

Navajo Nation Bar Association Announces Exam Date

WINDOW ROCK—The Navajo Nation Bar Association announced its March NNBA Bar examination scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1999. Application packets can be obtained from the Navajo Nation Bar Association office for \$10 by sending a check or money order payable to the Navajo Nation Bar Association, P.O. Box 690, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

For more information, please call (520) 871-2211.

Scottsdale Bar Association Announces New Phone Number

SCOTTSDALE—In an effort to serve members more expediently, the Scottsdale Bar Association has installed a dedicated phone line. The new number is (602) 481-3047. All membership and non-membership inquiries can be directed to this number.

American Bar Association Solicits Nominations

CHICAGO—The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Services is seeking nominations for the 1999 Pro Bono Publico Awards to be given at the ABA Annual Meeting, August 2, 1999, in Atlanta.

The award honors individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government lawyers and corporate law departments that have enhanced "the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our nation's poor or disadvantaged."

Large and small law firms, corporate law departments and government lawyers whose members have collectively made an outstanding contribution toward one of the award's criteria are eligible, as well as individual lawyers who do not make their living delivering legal service to the poor.

Nominations are due by March 8, 1999. For more information, call Dorothy Jackson at (312) 988-5766.

FREE Geographical/Firm Listings Available

We would like to thank the members who helped us evaluate the effectiveness of the geographical/firm listings in the State Bar's Annual Directory. After careful review, the Bar decided not to include this section in this year's Directory in order to minimize costs. However, members can receive a FREE copy of the updated listings by calling Lisa Sperry at (602) 340-7310. If you need this information immediately, it also can be accessed via our Web site at www.azbar.org using our member finder feature.

What Every Arizona Lawyer Must Know About the Year 2000 Problem

PHOENIX—Up to five ethics credits can be earned by attending "What Every Arizona Lawyer Must Know About The Year 2000 Problem" on **Thursday, January 14, 1999**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pointe Hilton on South Mountain.

Co-sponsored by the Bankruptcy Section and presented with the support of The Y2K task forces of Brown & Bain, Fennemore Craig, Lewis and Roca, Snell & Wilmer, Streich Lang and O'Connor Cavanagh, this CLE event is sure to bring members up to speed on the Year 2000 Crisis.

Why is this event so important? On January 1, 2000, your docket control calendar, tickler system, time-keeping and billing systems could go haywire. Your clients' telephone switchboards, fax machines, pacemakers, security systems, elevators, VCRs and coffee-makers also could be affected.

Can you and your clients get cash from an ATM? Can banks process deposits, checks, business and trust accounts? Virtually anything with an embedded microchip is at risk.

You and your clients will have very real issues to be solved: warranty issues, contractual problems in the purchase/sale and leasing of real property and the purchase/sale of ongoing businesses. Learn the problems, how to avoid them, how to remediate them, and how to litigate them on behalf of your clients.

THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM REGISTRATION RATES

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Other: \$185

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If you have a disability, please call ahead to let us know how we may accommodate your needs.

Online: cle@azbar.org

Hotline: (602) 340-7339. Leave your name, AZ bar number, phone and fax numbers, title of seminar, seminar account number, fee category, credit card number and expiration date. Please do not leave last-minute registration on the hotline.

Fax: (602) 271-4930, Phoenix (520) 623-9974, Tucson

Phone: (602) 340-7322, Phoenix (520) 623-9944, Tucson

Mail check to: State Bar of Arizona, 111 W. Monroe, Ste. 1800
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1742

ASU Law College Gets Genetics Research Grant

TEMPE—Arizona State University received a major grant for a research program in genetics and the law. The SmithKline Beecham Corp. of Philadelphia awarded a three-year, \$750,000 grant to the Center for the Study of Law, Science and Technology at the ASU College of Law to study the legal and ethical considerations of genetics in healthcare and medical research.

Legal issues are emerging rapidly along with advances in science and technology, according to acting Center Director David Kaye. Genetic research raises new questions of privacy, confidentiality and liability.

The grant will support two major legal research projects to be conducted by internationally recognized Visiting Research Fellows each year. The first group of fellows will look into the ethical use of health records and diagnostic DNA testing, and will study the privacy issues of disease predisposition tests as well as the liability implications for companies and healthcare professionals.

The researchers also will play a key role in developing an annual symposium at ASU. Among the topics to be discussed at the first symposium, March 11-13, 1999, are the implications of recently adopted state laws specifying that "genetic information is the unique property of the individual to whom the information pertains." What controls should exist for the huge DNA databanks being created by law enforcement agencies and the military, for instance?

"The implications of genetic technology to the scientific and medical communities are enormous, but the predicted change in clinical practice also will have far-reaching implications for society," says George Poste, chief science and technology officer for SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. "As a leading company conducting biomedical research, we are eager to participate in sharing knowledge with the community."

Women Law Students Pitch In to Help

PHOENIX—Bus passes, grocery gift certificates and diapers were on the wish list when ASU's Women Law Students' Association went shopping for seven Valley shelters for battered women this year.

The future lawyers also purchased a vacuum cleaner, stroller, bike, VCR, computer printer and school supplies. One center asked for several ethnic baby dolls, to help children staying there feel more comfortable. In all, the group donated more than \$2,000 worth of items to the shelters.

"These weren't the types of things we could affix a label to, saying 'donated by WLSA,'" says Sarah Corcoran, president. "But we were interested in making sure the recipients got what they needed most."

The students volunteer in the shelters throughout the year, explaining laws and legal processes to women who request help during their weekly visits. Assisted by volunteer attorneys from the community, the students help women fill out paperwork relating to legal claims and also staff a domestic-violence hot-line. They hold a training seminar for new volunteers each fall.

For more information about this program, please call Sarah Auffret at (602) 965-6991 or e-mail her at sauffret@asu.edu.

Jennings, Strouss Site Hits the Web

PHOENIX—The law firm of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon has established a presence on the Internet with the activation of its site at www.jslaw.com. Designed in conjunction with local Web site development studio Iguana Inc., the site provides online access to the firm's practice descriptions,

attorney bibliographies and recruiting information, plus resource links to other Web sites.

"We plan to enhance the site by frequently updating it with articles and publications written by the firm's attorneys, as well as information about the firm and Arizona that would be of interest to law students and potential lateral candidates," says Client Services Manager Tom Cadden.

For more information, please call (602) 262-5911.