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**Newsletter of the Washington Bar Association
Dedicated to the Principle "Equal Justice Under Law"**



President's Message

By Kevin D. Judd

Fellow members of the Washington Bar Association (WBA), September was a very busy month for us. We started this year with a myriad of programs that were sponsored by us and co-sponsored with other minority bar associations and groups. These programs were progressive and engaging.

With the lead of our Young Lawyers Division (YLD), we co-sponsored a blue ribbon panel on "Maximizing Opportunities for Successful Careers in Law and Government." Congressman Artur Davis (D-AL), Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) gave introductory remarks and provided insightful comments throughout the program. Kevin Orr, partner with

Jones Day, served as the panel moderator and the panelists were: Broderick Johnson, Vice President of Federal Relations with Bell South, Robert Maloney, Vice President of the Government and Industry Relations of Fannie Mae and Stephanie Peters, an associate with Patton Boggs. Kudos to YLD and Nicole M. Isaac, Co-Chair of the event for a well-done program.

In addition, the WBA co-sponsored a diversity summit on September 23, 2005, where board member Charles G. Byrd, Jr. took the lead for the WBA in organizing a successful summit. (See Diversity Summit article.)

Further congratulations should be extended to the Judicial Council and YLD for a successful and well-

attended Judicial Clerkship conference, held on October 1, 2005 at the Howard University School of Law (See Judicial Council article for WBA participants.) This conference was co-sponsored with other local minority bar associations.

Lastly, I would like to thank WBA member Gregory P. Johnson, U.S. Chapter 7 trustee, for a very informative and well-needed talk on the new bankruptcy law to a sell-out WBA audience. The program was titled, "Nuts and Bolts on the New Bankruptcy Law," which was held on September 17, 2005.

A special acknowledgement should go out to Board Members Donald Temple and Iris McCollum Green for leading

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WBA Judicial Council Update



By Maurice A. Ross, Judge, D.C. Superior Court, Chair WBA Judicial Council

Greetings! The Washington Bar Association (WBA) Judicial Council has begun another productive and exciting year. WBA President Kevin Judd gave the keynote remarks at our first meeting of the year on September 20, 2005, at the DC Superior Court. President

Judd shared his vision of a program-driven organization and invited Judicial Council members to sample any and all events sponsored by both the WBA and the WBA/YLD.

Following President Judd's remarks, Chief Judge Eric

Washington, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, discussed his goals, objectives, and strategies for moving the D.C. courts closer to being a court system that is "open to all, trusted by all with justice

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2005

October 26, 7:00 p.m. Ollie May Cooper Award Presentation Ceremony and 25th Founders' Day Lecture, Howard University School of Law, Moot Courtroom, 2900 Van Ness St., NW, Washington, DC

October 31,

Happy

Halloween!



November 2005

November 10, 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m., Robert A. Shuker Scholarship Fund Reception, 1400 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. For more information and tickets, please contact Richard L. Cys (202) 508-6600

November 12, 10:00 a.m., WBA Community Legal Clinic, hosted by the WBA Pro Bono Legal Clinic Committee.

December 2005

WBA Holiday Party—TBD



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a relief effort here in the DC area for victims of Hurricane Katrina. They were part of a team that sponsored two successful fund-raising receptions in September, that raised a significant amount of money for the Hurricane Katrina victims. We should all continue to pray for these victims and assist in any way possible. Please note that the Litigation and DC Affairs Sections of the DC Bar are seeking volunteers to provide legal assistance to the Hurricane Katrina evacuees that have arrived in D.C. If you are interested in lending your expertise to these people, please contact Don Daughetee, Outreach Coordinator for the D.C. Bar at 202-626-3463.

Please take note of the special date of Wednesday, October 26, 2005, for our annual Ollie May Cooper Award presentation ceremony and Founders' Day Lecture. This program is open to all lawyers, law students and members of our community. Please invite all persons who may be interested in honoring Judge Emmet G. Sullivan and hearing an intellectually stimulating lecture on civil rights, which will be delivered by William L. Taylor. (See Ollie May Cooper article for more details.) I look forward to seeing you all on October 26, at one of the Washington Bar Association's legendary annual programs. ■

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for all," in accordance with the 2002 strategic plan for the D.C. Courts. In addition to implementing the strategic plan, Chief Judge Washington would like to improve the appellate court's timely disposition of cases and ensure that the renovation of the new D.C. Court of Appeals building is completed on time and within its budget. After the remarks by President Judd and Chief Judge Washington, we had a brief business meeting.

The following week, September 27, 2005, I had the honor to represent the WBA/JC at a reception held by the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, to congratulate Chief Judge Washington on his appointment and welcome him to office. Other WBA/JC members attending the event included: Judges Henry Kennedy, Richard Roberts, Rufus King, Evelyn Queen, and Jerry Byrd.

The WBA/JC also co-sponsored a program on judicial clerkships and internships on October 1, 2005, at Howard University Law School. WBA Judges Emmet Sullivan, Richard Roberts, Reginald Walton, Arthur Burnett, Thomas Motley, William England, Jr., William Fowler, Jr. and I participated in this program.

I hope that all of the WBA members can attend the Ollie May Cooper Award Ceremony on October 26, 2005 at Howard University Law School. The event is of special significance this year because loyal and longtime WBA/JC supported and member, the Honorable Emmet Sullivan, will be the honoree. ■

Washington Bar Association to Host Its Twenty- Seventh Ollie May Cooper Award Program and Twenty Fifth Founders' Day Lecture Series

The Washington Bar Association will hold its Twenty- Seventh Ollie May Cooper Award Presentation Ceremony and Twenty-Fifth Founders' Day Lecture at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, in the Howard University School of Law's Moot Courtroom, 2900 Van Ness St., NW, Washington, DC.

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia will receive the Ollie May Cooper Award. Judge Sullivan was appointed by President William Clinton in 1994. Prior to this appointment, Judge Sullivan served as Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court.

A graduate of Howard University and Howard University School of Law, Judge Sullivan had a distinguished career as a lawyer and jurist. Judge Sullivan is well known for his leadership activities in the legal community, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Council for Court Excellence and as a Founding and current Director of the Frederick Abramson Memorial Foundation. He has been the recipient of many awards, including the Thurgood Marshall Award of Excel-

lence and the Howard University Distinguished Alumni Award.

William L. Taylor, Co-founder and Director of the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights will deliver the Twenty-Fifth Founders' Day Lecture. Mr. Taylor founded and directed the National Policy Review and has long been a leader of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. He received the first Thurgood Marshall Award conferred by the bar in 1993 and in 2001 he received the Hubert H. Humphrey Award from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Mr. Taylor is the author of a recently published book, "The Passion of My Times: An Advocate's Fifty-Year Journey in the Civil Rights Movement."

Please plan to join us for what is sure to be an enlightening program to honor a distinguished servant of the Bar. The program will be followed by a catered reception in the Holy Cross Foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Jamila Z. Hoard, the chair of this year's program:

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Membership Dues Update

By Harold Aikens, Jr.

The Washington Bar Association's ("WBA") current dues year runs from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006. Beginning this month, members who have not yet paid their dues for WBA's current bar year will receive pink copies of the newsletter. This is a 'plea' for the recipients of pink newsletters to pay their dues as promptly as possible. Occasionally, someone whose dues are current may mistakenly receive a pink newsletter, rather than one printed on ivory paper. That is an error. If this is the case with you, please let me know. I can be reached at 301-445-3787 (H) or 202-366-1373 (W).

WBA's annual membership dues structure is as follows: Regular - \$50; Sustaining - \$75; and Sponsor - over \$75. An exception is made for Young Lawyers Division (YLD) membership dues: Regular - \$35; YLD Sustaining - \$50; YLD Sponsor - over \$50. For those who would like to become Life Members of the WBA, the current payment is \$1000. The lower YLD membership dues structure is available to members 35 years old or younger; or to members who have been admitted to their first bar for less than five years. Thus, all WBA members who are not yet 36 qualify for the YLD and its membership rates, as well as anyone older who has been a member of the bar for less than five years. In addition to their WBA dues, the Judicial Council assesses its members an additional \$25 annually, to cover expenses limited to their division membership. ■

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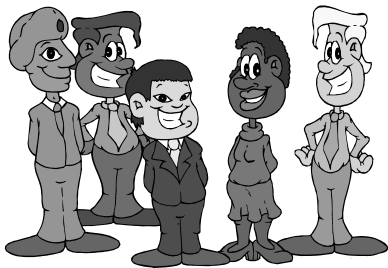
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DIVERSITY SUMMIT A HUGE SUCCESS!

By Charles G. Byrd, Jr.

The Diversity Summit, which was sponsored by the WBA and other local and national bar associations, was a huge success. The Summit, held on September 23, 2005, was well attended by WBA members. There were several informative and stimulating panel discussions on various diversity issues. The highlight of the Summit was a dynamic luncheon address by Dennis W. Archer, on the topic, "Domestic Market Share and Global Competition." The Summit ended with a cocktail reception at the Warner Theater Building Atrium. Thanks to all who attended. ■



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