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MIDYEAR MEETING
February 4-6, 2010

SCHEDULE OF PRO

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held at the Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

2:00pm–4:00pm

APRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Cayman Room)

6:00pm–8:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES AND THEIR GUESTS

Join your APRL friends and colleagues, old and new, for an opening gathering with appetizers, light dinner fare, beer, wine and soft drinks.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00am–8:00am

BREAKFAST

8:15am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30am–9:30am

LAW FIRM DIVORCES, PART 2: WHO GETS WHAT (AND HOW)?

Ronald C. Minkoff, Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein & Selz PC, New York, NY (chair)

Allison D. Rhodes, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Portland, OR

W. Donald Cox, Fowler White Boggs, P.A., Tampa, FL

The panel will pick up where the Chicago Annual Meeting panel left off: When (if ever) may a departing lawyer copy files, client lists, and legal and business forms? Is injunctive relief available? If so, under what theories? May a firm impose a retaining or charging lien on a file that a client directs go with the departing lawyer? How are fees divided? What restrictions on easy lawyer moves are permissible?

9:30am–10:15am

CLIENT-DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR YOUR ETHICS PRACTICE IN A STORMY ECONOMY

Roy S. Ginsburg, Minnetonka, MN

Attracting new clients and producing additional revenue is more important—and more difficult—than ever. That's why it is essential to ramp up your business development efforts to gain every possible advantage. This presentation will help you learn to identify best practices for connecting with potential clients and referral sources, to maximize networking within your comfort areas, and to create higher visibility for your practice.

10:15am–10:30am

BREAK—Snacks and Refreshments

10:30am–11:30am

I SEE YOUR FACE BEFORE ME: THE ETHICAL PRACTICALITIES AND PITFALLS OF ELECTRONIC NETWORKING AND VIRTUAL LIVES

James S. Bolan, Brecher, Wyner, Simons, Fox & Bolan LLP, Newton, MA (chair/moderator)

Elizabeth S. Tarbert, Ethics & Advertising Counsel, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL

Brian S. Faughnan, Adams and Reese LLC, Memphis, TN

We (and our lawyer and law firm clients) now have websites, blogs, MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, and even "Second Lives" on which to plaster our faces and trumpet our wares. Inquiring minds want to know: What are the ethical, legal, and practical limits? What is your lawyer-avatar up to? Do virtual lawyers dream of electronic deeds? Is virtual lawyering as good (and as ethical) as the "real thing"? Our intrepid panel will address all these questions and more.

11:30am–12:45pm

RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL ROUNDTABLE (including box lunch for registrants)

Dianna M. Anelli, Columbus, OH (moderator)

Our traditional roundtable discussion of issues of interest to counsel for respondents in lawyer-disciplinary and similar proceedings.

AFTERNOON FREE

6:30pm–8:00pm

APRL FAMILY DINNER—All Attendees and Guests Welcome!

In keeping with the relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere of the meeting, bring yourself and your guests to a outdoor dinner buffet with a Florida/Caribbean theme. Crocs and flip-flops welcome, and drinks (soft and otherwise) with tiny little umbrellas provided.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00am–7:45am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00am–9:00am

JUDICIAL RECUSAL AND DISQUALIFICATION—WHAT’S NEW?**Mark I. Harrison**, Osborn Maledon, P.A., Phoenix, AZ (chair)**Gary M. Farmer**, Judge, District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fourth District, West Palm Beach, FL**Sherri D. Goodman**, Goodman Advocacy, Charleston, WV

The sleepy waters of judicial ethics are roiling. From the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark 2002 recognition of judges’ and judicial candidates’ First Amendment rights in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, to the Court’s 2009 decision “constitutional-izing” judicial recusal in *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.*, to the ABA’s serious 2007 revision of its Model Code of Judicial Conduct, to the efforts now complete or underway in 38 jurisdictions to rewrite ethics codes, to serious national calls for “recusal reform,” the ethics waters are choppy for judges, judicial candidates, and those who must advise and appear before them. Join an all-star panel for a guided tour of the issues.

9:00am–10:00am

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES: CHARACTER-AND-FITNESS INVESTIGATIONS**John A. Weiss**, John A. Weiss, P.A., Tallahassee, FL (chair)**William Kalish**, Akerman Senterfitt LLP, Tampa, FL (emeritus member, Florida Board of Bar Examiners)**Kim D. Ringler**, Deputy Attorney General, New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety - Division of Law Professional Boards Prosecution Section, Newark, NJ

Nothing concentrates the mind of a bar applicant like news that bar examiners have “concerns” arising out of their character-and-fitness investigation. Three experienced panelists will explore the current landscape of character-and-fitness examinations, the existing standards, the role they play in bar admission, the current reach and scope of investigations, current procedural issues, what topics are of increasing interest to bar examiners, and how they are and should be dealt with by bar examiners and addressed by applicants and their counsel.

10:00am–10:45am

BREAK

Commute to Buena Vista Palace, 1900 Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL, for NOBC/APRL joint program. Bus transportation provided.

JOINT NOBC/APRL PROGRAM:

10:45am–11:45am

INVESTIGATING, PROSECUTING, AND DEFENDING DISCIPLINARY CASES IN AN ELECTRONIC WORLD

— Buena Vista Palace, 1900 Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Linda B. Eide, Senior Disciplinary Counsel, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA (President, NOBC) (moderator)**Janet S. Hunt**, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Honolulu, HI**Charles Anderson**, Investigator, Office of Bar Counsel, Washington, DC**Elizabeth S. Conan**, Law Office of Elizabeth S. Conan, Orlando, FL**Donald D. Campbell**, Collins Einhorn Farrell & Ulanoff, P.C., Southfield, MI

Like everyone else, lawyers, their clients, and those who deal with them are immersed in a sea of digital information and documents, and awash in internet transactions and presences, and our immersion is only becoming more expansive. These changes cannot help but affect the investigation, prosecution, and defense of lawyer disciplinary cases. Is lawyer discipline ready for e-discovery? Who bears the economic and technical burden or investigating and prosecuting a case that requires techno-expertise to investigate and prosecute? If lawyers must be technologically competent to practice law today, at least in certain practice areas, how technologically competent must the lawyers who regulate, prosecute, and defend them be? Are disciplinary judges and panels ready for state-of-the-art trial presentations? All will be revealed and explained by our panel. Virtually.

12:00pm

BUS TRANSPORTATION BACK TO CARIBE ROYALE PROVIDED.

Buses depart from Buena Vista Palace at 12:00 noon sharp.

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The meeting registration fee is \$195.00 for members and \$225.00 for nonmembers and includes Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday and Saturday breakfast, and lunch on Friday for those attending the Respondent's Counsel Roundtable. APRL's traditional group dinner (at an additional cost of \$85.00 for each adult, and \$25.00 for each child 16 or under) will be an outdoor poolside dinner buffet at the Caribe Royale Orlando on Friday, February 5, 2010. See the program brochure for details.

_____ **APRL member(s) @ \$195.00** = \$ _____

_____ **Nonmember(s) @ \$225.00** = \$ _____

_____ **Friday night dinner @ \$85.00** = \$ _____

_____ **Friday night dinner (16 or under) @ \$25.00** = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make your check payable to APRL, and send it WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION form to:
APRL at 134 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60602.

To receive a full refund from APRL, cancellations must be received no later than **JANUARY 21, 2010**.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL.

See the back page of the program brochure for information regarding reservations at Caribe Royale Orlando at the APRL rate.

**The deadline for room reservations at the group rate is January 12, 2010, OR
whenever the block of rooms is exhausted, whichever occurs earlier.**

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