

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A Time of Change. A Time of Opportunity.

We have focused substantial attention this year on the changes and challenges affecting our law schools and the legal profession with the September 2013 issue of the *Journal*, several articles in the *State Bar News*, and the Presidential Summit at the Annual Meeting in January. We will continue this discussion with the convocation we are sponsoring jointly with the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law at Pace Law School on May 22.

In this last President's Message of my term, I want to make you aware of some other changes and opportunities for our association.

We are in the process of searching for a new Executive Director to replace Pat Bucklin, who served in that position for nearly 13 years. To date, we have received more than 40 expressions of interest in the position in response to a nationwide search. Thus far, the search committee has interviewed five candidates. We are very pleased with the quality of the candidates and are optimistic that we will soon be in a position to announce our new Executive Director. We will also be searching for a new Associate Executive Director to join our executive team. In the meantime, Associate Executive Director Richard Martin will be working closely with President-

Elect Glenn Lau-Kee, President-Elect Designee David Miranda and me to manage the operations of the Association. Glenn and David will take office as President and President-Elect on June 1, and the State Bar will be well served by their leadership.

In anticipation of the arrival of our new Executive Director, we are taking the opportunity to update the strategic plans that have been developed over

the past several years; we are also studying other issues that are important to the future of the Association. In the process, we are focused on continuing to provide and improve the value of NYSBA membership; investing in technology to provide CLE and other member benefits and to improve communication and operations internally and externally; and carrying out the mission of the Association to serve our members, the legal profession and the public.

As we plan together for the future of the New York State Bar Association, we invite your feedback, ideas



and suggestions about how we can be most relevant to you, our members. How can we best meet your needs and expectations? How can we help you to be competent, professional and successful in our rapidly changing profession? This is a time of opportunity to see what we are doing well, what we can do better, and how we can help each other meet the challenges presented by increasing client demands

"The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity."

Peter Drucker

and expectations, globalization, technology, new forms of competition, law school debt and the need for creativity and innovation as lawyers in the 21st century.

It has been an honor to serve as your President. I encourage all of you to be actively involved in our Sections and Committees and to take advantage of the many benefits of membership in the New York State Bar Association. ■

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