

CLIENT UPDATE

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NLADA's 2004 Exemplar Awards Dinner to Honor Ben Heineman of General Electric

With the theme of "Equality, Leadership, Community, Justice: Making It Happen," the NLADA 2004 Exemplar Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 17, at The Capital Hilton Hotel, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and awards program at 7:30 p.m. NLADA will present its 2004 Exemplar Award to Benjamin W. Heineman, Jr., senior vice president for law and public affairs of General Electric (GE). Jeffrey Kindler of Pfizer, Carter Phillips of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood and John Villa of Williams & Connolly will serve as co-chairs of this year's event.

Heineman has demonstrated excellence throughout his wide-ranging career, from corporate law to private practice to the public sector. Prior to his role at GE, Heineman had an impressive career that includes accomplishments as a managing partner of Sidley & Austin's Washington office; assistant secretary for Planning and Evaluation with the U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare; staff attorney at the Center for Law & Social Policy; and law clerk to Associate Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court. Heineman also co-authored Memorandum for the President: A Strategic Approach to Domestic Affairs in the 1980s and authored *The Politics of the Powerless: A Study of the Campaign Against Racial Discrimination*, a pioneering study of race relations in Britain. He received his BA with high honors at

Harvard; a graduate degree in political sociology as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford; and his JD from Yale where he served as editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal.

From 1987 through the beginning of this year, Heineman served as the GE general counsel and was responsible for managing a globally diverse team of more than 1000 in-house attorneys in more than 100 countries around the world. He is renowned for creating a corporate culture of integrity and compliance where lawyers are highly valued and play a significant role in the business and management. Under Heineman's leadership, in fact, the GE law department has come to be recognized around the world for its excellence, and is fondly known as the "general counsel graduate school" as a number of former GE corporate counsel now head law departments at other Fortune 1000 companies.

Heineman has not only demonstrated his exceptional leadership in transforming the role of inside corporate counsel. He has also done so while maintaining a life-long commitment to public service, diversity and the principle of justice for all to serve the broad interests of the bar and their communities. One example is the Pro Bono Partnership (The Partnership). With Heineman's strong support and guidance, GE and other members of the Corporate Bar Association in the Connecticut and New York area founded The Partnership in 1997. The Partnership is a coordination and resource center to help corporate counsel offer free legal services to nonprofit organizations in the Westchester County (NY), Fairfield County (CT) and Northern New Jersey that have legal needs but cannot afford to hire counsel. To date, over 700 corporate counsel have

provided legal services through The Partnership for over 600 nonprofit organizations on over 1650 different legal matters. In 2000, the American Bar Association's Section of Business Law presented the ABA National Public Service Award to GE for its role in creating the Partnership. The Partnership is a model for pro bono activities by inside counsel. New partnerships have opened in New Jersey and others are in the planning stage in cities across the United States.

In addition to the commitment to pro bono activities, Heineman has led his legal team to higher ground in other areas as well. In 2000, Heineman accepted the Diversity 2000 Award from the Minority Corporate Counsel Association on behalf of GE's law department for progress made in advancing the cause of diversity in corporate law. In 2002, the American Corporate Counsel Association/Global Corporate Counsel Association presented the 2002 Excellence in Corporate Practice Award to Heineman for his achievement in the areas of community relations, public service and advancement of profession. NLADA is honored this year to join in recognizing an innovator, leader and proponent of the cause of equal justice like Ben Heineman.

NLADA will also honor the 2004 winners of the Kutak-Dodds Prizes at the dinner. Co-sponsored by NLADA and the Robert J. Kutak Foundation, these prestigious awards annually honor the accomplishments of civil legal aid attorneys, public defenders, or public interest advocates who, through the practice of law, are contributing in a significant way to the enhancement of human dignity and quality of life of those persons unable to afford legal

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NOCA AND THE NLADA CLIENT SECTION AND POLICY GROUP ANNOUNCE A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Recruit the most members by November 1, 2004 and receive an award at the NLADA Annual Conference, December 1-4, in Washington, DC. Please make sure to write your name on the membership application to indicate that you recruited the new member.

Individual membership provides a host of member benefits and services, including national advocacy, training opportunities, publications, networking and professional development, publications and online resources, technical support and access to member-only discount programs.

If you would like to change your current mailing address, to have your NLADA mailings sent to your home address, please send an E-mail to: membership@nlada.org.

Become a Client Member Today!

LEADERSHIP CORNER

Message from NLADA Client Policy Group Chair, Rosita Stanley

Greetings to each of you! 2004 promises to be a great year for the client community and I encourage each of you to actively participate in local, state and national events that are of importance to our community.

In April, I, along with Charlie Morris of the Client Policy Group traveled to the NLADA/ABA Equal Justice Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. There we attended sessions concerning client needs, LSC updates and networked with other clients and pro bono and legal services advocates. The conference theme was "Renewing Our Commitment to Justice." Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Congressman John Lewis and Dennis Archer, the first African American President of the American Bar Association spoke. All of them provided memorable and passionate remarks.

For some time now we have talked about developing leadership in the client community. This June in Salt Lake City, Utah, NLADA will present their first ever leadership training for civil legal aid advocates: Civil Impact Leadership 2004. They have invited a team from the NLADA client leadership to attend. I, along with Lucille Logan and Harry Johnson will participate. Look for a report in the next edition of the Client Update on this historic endeavor.

As many of you know, the Annual Conference this year will be held in Washington, DC. Please contact your program director and solicit their support for your attendance at this years conference now! You won't want to miss what promises to be a fabulous conference.

NLADA and the NLADA Insurance Program recently hired several new staff members. I want to welcome each of them to our NLADA family and thank them in advance for their contribution to the cause of equal justice. Harrison McIver recently became the new chair of the NLADA board. Welcome! Jean Faria served as the chair and we thank Jean for her commitment to helping clients in both her professional position as a federal public defender and in her leadership of the NLADA board.

Our membership recruitment contest is underway. If you do not receive your client mailings in a timely manner, please contact the NLADA membership division at: membership@nlada.org. We want to make sure that we have the correct addresses so that you can receive information in a timely manner. I want to thank Julie, Jane and Cynthia for all of their hard work in updating the client membership list.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

CLIENT SECTION

NLADA Client Section Holds Fourth Meeting

By Harry Johnson, Membership & Client Section Committee Chair

The Client Section will have its Fourth Annual meeting in Washington, D.C. at the NLADA Annual Conference. Plans for the meeting will take place June 18, 2004 at the Client Policy group meeting. We continue our appeal to all clients to encourage their programs to enroll all of their clients as

individual client members. The dues are just \$15.00. When you become an individual member of NLADA, you are eligible to run for the NLADA board, civil policy and client policy groups. We would like to double our membership this year and break all records of client individual membership. We look forward to seeing everyone in Washington, DC in December!

LEADERSHIP CORNER

Message from NOCA President Lucille Logan

Congratulations NOCA! As of March 25, 2004, our certificate of incorporation was reinstated. As of that date, Marvin Barnes of Washington, DC will replace Alfred Jones as the NOCA agent. The law requires that our agent reside in Washington, DC, as that is where we are incorporated. Much love goes out to Monica R. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio, who volunteered her time to do the research and get us back in business and to Harry Johnson from Indiana for finding an agent from the NOCA family located in Washington, DC. NOCA thanks you!

A Board of Director's meeting will be held at the NLADA Annual Conference to begin the search for an Executive Director and staff. In an effort to make the conference run as smoothly as possible, I am asking all committee members to welcome new members and get them informed and involved quickly. We have a lot of work to accomplish in a few hours.

Some NOCA members also serve on the NLADA board, policy groups and committees. Harry Johnson, Charlie Morris, Rosita Stanley and I are on the Client Training Committee. The Client Committee this year will offer a leadership session for clients at the Annual

Conference. Please attend as we have worked very hard to provide clients with information and training to communicate more effectively with their attorneys and better understand and impact the justice process. It will be worth the time!

The NLADA Client Membership Committee is having a membership drive. The client who recruits the most members will be honored at the conference. It is not too early to begin fundraising to attend the conference - fish fry's, cake sales, etc. - whatever it takes to raise money to get you to the conference, if you don't have agency sponsorship.

We also need to show much love to Cynthia Works and the NLADA staff for their help in coordinating the client suite used by NOCA and the client community, generously sponsored by NLADA. We are thankful that NLADA continues to be committed to treat NOCA as an equal - THANK YOU!

As a reminder, NOCA funds support our mission. Please join so that we may continue to fight for equal justice for the client community. As someone said, "[w]e must be willing to pay the price for freedom for no price that is ever asked is half the cost of doing without it."

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Upcoming Client Policy Group Meetings

- June 18 Washington, DC
- Nov 30 Washington, DC

CLIENT NEWS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

By Lucille Logan

The South Oklahoma City Council of Neighborhoods advises all to be aware of a new car-jacking scheme. Imagine: You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You lock all your doors, start the engine and shift into reverse. Habit! You look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space and notice a piece of paper - some sort of advertisement stuck to your rear window. So, you shift into park, unlock your doors and jump out of your vehicle to remove

that paper that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, the carjacker jumps out of nowhere into your car, and takes off. Your engine was running, your purse is in the car, and they practically mow you down as they sped off in your car. Be aware of this new scheme! Just drive away and remove the paper stuck to your window later... and be thankful that you read this article. Please share it with your friends and neighbors.

Exemplar Awards

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representation. Each Prize carries a cash prize of \$10,000. .

Since 1991, NLADA has gathered with its members and friends at this annual dinner to pay tribute to all lawyers who labor tirelessly to represent people who are unable to pay for legal assistance and to salute outstanding individuals who set an example of extraordinary dedication, achievement, leadership and vision. Plan to join NLADA in this special celebration on June 17.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit www.nlada.org or contact Mizue Suito, Director of Development, at 202-452-0620, ext. 217 or via e-mail at m.suito@nlada.org.



2004 NLADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Breaking Barriers to Equality and Justice: Commemorating the Spirit of Brown

DECEMBER 1–4

WASHINGTON, DC

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR.

On May 17, 1954, the landmark decision of *Brown v. The Board of Education* overturned the doctrine of “separate but equal” established in *Plessy v. Ferguson* in 1857. The decision in *Brown* marked the beginning of a journey toward the desegregation of public schools, public accommodations, public life and led to an expansion of civil rights benefiting every American and, indeed, America as a nation. On December 1, civil legal aid and indigent defense professionals, civil rights activists, clients and other equal justice advocates will gather at NLADA’s Annual Conference committed to *Breaking Barriers to Equality & Justice: Commemorating the Spirit of Brown*.

NLADA’s Annual Conference offers advocates the latest knowledge and professional skills to enable them to creatively and effectively meet the legal needs of low-income people. The conference also provides equal justice advocates with opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the country and to fulfill continuing legal education requirements.

The spirit of *Brown* transcends the victory ending *de jure* segregation in public education for African-Americans. It also affirms the value of all people, whether of African, Asian, European, indigenous, or Latino descent. Education was, and is, the key to empowerment, economic security, civic participation and democracy. The spirit of *Brown* reminds all of us in the civil, criminal and client communities to act tenaciously to ensure that the doors of justice and the pathways to equality remain open to everyone.

Joint Track

"PROTECT THE CHILDREN – EDUCATE, CAPACITATE, LIBERATE"

The civil legal aid and indigent defense communities will join together to explore issues related to juvenile justice that bridge both criminal and civil contexts. Participants will shape NLADA's action agenda as we seek to find common ground in a collective effort to address problems facing the youth in America. The following are proposed topics:

- Equal Access Issues for Juveniles
- Education
- Data Collection and Technical Assistance on Juvenile Matters
- Leadership Initiatives related to Juvenile Justice Matters
- Whole Client Representation/ Holistic Advocacy for Juveniles
- Legislative Issues
- Immigration and Juvenile Justice

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Individual Client Member Application

Please provide the information requested below and return your completed application and dues payment to: NLADA, 1140 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036. Questions should be directed to Member Services at (202) 452-0620, ext. 215.

MEMBER DATA

Recruited By: _____

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____

IMPORTANT: Please indicate your affiliation: Civil Defender Both
(This determines which mailings and publications you will receive from NLADA.)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Work Phone _____

Fax _____ Home Phone _____

Individual Membership Dues <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Client Member \$15	Voting Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Client Member
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SECTION ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Individual client members may participate as members of sections without paying section dues. You are especially encouraged to participate in the Client Section. The Client Section dues of \$5 is suggested but not required.

- Client Section - \$5 (suggested dues, not required)
- Farmworker Law Section - \$5 (36115)
- Student Legal Services Section - \$10 (36710)
- Death Penalty Litigation Section - \$10 (36150)
- Advocacy & Support Section - \$10 (36350)
- Technology Section
- Appellate Defender Section - \$10 (36100)
- Defender Trainers Section - \$15 (36110)
- Social Services Section - \$10 (36700)
- Native American Section - \$5 (36200)
- Latino Advocates Section

SUMMARY

- Yes, please enroll me as an Individual Member of NLADA.
- I realize that NLADA's success largely depends upon the generosity of private individuals and institutions. I'm enclosing my contribution for:
- \$5 \$ 10 \$ 20 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION*

Membership Dues \$ 15 _____
Section Dues Enclosed \$ _____
Contribution \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Method of Payment

Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

* NLADA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Membership Dues and contributions to NLADA are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to join a membership section, please see the reverse side of this form. Please clearly indicate which section you wish to join and be sure to include any section fee with your membership fee above.



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**Questions? Contact us at: 202-452-0620, ext. 215 • Send e-mail to: membership@nlada.org
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(fold, tape and use as a self-mailer)

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Defender Track

“INDIGENT DEFENSE IN AMERICA SEPARATE & UNEQUAL: EXPLORING INDIGENT DEFENSE AS CIVIL RIGHTS & RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUES”

During this Defender Track participants will explore the ways that the right to counsel is not a reality for many individuals and communities across our nation. To mark the *Brown* anniversary, this track will identify how communities of color are negatively affected by the failure to apply *Gideon*, *Argersinger* and *Shelton* and how many deserving individuals are underrepresented. The following are proposed topics:

- Overcoming Underrepresentation and No Representation
- Empowering Coalitions to Achieve Equal Justice and Equal Access
- Upholding Fairness for Immigrants
- Is there Underrepresentation in Your Jurisdiction?
- Equality in Sentencing
- Individual Practitioners' Challenges to Racial Inequity
- Gathering Data on Racial Disparity -- and Using It
- Tools for Systemic Reform

Client Track

“DEVELOPING DYNAMIC CLIENT & COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS”

The NLADA Client Policy Group and the design committee for their training track are preparing a series of sessions designed to meet the needs of client board members of civil legal aid or defender programs, or who are advocates in their local communities. The sessions are designed to build upon the promise of *Brown*. The following are proposed topics:

- Developing Effective Mediation Skills to Resolve Community Issues
- Access to Empowerment: Computers & Technology
- Developing Your Leadership Style: Reflection of *Brown*
- Organizational Development for Clients in Nonprofit Settings

Civil Track

“CIVIL JUSTICE ADVOCATES: KEEPING THE PATHWAY & DOORS OPEN”

Civil justice advocates work every day to open doors that are too often closed to poor and disadvantaged people. This year's civil track will commemorate the spirit of *Brown* by focusing on issues of racial justice, empowerment, civic participation, economic security, and education. As we engage in this reflection, the civil justice community has an opportunity to consider many questions. The following are proposed topics:

- Using Our Work to Honor the Spirit of *Brown*
- Creating Strategies to Achieve Sustainable Change in our Communities
- Fulfilling the Unfulfilled Promise of *Brown*
- Developing Legal and Nonlegal Strategies to Guarantee Lasting Impact
- Building Assets and Capacity in Disenfranchised Communities

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www.nlada.org/Training

ABOUT THE CLIENT UPDATE

NLADA and the National Organization of Client Advocates (NOCA) jointly publish the Client Update newsletter for their members three times a year: Winter, Summer and Fall. If you have articles that you would like included, please send them to: Cynthia Works, NLADA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

NLADA Client Section Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the NLADA Client Section is to promote the mission of NLADA by providing a forum for clients of legal aid and public defense programs to voice their interests and concerns as members of NLADA, as program board members, as customers of legal aid and as advocates for themselves.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Anger is often a big signpost that points us toward areas in our lives where we feel shortchanged.

By Lucille Logan

RECIPES



SOCK-IT-TO-ME CAKE

1 box yellow butter flavored cake mix
1 cup oil
4 Eggs
1 cup Pecans [chopped]
1 pint sour cream
1 stick margarine [softened]
2 tbl sugar
1 tbl cinnamon

Blend cake mix, oil, and softened margarine in mixing bowl. Beat in one egg at a time. Beat according to directions on cake mix pkg. Fold in sour cream and pecans. Pour half of batter into tube pan. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Pour rest of batter in pan. Bake at 350° for one hour. Remove and cool in pan 5 minutes. Turn out on cake plate and glaze.

GLAZE:

1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
2 tbl milk
Blend and pour over warm cake.



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