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New York State Conference of Bar Leaders

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Message from the Chair

Happy 2012 to everyone. January is often viewed as a fresh start: a new year, new resolutions, new tax season. Yet for many leaders, it is also the halfway point. June is just around the bend.

Should you take a moment and look at what we have accomplished thus far, or forge ahead to a successful finish? I suggest a quick review of the goals you set out to achieve. Do this quickly, because it will be February before you know it. Then reassess what goals are left to achieve, the reality of your commitments, and set a focused path to finish those things that are possible.

Now is also a time to start thinking about your organization's succession plan. What long-term initiatives do you wish to see fulfilled? Do you have leadership lined up to step in? Do you have your nominations committee in place? These are just a few things to take into consideration as we begin 2012. Meanwhile, I hope to see you at our two main events at the end of this month, during NYSBA's Annual Meeting. Until then and best regards—*Earamichia*

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Follow up: The Pro Bono Appeals Program

The Pro Bono Appeals Program—first presented to bar leaders in a session at last October's workshop—has recently expanded to provide representation in a broad range of appeals involving basic needs.

For more information, visit http://www.nysba.org/ccaj.
To download an application form, click here.
To view the updated brochure, click here.
For the *New York Law Journal* article, click here.

Judicial Screening Panel Program, Jan. 19

Judicial screening panels play an instrumental part in the judicial election and appointment processes. Learn how you can serve on these influential judicial screening panels and why such service is critically important to the profession. This program is sponsored by several local and minority bar associations.

Speaking of Which . . . Judicial Vacancies

This is the second in a series of notices from the New York State Judicial Screening Committees on available judicial positions throughout the state. Click here for the listings. The application due date is January 27.

Events

Fall Bar Leader Teleconference

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

2012 NYSCBL Annual Meeting Events

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
NYSCBL Networking Event
The Volstead | 125 E. 54th St. |New York
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 26, 2012
Executive Directors Meeting
Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Hilton Hotel | 1335 6th Ave. | New York
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 27, 2012
Bar Leaders Breakfast & Innovation Awards
Sutton Parlor North, 2nd Floor
Hilton Hotel | 1335 6th Ave. | New York
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

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Bar People

Bar Leaders and Award Winners

Two local bar association leaders will be honored with the following awards during the New York State Bar Association's Annual Meeting:

Carol L. Van Scoyoc, President of the **Westchester County Bar Association**, will receive the New York State Bar Association's 2012 Excellence in Public Service Award. Ms. Van Scoyoc works for the White Plains Corporation Counsel's Office. The Award, sponsored by the Committee on Public Service, recognizes a lawyer's commitment to, and performance of, public service.

Bryan Hetherington will receive the 2012 Haywood Burns Award. Mr. Hetherington, President of the **Monroe County Bar Association**, is being recognized by the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Civil Rights for his contributions to New York State in a manner that reflect W. Haywood Burns' commitment to the struggle for justice. Mr. Hetherington is chief counsel for the Empire Justice Center in Rochester, NY.

For more information on the awards and related events, go to www.nysba.org/am2012.

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Notices

Conference of Bar Leaders Events at NYSBA's Annual Meeting Week

The Conference will once again sponsor three events at NYSBA's Annual Meeting in January.

1. The Third Annual NYSCBL Networking event will again take place at The Volstead, 2.5 blocks east of the Hilton New York, on Wednesday, January 25.

2. A meeting for bar association executive directors is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 in the Trianon Ballroom at the Hilton.

3. The Bar Leaders Breakfast and Innovation Awards is on Friday, January 27. This year's award winners are:

New York County Lawyers Association, for its Mentoring Program (large bar).

American Immigration Lawyers Association, for its Pro Bono Immigration Clinics (medium bar).

Adirondack Women's Bar Association, for its Domestic Violence Legal Clinics (small bar).

Nigerian Lawyers Association, for its Pro Bono Legal Clinics (small bar).

The programs are free, but advance registration is required. Contact Linda Schupp (518.487.5541 / lschupp@nysba.org) to sign up for some or all events.