Trial Lawyers Section Diversity Challenge

One of our plans for increasing diversity for the coming year is to run programs at law schools throughout the state where we could possibly put together presentations by experienced counsel and judges in the various localities regarding court room conduct. Hopefully the panelists will be made up of a diverse group as well! After the presentation, we were hoping to offer some refreshments and have a networking session at these various law schools. We would also like to make materials available about joining the NYSBA and our section. We want to offer reduced rates for new grads. Right now, I am not sure where we stand on the available funds.

Also, we wanted to reach out to some of the minority bar associations to either co-sponsor an event or make them aware of our section in other ways. Our plan would be to make sure that if the members of these minority bars were interested in joining our section but were short of funds, that they know our section membership fee can be waived without having to go through any embarrassing paperwork.

Please let me know what budget has been set aside for our committee; or if you require any additional input from me to set aside funds for these endeavors.

I hope Violet and Cory can be available for a conference call sometime next week. Hopefully by then we will hear back about our budget and we can firm up some plans. Now that my trial has busted - my schedule is pretty good next week.

Pat and Pat, let me know if you can get out to lunch next week sometime. Since the 3 of us are all here in Albany, it may be helpful to meet in person and get some more ideas on your end. Thanks.

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