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Message from the Chair

Here are a few scenes from last month's Bar Leaders Breakfast and Innovation Awards Ceremony. This year's winners of the Innovation Awards appear on the next page. I look forward to seeing you in New York this April for the spring workshop. Details are below and at www.nyscbl.org.

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2012 Spring Workshop

Leaders search for *opportunities* to change the status quo. They look for innovative ways to improve the organization and create learning environments.

The Conference of Bar Leaders will host a Facilitative Leadership Workshop that emphasizes high performance based on the following premises:

- Leadership Inside and Out
- Leading Yourself and Others
- Tools in Your Good Leadership Toolkit
- More Tools: Leading with Questions and the Learning Imperative
- Special Issues: Volunteers and Attorneys

Lead by Bruce Peters of Rochester, NY, this workshop will help leaders and directors see new avenues of potential within their associations.

Register online or by mail.

Events

Spring Bar Leader Teleconference
Tuesday, March 22, 2012 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Spring 2012 Workshop
Thursday, April 19, 2012 / 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Executive Directors Meeting
NYCLA Headquarters
14 Vesey Street
New York City, NY

Friday, April 20, 2012 / 9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
Workshop
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler
1133 Avenue of the Americas
New York City, NY

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Bar People

Congratulations to the 2011 Bar Leaders Innovation Award Winners

Adirondack Women's Bar Association

L—r: Lillian Moy, Cheryl Sovern, Jessica Vinson, Dave Schraver

New York County Lawyers Association

L—r: Hon. Laura Ward, Earamichia Brown, Lew Tesser, Nancy Morisseau, Seymour James, Stewart Aaron, James Kobak, Madeleine Cag and Bari Chase

American Immigration Lawyers Association

L—r: Earamichia Brown, Seymour James, Elizabeta Markuci, Jennifer Durkin

Nigerian Lawyers Association

L—r: Earamichia Brown, Reni Adadevoh, Seymour James

Call for Feedback

Dear Bar Leader:

Last December, the American Bar Association's Commission on Ethics 20/20 issued a discussion paper concerning a proposal on alternative law practice structures. The proposal would introduce a form of non-lawyer ownership, described as a limited version of the existing model in District of Columbia. Current New York State Bar Association policy is against any non-lawyer ownership of law firms. The ABA has asked bar associations to provide comments on the proposal. In response, New York State Bar President Vince Doyle has put together a special Task Force on Non-Lawyer Ownership (NLO). I am the Chair of the Task Force, and David A. Lewis is the Co-Chair.

The Task Force is reaching out to your association for your views, input, and comments on the proposal before making its recommendation and preparing its report. Although the ABA House of Delegates has indicated it will not vote on this issue until February 2013, the Task Force intends to submit its report to the ABA by August of this year. Thus, in order to prepare the Task Force's report, **we ask that you submit your feedback by April 25, 2012**.

For your reference, a copy of the ABA's discussion paper can be read here. We appreciate your time and look forward to receiving your response. Please reply by e-mail to Kim McHargue at kmchargue@nysba.org prior to April 25, 2012.

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