



## 2009 State Legislative Workshop

### AGENDA

Unless otherwise noted, all events are “business casual” dress and will take place at the Washington State Bar Association, 1325 Fourth Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle, WA 98101-2539.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

**12 noon – 1 pm - Check-in/On-Site Registration**

Washington State Bar Association

**1:00 pm Call to Order and Introductions**

*Gail Stone*, NABE GR Past Chair and Director, Justice & Diversity Initiatives, Washington State Bar Association

**1:15 pm “A Briefing on Uniform Laws”**

*Michael R. Kerr*, Legislative Director/Legal Counsel, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

**2:45 pm Break**

**3:00 pm “Laboratories of Democracy Roundtable”**

Open Discussion by Workshop Participants

**5:00 pm Break**

**5:15 pm - 6:30 pm - Networking Reception**

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**6:30 pm - Dinner on your own or possible Dine Around Town**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

**8 am Breakfast**      Washington State Bar Association

**9 am “Building Effective Partnerships to Enhance Judicial Independence”**

*William Raftery*, Court Research Analyst, National Center for State Courts and *William K. Weisenberg*, Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs and Government Relations, Ohio State Bar Association and NABE Delegate to ABA House of Delegates

**10:15 am Break**

**10:30 am “The Economy’s Impact on State Legislatures and Judicial Branch Budgets”**

*William Raftery*, Court Research Analyst, National Center for State Courts and *William K. Weisenberg*, Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs and Government Relations, Ohio State Bar Association and NABE Delegate to ABA House of Delegates

**12 noon – Lunch**

**ABA Government Affairs Office Policy Updates and Other Issues**

*Kenneth Goldsmith*, Legislative Counsel and Director of State Legislation, American Bar Association

**1:30 pm “State of the States”**

*William T. Pound*, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

**3:00 pm Break**

**3:15 pm “Sales Tax on Legal Services and Other Third Rail Issues”**

*Lisa Roys*, Public Affairs Director, State Bar of Wisconsin, and *Kimberly Crouch*, Director of Governmental Affairs, North Carolina Bar Association

**4:00 pm “Conflicts of Interests and Other Sticky Issues: Best Practices for Bar Association Government Relations Programs”**

*Richard Montgomery*, Director of Legislative Relations, Maryland State Bar Association, *Catherine J. Barrie*, Senior Legislative Counsel, The Missouri Bar, and *James R. Covington III*, Director of Legislative Affairs, Illinois State Bar Association

**6:00 pm Dine Around Town** – Groups to Meet in *Hotel Monaco* Lobby



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009**

- 8 am    **Breakfast**      Washington State Bar Association
- 9 am    **“Supporting Legal Aid Providers: States’ Solutions to Shrinking IOLTA Funds”**  
*David Nebel*, Public Affairs Attorney, Oregon State Bar, *Gail Stone*, Director of Justice & Diversity Initiatives, Washington State Bar Association and *Don Philips*, Government Relations Counsel, Connecticut Bar Association
- 10 am    **“Effectively Communicating your Bar Associations Government Relations Advocacy Message – collaborating with your Communications Department and Public Relations Professionals”**  
*Gail Stone*, Director of Justice & Diversity Initiatives, Washington State Bar Association, *Steve Larsen*, Deputy ED for External Relations, Washington State Bar Association, *Laird Harris*, Consultant, Harris & Smith Public Affairs
- 11:30 am **Break**
- 11:45 am **GR Section Business Meeting & Elections**  
*Don Philips*, Chair, NABE GR Section, Moderator
- 12:30 pm **Closing Remarks, Adjournment**  
*Don Philips*, Chair, NABE GR Section