



Legislative and Governmental Advocacy Update
Program and Reception

ABA Annual Meeting – New York
Thursday, August 7, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sheraton New York
Empire Ballroom West, 2nd Floor

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National Conference of Bar Presidents
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The 110th Congress is debating many issues of vital concern to the legal profession and the justice system. The ABA is a non-partisan organization – the ABA does not endorse candidates, have a PAC or make campaign contributions. The ABA works with its Members and state/local/specialty bars to improve the justice system. Learn more about the hot issues and what you, your bar association or your ABA entity can do to get involved.

Speakers:

H. Thomas Wells, Jr., Maynard Cooper & Gale (Birmingham, Alabama) (*invited*)
President-Elect, American Bar Association
Topics: judicial compensation; ABA Day in Washington 2009; developing issues

Deborah G. Hankinson, Law Offices of Deborah G. Hankinson (Dallas, Texas)
Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
Topics: Legal Services Corporation (LSC) FY 2009 funding and related issues

Neal R. Sonnett, Neal R. Sonnett, P.A. (Miami, Florida)
Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs and Chair, ABA Task Force on Enemy Combatants
Topics: anti-terrorism issues, including Boumediene v. Bush

R. William Ide III, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (Atlanta, Georgia)
Chair, ABA Task Force on Attorney Client Privilege and ABA President (1994-1995)
Topics: S. 186, Preservation of the Attorney-Client Privilege; S. 2450, regarding Federal Rule of Evidence 502

Hulett H. (“Bucky”) Askew, American Bar Association (Chicago, Illinois)
Consultant on Legal Education, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
Topic: Action and Achievements on ABA Priorities on Legal Education

Moderator:

Thomas M. Susman, Director, ABA Governmental Affairs Office (Washington, D.C.)

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