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Message from the Chair

Happy June my fellow bar leaders,

Whew, this has been an amazing ride. I am still trying to figure out where the time went. I clearly recall writing to you in September.

This is a time of rejuvenation and preparation—to relax and enjoy the fruits of our labor over the past year. It is also time for me to pass the reigns to an amazing bar leader and dear friend, Karla Wilsey of Rochester. I have had a most incredible time serving as chair of this Council for the past two years. It was my sincere pleasure and honor to meet and get to know many leaders over the years.

I will not be far; as past chair I continue to serve on the Council (see page 2), but I know that under Karla's leadership the Conference of Bar Leaders will continue to provide service and value to leaders across New York.

Take the summer to retreat, prepare, and rest up for the 2012 – 2013 bar season. Thank you for your service.

— *Earamichia Brown*

News / Issues

Coalition for Court Simplification

The Committee for Modern Courts has formed a *Coalition for Court Simplification* to address the structure of the New York State Court System.

Stephen P. Younger, NYSBA Past President, serves as Co-Chair of Modern Courts' Task Force on Court Simplification.

The coalition seeks support from bar associations to join a growing list of New York State business associations and a broad array of advocates against domestic violence, legal service providers, other bar associations, and good government groups as part of its efforts to secure an amendment to the state constitution that would simplify New York's courts.

View the May 29, 2012 press release for more information.

Events

Fall Bar Leader Teleconference

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
To register, contact Linda Schupp
lschupp@nysba.org | 518.487.5541

Save the Date — Fall Workshop

Thursday, October 18, 2012
9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
Fall Workshop
State Bar Center, Albany, NY

This program will be webcast live for real-time viewing on your workstation as the program takes place on October 18. A video recording will also be saved online at www.nyscbl.org for download.

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Bar People

Congratulations to the newly installed leaders of the following bar associations:

- American Immigration Lawyers Association, NY Chapter
- Bronx County Bar Association
- Brooklyn Bar Association
- Brooklyn Chapter Women's Bar Association
- Broome County Bar Association
- Capital District Women's Bar Association
- County Attorneys Association of NYS
- Customs & International Trade Bar Association
- Dutchess County Bar Association
- Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys
- Long Island Hispanic Bar Association
- Muslim Bar Association of New York
- Nassau County Criminal Courts Bar Association
- Nassau Lawyers' Association of Long Island, Inc.
- New York City Bar Association
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association
- New York Workers' Compensation Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- Orange-Sullivan Chapter Women's Bar Association
- Puerto Rican Bar Association
- Queens County Bar Association
- Rensselaer County Bar Association
- Schoharie County Bar Association
- Suffolk County Bar Association
- Ulster County Bar Association
- Westchester County Bar Association
- Western NY Chapter Women's Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

NYSCBL Executive Council

Effective July 1, 2012, the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders Executive Council will have a new chair, vice-chair and new departmental representatives. The 2012 — 2014 roster is below.

Chair	Karla Wilsey
Vice-Chair	Diane Herrmann
Immediate Past Chair	Earamichia Brown
NYSBA President-elect	David Schraver
First Department	Deborah Martin
Second Department	Abayomi Ajaiyeoba
Third Department	Linda Clark
Fourth Department	Frank Furno and Cheryl Smith Fisher
Network of Bar Leaders	Taa Grays, President
Member-at-Large	M. Barry Levy
Executive Director Representative	Sophia Gianacoplos
NYSBA Staff Liaison	Mark Wilson

Further information is available at the Conference of Bar Leaders website, www.nyscbl.org, or contact Mark Wilson (mwilson@nysba.org | 518.487.5540.)