

**Board of Directors  
National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards, Inc.  
Wednesday, September 7, 2005  
9:15 a.m. (PDST)  
Telephone Conference Call**

**Present:** John VanBolt, President; Judge Ron Stovitz, Past President; Karen Watkins, President-Elect; Elaine Bixler, Board Member; George Riemer, Secretary; Betty Branda, Board Member; Chris McKeeman, Assistant Secretary.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting.**

Mr. Van Bolt opened the meeting by asking if board members had reviewed the minutes of the last board meeting. Ms. Watkins moved, Ms. Bixler seconded, and the board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 14, 2005 board meeting.

**2. Financial Report.**

Ms. Akins was not able to attend this meeting, but Mr. Riemer reported that NCLDB had approximately \$7000 on hand.

**3. Hurricane Katrina Contribution.**

Mr. Riemer raised the issue of a possible contribution by NCLDB to help the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and/or Louisiana Supreme Court recover from Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Van Bolt indicated that the board should discuss this issue at an appropriate point in time.

**4. Status of Application for 501(c)(3) status.**

Mr. Van Bolt asked Mr. Riemer to report on the status of NCLDB's application for 501(c)(3) status and the status of the tax issue pending before the Texas Comptroller of Accounts. Mr. Riemer reported that he had checked with the IRS and it was still working on NCLDB's application and that he was waiting to get word from the IRS before recontacting the Texas Comptroller of Accounts.

**5. Meeting Site in New Orleans.**

Mr. Van Bolt indicated that everyone was aware of the catastrophic damage that had been caused to New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Watkins indicated that she was trying to determine the status of the staff of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. Various comments were made about conditions in New Orleans and the likelihood of the ABA moving the location of the 2006 ABA mid-year meeting to another location. The ABA had not announced a decision in that regard as of this board conference call. It was agreed that board members would monitor the situation and share with each other information they acquired about the relocation of the 2006 ABA mid-year meeting from New Orleans. The board will need to decide the location of the 2006 annual meeting in the next several months. Judge Stovitz indicated that the board needed to review the NCLDB bylaws to determine if the board had any flexibility in the setting of the date of the annual meeting.

**6. Program Committee.**

Ms. Watkins indicated that the Program Committee had met the previous week and firmed up the tentative program for the 2006 annual meeting. The location is obviously up in the air. Ms. Branda and Mr. Stovitz indicated they had to leave the conference call. As a result, Ms. Watkins indicated that she would send board members the latest version of the 2006 annual meeting program and the topic can be taken up again at the next board meeting. Mr. Van Bolt thereupon adjourned the meeting of the board.

**7. Next Meeting Date.**

The board will meet again by conference call on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 beginning at 9:15 am (PDST).

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Respectfully submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September,

George A. Riemer  
2005-2006 Secretary