

# L&E Newsletter

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## Message from the Chair

Thanks to the groundwork laid by former Chair Kayo Hull, and built upon by my predecessor, Alan Koral, we will soon be unveiling our Section's newest service to its members, a blog. With the advent of the blog, it is our hope that the Section's Web site will become one of the most important Web sites for our members. By visiting our Web site, you will be able to obtain up-to-date information of special interest to New York's labor and employment lawyers concerning the latest court and agency decisions; new federal, New York State and local legislation; recently published news articles; and other items of interest. Our Section's Communications Committee Co-Chairs, Jim McCauley, Mark Risk, and Mike Curley, with assistance from Seth Greenberg, Chair of our Section's Public Sector Labor Relations Committee, have been working together with New York State Bar Association staff to beef up our Web site and to get our blog up and running.



**Donald L. Sapir**

When you go to the Section's Web site, you now have the following at your fingertips:

- A directory with the names and contact information for each of our nearly 2,500 members.
- Dates, locations, and subject matter of our upcoming CLE programs with registration.
- Articles published in the Section's *Newsletter* since 2000.
- Papers submitted by our CLE speakers at the Section's 2008 CLE Meeting.
- Other information about the Section and its Committees.
- Links to legal research and legal ethics materials and Web sites
- And coming soon, the blog.

We want our Web site to be the go-to Web site you visit each day to keep abreast of important labor and employment law related news. Our content will include brief descriptions of newsworthy items free of manage-

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ment, employee, or union bias. A link will be provided to the primary source, i.e., the decision, statute, news article or other item described in the blurb. Opinion pieces or commentary written from the viewpoint of one of our labor and employment law constituencies will be noted as such. To perform this service successfully, we need to post new content on a daily basis. We must develop a core group of Section members willing to supply brief unbiased squibs and links to newsworthy items that they come across in their practices. Attribution given to volunteers will provide a great opportunity for any contributor to gain exposure to our members visiting the Web site.

If you are interested in helping to launch the Section's blog and/or participating in its maintenance, please contact any of our Communications Committee Co-Chairs: Jim McCauley at [jmccauley@clarityconnect.com](mailto:jmccauley@clarityconnect.com); Mark Risk at [mdr@mrisklaw.com](mailto:mdr@mrisklaw.com); Mike Curley at [mcurley@curleymullen.com](mailto:mcurley@curleymullen.com).

After our Fall CLE Meeting at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing, New York, October 2-4, the Section co-sponsored a one-day CLE program entitled, "Finding the Bottom Line: Rights of People with Disabilities in New York State." The program highlighted the greater protections afforded to employees with disabilities under New York State and local laws when compared to rights

granted by federal statutes. It will include discussion of the areas of public accommodations and housing, as well as employment. The program was scheduled to be held in Rochester on December 1, New York City on December 4, and Albany on December 9, 2009.

Finally, be sure to set aside January 28 and 29, 2010, to attend the Section's Annual CLE Program and Luncheon. For the first time in many years, the Section will be meeting in the same hotel as other NYSBA sections, at the New York City Hilton. Our CLE Committee Co-Chairs, Stephanie Roebuck and Ron Dunn, are putting together a CLE program that will provide insight into and the latest developments concerning issues important to New York's labor and employment bar. Presenters will include state and federal government labor and employment-related agency officials and many of the leading labor and employment lawyers and neutrals in the state. Check our Web site for further details.

As this year's Chair of the Section, please contact me regarding any service you would like the Section to provide, or anything you think we can do better than the way we are doing it. Thanks for your support of the Section and its activities.

**Don Sapir**