the ABA Board of Governors, as well as the former president of the State Bar of Texas and the Dallas Bar Association. He specializes in civil trial

practice and has been designated a Texas Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* and *Texas Monthly* for the years 2003 through 2010.

**Winter 2011 IOLTA Workshops**



The Winter 2011 IOLTA Workshops will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 10-11 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta in conjunction with the ABA Midyear Meeting. The workshop sessions will address many timely topics, and the two days of programming will provide a wonderful opportunity for IOLTA staff and trustees to share information and network. The registration deadline for the workshops and hotel is January 14, 2011, but hotels fill up quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible. To register online go to: <http://new.abanet.org/calendar/midyear/Pages/default.aspx>

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