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As Co-chairs of the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA) Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, we write to invite you and your firm to participate in and co-sponsor the **10th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar** reception, to be held during the State Bar's 2013 Annual Meeting in New York City.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN THE BAR 2013 EVENT

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This important diversity celebration will take place on **Monday, January 21, 2013,** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel on the Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Avenue) in Manhattan. Each year, this event has attracted hundreds of attorneys, judges, bar association members, civic leaders, educators and others from across New York State and the nation who have come together to honor the work and accomplishment of individuals in the legal profession who are committed to making a difference.

This year, the 2013 Trailblazer Award winner is **Lillian M. Moy**, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. Her efforts to enhance the diversity of the profession and the cause of equal justice make her the ideal candidate to receive this recognition. In addition, a remembrance and appreciation of the late Theodore T. Jones, Jr., N.Y. Court of Appeals Associate Judge, will be delivered by the Hon. George Bundy Smith.

In 2012, an impressive group of New York law firms co-sponsored the reception, including:

- Cozen O'Connor
- Jones Day
- Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP
- Proskauer Rose LLP
- Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.
- Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Your firm's support and sponsorship of the 2013 reception is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the profession, by helping to defray a portion of the costs for this celebration, and by supporting NYSBA's efforts to increase the diversity of the New York bar, through such signature events as Youth Law Day for high school students at New York State law schools.

Celebrating Diversity in the Bar is co-sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and its Committee on Membership, as well as various minority and ethnic bar associations, including:

- Amistad Black Bar Association of Long Island
- Asian American Bar Association of New York
- Black Bar Association of Bronx County
- Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association
- Dominican Bar Association
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- Muslim Bar Association of New York
- Puerto Rican Bar Association

We hope your firm will co-sponsor the reception at the Gold ($5,000), Silver ($2,500) or Bronze ($1,000) Level. A pledge form detailing the benefits of giving at each level is attached. We look forward to your participation in this important event.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Schupp in the Office of Bar Services at the Bar Center (518.487.5541 or lschupp@nysba.org). Please reply with the pledge form by Friday, **January 4, 2013,** to allow us sufficient time to publicly recognize your contribution. Your payment may be made anytime during the first quarter of 2013 as well.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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10th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception

Monday, January 21, 2013
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Hilton New York Hotel
1335 Avenue of the Americas

Awards will be presented at 6:00 p.m. | Reception is from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Pledge Form

Return by Friday, January 4, 2013

I pledge to support this event:

_____ Gold ($5,000) (Full-page program ad, table placards, firm name and logo on posters displayed throughout reception room)

_____ Silver ($2,500) (Half-page program ad, firm name and logo on posters placed throughout reception room)

_____ Bronze ($1,000) (Quarter-page program ad, logo on posters at entrance to reception and by award podium)

_____ Other_____

In addition, take-away information that you provide about your law firm will be made available to attendees.

Firm Name: _____

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Return to Linda Schupp, Office of Bar Services, via:

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