

**National Association of Bar Executives
National Conference of Bar Presidents
National Conference of Bar Foundations
Miami, Florida - February 9, 2007**

Panel: Bench/Bar Partnerships in 2006

Moderator: John C. Cruden, Immediate Past President, District of Columbia

- Enclosure 1 **2006Bench/Bar Conference on Disaster Planning**
Innovative Bench/Bar conference focused on “State of Emergency: Is the District’s Justice System Prepared, with panelist including judges and bar leaders from Louisiana, Florida, and New York.
- Enclosure 2 **2006 Youth Law Fair**
Joint Bar/Bench program attracting hundreds of DC youth to a day long program where Bar took over Superior Court and Judges personally did tour of the court and assisted in moot courts.
- Enclosure 3 **2006 Access to Justice Report to District of Columbia Council**
Judicial Commission established at request of the Bar, and other groups, was able to convince Council to request \$3.2 million for public legal services in its budget for this fiscal year. The appropriation is earmarked for civil legal service providers working with poor residents in the District and the funding will be administered by the District of Columbia Bar Association.
(w/5 Attachments)
- Attachment 1 -Report of D.C. Access to Justice Commission
Attachment 2 -Testimony -Hon. Eric T. Washington
Attachment 3 -Testimony -Hon. Rufus G. King, III
Attachment 4 -Letter Signed by Past Presidents
Attachment 5 -D.C. Council’s Resolution