

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2012**

Members Participating: Abernethy, Castellano, Doyle, Fennell, Finerty, Gorgos, Gutekunst, James, Lau-Kee, Miranda, Moy, Safer, Slezak, Wallach, and Young.

Mr. Doyle presided as President of the Association.

1. Resolution re Lawrence E. Walsh. Mr. Doyle reported that Judge Walsh, who served as NYSBA President from 1966 to 1967 and ABA President from 1975 to 1976, would turn 100 years old on January 8, 2012 and that a commemoration would be held that weekend. As part of that commemoration, a resolution had been prepared by which NYSBA could honor Judge Walsh. A motion was adopted to approve the resolution.
2. Resolution re Samuel L. Green. Mr. Doyle reported that Justice Green, who recently retired, had served 27 years on the Appellate Division, Fourth Department and was the first African-American to serve as a Supreme Court Justice outside New York City, and that a resolution had been prepared to honor Justice Green on the occasion of his retirement. A motion was adopted to approve the resolution.
3. Task Force on Non-Lawyer Ownership. Mr. Doyle outlined the work of the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20, which is conducting a review of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct in the context of advances in technology and global law practice. He noted that the Commission has prepared a number of white papers and discussion drafts, and the Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct has been reviewing and commenting on them. One recent report, however, relates to non-lawyer ownership of law firms, and is inconsistent with the position adopted by the House in 2000 with respect to multi-disciplinary practice. However, given the differences in the proposal and the fact that more than 10 years have passed since the House adopted its position, he planned to appoint a Task Force on Non-Lawyer Ownership, with Stephen P. Younger as chair and David A. Lewis as vice-chair, to review this issue. A motion was adopted to approve the creation of the task force.
4. Report re state court funding. Mr. Doyle and Ms. Finerty updated the Executive Committee with respect to the project to compile information from each judicial district regarding the impact of budget cuts on the state court system. Ms. Finerty thanked the Vice Presidents for their work in collecting and submitting information and Teresa Schiller for her work in editing the report. The report was received with thanks.
5. Annual Meeting update. Mr. Doyle highlighted events of interest to Executive Committee members, including the Diversity Reception; a CLE program on representing veterans; an open house with ABA President-Elect Designee James R. Silkenat; a presentation from the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20; a documentary on the Nuremburg trials; the Presidential Summit and President's Reception; training on representing not-for-profit groups by Charity Corps; a memorial for Valerie Standard, wife of past president Kenneth G. Standard; and the President's Dinner.

6. Personnel matters. In executive session, Mr. Doyle reported to the Executive Committee with respect to certain personnel matters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David P. Miranda".

David P. Miranda
Secretary