

Program for the Eighth Annual Meeting of the
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LAWYER DISCIPLINARY BOARDS, INC.
February 11, 2011

Westin Peachtree Hotel
210 Peachtree Street
Atlanta Georgia
International B Room (6th Floor)



- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome**
Julie Shankland, NCLDB President, Assistant General Counsel, Washington Bar Association
- 9:15 – 10:30 **Going Paperless: E-Filing, Virtual Case Files and Web Training**
Gayle Vickers, Deputy Director and Counsel, Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals
Donna Roberts, Administrator, Louisiana Disciplinary Board
Jordan Huck, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Disciplinary Board
Julianne DeCore, Chief Counsel, New Jersey Disciplinary Review Board
- 10:30 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Disqualification and Recusal of Disciplinary Adjudicators**
Michael Fredrickson, General Counsel, Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers
John A. Weiss, John A. Weiss P.A., Tampa, Florida
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Report from ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20**
George W. Jones Jr., Sidley Austin, LLP, Washington D.C.
Stephen Gillers, Crystal Eastman Professor of Law, NYU School of Law
- 11:45 – 1:00 **LUNCH** (provided)
- 1:00 – 1:15 **BUSINESS MEETING**
Election of officers for 2011-2012
- 1:15 – 1:30 **BREAK**
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Hot Topics/Brainstorming**
Julie Shankland, Assistant General Counsel, Washington Bar Association
Julianne DeCore, Chief Counsel, New Jersey Disciplinary Review Board
- 2:30 - 3:45 **Formulating Standards for Imposing Discipline**
Elaine Bixler, Secretary, Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board
The Honorable Joann Remke, Presiding Judge, State Bar Court of California
Elizabeth Row, General Counsel, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
Stewart Cohen, Member, Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board
- 3:45 – 4:00 **BREAK**
- 4:00 – 5:15 **ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions: 25 Years Later**
Joint Session with NOBC and APRL
John Van Bolt, Director, Michigan Attorney Disciplinary Board (NCLDB)
Kim Ringle, Deputy Attorney General, New Jersey Dept. of Law & Public Safety (APRL)
Doug Ende, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Washington State Bar Association (NOBC)
Ruth Woodruff, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility
Kurt Bulmer, Washington, 1986 ABA Standards Committee

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Elaine Bixler has been with the Disciplinary Board since 1978 and Board Secretary since 1991.

Kurt M. Bulmer graduated from Willamette University School of Law in 1974. He was General Counsel and an attorney for the Washington State Bar Association. He was a member of the 10 member Joint Committee on Professional Sanction. He was a founding member of APRL. His practice is limited to representation of attorneys, law firms, judges and other members of the legal community. He has served on local and national committees and task forces on professional responsibility issues. He lectures and testifies as an expert on professional responsibility.

Stewart Cohen is a Partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Cohen, Placitella & Roth, PC. He was appointed to the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board on April 1, 2007. He is currently serving his second three year term. Stewart served as a volunteer Hearing Committee Member from 1992 to 1998 and from 2001 to 2007.

Julianne K. DeCore graduated from Boston College Law School in 1974. She clerked for New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Mark A. Sullivan from 1974-1975 and was a Staff Attorney with the Central Appellate Research Staff, Superior Court, Appellate Division from 1975 to 1977; becoming the Supervising Attorney in 1977 and Deputy Director of the Central Appellate Research Staff from 1989 to 2003. She became Chief Counsel to the Disciplinary Review Board of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in 2003.

Douglas J. Ende is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law. He clerked for the Honorable Rosselle Pekelis at Division I of the Washington State Court of Appeals. Mr. Ende joined the staff at the Washington State Bar Association in 1998, first as a lawyer in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, subsequently as Professional Responsibility Counsel and Assistant General Counsel, and currently as Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Director of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. He serves on the Editorial Board for the Washington Legal Ethics Deskbook, and has been a member of the WSBA Board of Bar Examiners since 1993. In 2010 he returned to the U.W. School of Law as a part-time lecturer on Professional Responsibility.

Michael Fredrickson graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the law review. He clerked for the Hon. George E. MacKinnon on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, then worked for over five years as a litigation associate at the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow. In 1989 he became general counsel to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. He is the author of three novels about lawyers, *A Cinderella Affidavit* (Forge Books 1999), *Witness for the Dead* (Forge Books 2001), and *A Defense for the Dead* (Forge Books 2004).

Stephen Gillers has been a professor of law at New York University School of Law since 1978 and was Vice Dean from 1999-2004. He holds the Crystal Eastman chair. Professor Gillers is a member of the ABA 20/20 Commission created in 2009 to study the effects of technology and globalization on the regulation of lawyers. He was a member of the Policy Implementation Committee of the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility (2002-2008) and was a member from 2002-2010.

Jordan D. Huck has been a staff attorney at the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board since November 2007. Among other duties, he is a liaison to the Board's hearing committees, the initial triers of fact in Louisiana's disciplinary system, providing guidance to the hearing committees on law and procedure. He also coordinates the various training sessions (web-based and in-person) held for the hearing committees throughout the year.

George W. Jones Jr. is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Sidley Austin LLP. Prior to joining the firm, he clerked for Judge Philip W. Tone on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. Jones also served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States for two years, during which time he argued five cases on behalf of the federal government in the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Joann Remke was appointed Presiding Judge of the State Bar Court by the California Supreme Court in November 2006. She sits on a three-judge panel that hears appeals from the decisions of the State Bar Trial Court in attorney disciplinary and other regulatory cases. Judge Remke was originally appointed to the trial department of the State Bar Court in 2000. Prior to her judicial career, Judge Remke served as counsel to the California Senate Judiciary Committee, worked for Montana Legal Services, and was an associate with a real estate law firm in Oakland.

Kim D. Ringler graduated from Georgetown University Law School where she was a Law Fellow. A former Assistant District Attorney in Kings County (Brooklyn), NY, she served as Special Trial Counsel to the New York Supreme Court Departmental Disciplinary Committee for Manhattan and the Bronx. She is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility. She is Secretary of APRL and has chaired its Public Statements Committee. She participated in the NOBC-APRL Joint Committee on the Aging of the Profession. In 2008, she left private practice for public service as a New Jersey deputy attorney general. She continues to lecture on ethics topics.

Donna L. Roberts has been Board Administrator for 21 years with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. She is currently consulting with several jurisdictions on implementing a technology plan for the future which includes case management, integrated document management, E-filing and collaboration with Hearing Committee Members and Boards to receive documents electronically.

Elizabeth M. Row currently serves as General Counsel to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. Ms. Row graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1988. Ms. Row clerked for the Honorable Donald E. Walter of the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, from 1988 through 1990. Ms. Row served as a staff attorney with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, the appellate branch of Louisiana's lawyer disciplinary agency from 1999 until 2009.

Julie Shankland is an assistant general counsel at the Washington State Bar Association where she has worked for 15 years. Her job duties include acting as counsel to the disciplinary board and administrator of the Practice of Law Board. Prior to joining the bar, she practiced in Tacoma, Washington.

John F. Van Bolt is the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. John is a past-president and founding member of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards. In 2010, he received the State Bar of Michigan's Michael Franck Award for "outstanding contribution to the improvement of the legal profession."

Gayle Vickers is the deputy director and counsel at the Board of Disciplinary Appeals of Texas. In addition to other duties, she is responsible for the Board's Web site.

John A. Weiss received his J.D. from the University of Florida in 1974. He is a founder and past president of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL). He has served on numerous professional responsibility committees including the Professional Ethics Committee of The Florida Bar and the ABA's Standing Committee on Client Protection. Mr. Weiss has participated in many seminars on lawyer ethics and discipline including one jointly sponsored by APRL and the United States Department of State in June 2000 at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

Ruth Woodruff is Senior Counsel in the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility. She graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and clerked for Judge Frank J. McGarr in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She has managed the National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank, served as an editor of the ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Responsibility, taught Professional Responsibility at Loyola School of Law and consulted on a wide range of projects for the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility.

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Please indicate names and email addresses for anyone interested in joining the NCLDB maillist, forum@ncldb.org.

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Your jurisdiction?

Please rate the following: 1-Poor 2-Adequate 3-Fair 4-Good 5-Excellent

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| Update from ABA Ethics 20/20 | _____ |
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| How does the cost of this program compare to comparable CLE? | _____ |
| Usefulness of materials | _____ |
| Format of the materials | _____ |

What topics would you like to have at future NCLDB conferences?

Was the joint program with NOBC and APRL effective? Why or why not?

How can we encourage other jurisdictions to join NCLDB?

Do you access the NCLDB Web site? Why or why not?

Are you a member of the NCLDB mailing list?
If you would like to join, please provide your email address.

What significant lawyer discipline issue(s) is your jurisdiction currently handling?

Please tell us anything else we can do to improve the conference or make NCLDB more useful to you.

You may also email this form to Christine McKeeman cmckeeman@texasbar.com Thank you