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Message from the Chair

I welcome new and returning bar leaders, and especially thank members of the Conference's Executive Council for their commitment to lead our initiatives on behalf of the NYSCBL. As you embark on your member bar responsibilities, whether as an officer or an executive director, we hope you take advantage of NYSCBL's tremendous array of resources to:

- Connect you with other bar leaders across the state;
- Discuss, develop and act upon issues of common interest to bar leaders;
- Help you launch new initiatives and elevate results by tapping into the broad experience of other bar leaders;
- Provide leadership training, guidance, and best practices through NYSCBL's semiannual workshops.

I look forward to connecting with you through the year and meeting you in person at one of our upcoming events. Please let us know if you have any issues you wish to present to the group or need assistance connecting with other member bar associations.

I hope to see you in Albany at the Fall Workshop on October 18, 2012. Enjoy this beautiful summer!

Karla Wilsey

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Summer Edition of *Bar Association Directory* Now Available

The 2012 Summer edition of the *Directory of Bar Associations in New York State* is now available online at www.nyscbl.org.

ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association and affiliate entities such as the National Association of Bar Executives and the National Conference of Bar Presidents, takes place in Chicago August 2—7. For more information, visit www.americanbar.org.

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

Fall Workshop

Thursday, October 18, 2012/10:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.
It's a Wonderful Life—
Bar Associations Make a Difference
State Bar Center, Albany, NY

What if bar associations did not exist? How would a lawyer's professional life be affected by their absence? This program, which also will be webcast, will look at the impact bar associations have on the profession, their usefulness to the individual attorney and provide marketing suggestions that can enhance recruitment efforts.

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Bar People

Oneida County Bar Association (OCBA) Courthouse Rededication—June 14

Portrait Unveiling of Judge Grow
(l to r): Mary R. Grow
Hon. John W. Grow
Julie Grow Denton
(photo: Ricardo J. Mauro, Esq.)

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony at Rededication
(l to r): Gerard Fiorini, Chair, Board of Legislatures; Elizabeth Snyder Fortino, OCBA President; Anthony J. Picente, Jr., County Executive; Robert F. Julian, Esq.; Hon. Bernadette T. Clark, SCJ
(photo: Ramon Aiello)

Marian Rice Elected Nassau County Bar Association's 110th President

Marian C. Rice, a partner of the Attorney Liability Practice Group at L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita & Contini, L.L.P., Garden City, has been installed as the 110th president of The Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA), the largest suburban bar association in the country, in Mineola. Rice is the first NCBA President and one of the few attorneys on Long Island who concentrates her law practice on the representation of attorneys and risk management for lawyers.

A Ramadan Primer

Ramadan Announcement from the Muslim Bar Association of New York

This year, Ramadan will begin on or around July 19th. Ramadan is a holy month that affects the lives of many Muslim colleagues throughout the bar. During this time of rejuvenation, Muslim attorneys across the U. S. will be observing the fast, reflecting in prayer, and doing more to better their communities and families.

Ramadan will run until August 18th or thereabouts. Muslims who observe the holiday fast from dawn to dusk and will abstain from eating and drinking, among other things. Typically, Muslim legal professionals strive to perform their prayers at five prescribed times during the day and will break their fast at sunset. Such observances rarely take more than five to ten minutes, but they can occur during business hours. Muslims across America have been fulfilling their Ramadan obligations for years. Rarely has it disrupted their professional duties. While each person's needs are unique, such accommodations are often as simple as briefly excusing a colleague from a meeting so that he or she may break their fast or offer prayers.

In addition, the end of Ramadan is marked by the joyous holiday of Eid ul Fitr, and many Muslim lawyers may seek to take the day off to attend services and spend the day in celebration with family and friends.

The Muslim Bar Association of New York invites you to visit its website (www.muslimbarny.org) for more information. Ramadan Mubarak! (Happy Ramadan!)