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Leader to Leader

New York State Conference of Bar Leaders

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Message from the Chair

Happy spring bar leaders —We are at the beginning of the last leadership quarter for many of our bar associations. I trust you have strategized, planned, and implemented the many ideas with which you started your leadership year.

As we finish our spring programs, galas and law days, don't forget succession planning. For those ending their terms, be sure to have a solid plan in place to continue the work that was started before you and during your term of office. Leave your organizations stronger than when you began.

For those of you continuing as a leader, take this time to assess your mission plan. Are you on track? Do you need to make some changes? Now is the time to start thinking about that. I look forward to seeing you all at our spring workshop on April 20 at Patterson Belknap in New York. See the next page for program details. — *Earamichia Brown*

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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 2012 Workshop

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

Thursday, April 19, 2012 / 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Pre-workshop Dinner
NYCLA Headquarters

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
See detailed program on page 2.

Spring Bar Leader Teleconference

Tuesday, May 22, 2012 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Bar People

QUEENS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT RECEIVES NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANGELO T. COMETA AWARD

The Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project (QVLP) has been honored with the 2012 Angelo T. Cometa Award, given by the Committee on Lawyer Referral Service of the New York State Bar Association.

The QVLP provides pro bono legal assistance to hundreds of Queens County residents and refers others in need of assistance to free legal service providers. Each year, approximately 5,000 people contact the QVLP for help with evictions, Family Court cases, divorces and wills.

Since 2008, the QVLP's Queens Foreclosure Conference Project has provided free legal assistance to homeowners facing court-mandated foreclosure conferences. It assisted more than 150 homeowners in 2010 and 121 in 2011.

Nearly 900 *pro se* litigants involved in consumer debt cases received help from the QVLP's Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office (CLARO)-Queens Consumer Debt Clinic. Many of the clients are elderly or disabled and the victims of identity theft.

Leaders Speak Out!!

Visit www.nyscbl.org to hear what Conference members have to say about the challenges and joys of leading a bar association.

Leaders Listed!!

The 2012 Spring edition of the Directory of Bar Associations is now available. Download your copy now.

Spring Workshop Program

9:30 – 9:35 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
Earamichia N. Brown, Esq.
Chair, New York State Conference of Bar Leaders

9:35 – 10:45 a.m. **Leadership Inside and Out**
Defined: Thinking – Being – Doing (Leadership 101)
Accountability: "Promises Made, Promises Kept"
Obligations: Leaders and Followers

10:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Leading Yourself and Others**
The Concept of Roles
Creating High-Performance Teams – The Basics
Leadership Assessment
Being Had by Your Cause

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Learn at Lunch**
Court Unification Issues
Denise Kronstadt
Deputy Executive Director and Director of Advocacy

Stephen P. Younger
Immediate Past President, NYSBA

1:40 – 3:15 p.m. **Tools in Your Leader Toolkit**
Developing a mission
Assessing Leadership Competencies – Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities
Personal Action Plans
More Tools: Leading with Questions and the Learning Imperative
Special Issues Concerning Volunteers and Attorneys
Summary and Feedback

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Closing Remarks and Opportunity Drawing

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