

**ABA Law Student Division
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**Entity Liaison Spotlight
Forum Committee on Sports and Entertainment Law**

Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries: Impressive

The ABA's Forum on Entertainment and Sports Law Annual meeting proved to be an exciting time. This year, the annual meeting was held in New York City's Grand Hyatt where eager law students and lawyers were captivated by numerous panels that were hosted by some of the top lawyers in the field. The panels included topics from Ethics and copyright to Interactive Technology and the Arts. Many lawyers and law students reported that this year's panels were impressive, filled with informative information that was easily accessible through the website and timely topics lead by and discussed by some of the most passionate, knowledgeable lawyers. The panels were so entertaining and informational that it became even harder for attendees to choose between them.

The conference also held, for the first time, a new attendee/member and international attendee reception. This reception was a new project brought by the governing committee that really allowed the Forum to mingle with and appreciate its new members. The reception was well attended as it was followed by an overall reception that brought together both the new members and the old members. The Forum made a strong effort to allow all members to network in a stress free friendly gathering. The receptions were nicely put together and were well attended. It was a wonderful scene to see lawyers and law students take out time to really just relax and talk to one another.

The Forum was not finished as it brought one of the legendary and extremely accomplished speakers to the meeting, Steven Van Zandt. The luncheon was amazing and interactive as attendees were introduced to Van Zandt while he took out the time from his busy schedule to have quality time with attendees. It was truly spectacular as he discussed trendy topics and more importantly, allowed the audience to ask him questions. It was an honor to be in his presence and a treat for everyone.

Finally, the Governing Committee met at the end of what was an exhausting event that left everyone with smiles on their faces. The committee met to discuss briefly new initiatives for both lawyers and law students. The committee has started its first initiative by launching social sites on facebook and LinkedIn. For law students, a twitter and a facebook page hosted by the ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Forum on Entertainment and Sports Law has been created to keep law students up to date with opportunities near and far. The committee is truly passionate about growing, coming together with other sections, working with circuit governors and bringing even more opportunities to its members. The new initiatives will surely prove to be beneficial for everyone. It is clear to see the governing committee cares about its members and the quality it brings to them. If you are not a member, sign up and become interactive with an amazing Forum with new opportunities already in the works.

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