

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Members Participating: Abernethy, Doyle, Finerty, Franchina, Gaffney, Gerstman, Gorgos, Gutekunst, James, Lau-Kee, Martin, Millon, Miranda, Moy, Romero, Schraver, Wallach, and Young.

Guest: Albert L. Bloomsbury, John Hanna, Jr.

Mr. James presided as President of the Association.

1. Report and recommendations of International Section. John Hanna, Jr., chair of the International Section's Environmental Law Committee, and Albert L. Bloomsbury, co-chair of the section's Contract and Commercial Law Committee, outlined the section's recommendation that the Association support ratification of the United National Convention on the Law of the Sea. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the recommendation and to refer the section's request that the issue be designated a legislative priority to the Committee on Federal Legislative Priorities.
2. Co-sponsorship of resolutions proposed by the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20. Mr. James reviewed four resolutions scheduled for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates at its February 2013 meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that consideration of co-sponsorship should be deferred to the January 24, 2013 Executive Committee meeting and that the Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct should be asked to review the resolutions and make a recommendation as to co-sponsorship.
3. Request for NYSBA support for a request to OCA to establish a separate part in Housing Court for Storm Sandy-related matters. Mr. James reviewed a request from the Network of Bar Leaders that the Association support a request for the establishment of a separate part in Housing Court for storm-related matters. After discussion, a motion was adopted to refer the request to the Committee on Legal Aid and the Real Property Law Section to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
4. Potential *amicus curiae* brief in U.S. Supreme Court same-sex marriage cases. Mr. James advised the Executive Committee that he asked the Committee on LGBT People and the Law to review the cases that will be argued before the Supreme Court and make a recommendation as to Association participation as *amicus* and the scope of such participation. Depending upon the court's briefing schedule, there may be a need to hold a conference call meeting of the Executive Committee to approve *amicus* participation.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David P. Miranda
Secretary