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# CORRESPONDENCE LOG

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Origin	Correspondence	Date	Rcvd	Status (All suggested dispositions subject to review by TW)	CCs (Informational copies)
AL	<b>Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr.</b> <b>United States District Court</b> <b>Newark, NJ</b> Ltr – hope all is going well during Presidential year	5/18	6/1	<i>For TW review</i>	
AL	<b>Gordon M. Park</b> <b>McCormick Barstow LLP</b> <b>Fresno, CA</b> Ltr – Thanks for participating in History Day Group Performance on Clarence Darrow	5/29	6/1	<i>For TW review</i>	
AL	<b>Alexander Khvoshchinsky, LLM</b> <b>Executive Secretary of the Commission for Bar and Notariat Issues of the Russian Association of Lawyers</b> <b>Moscow</b> Ltr – enclosed First Collection of International Bar Association Documents in Russian	3/25	6/1	<i>For TW review</i>	Kash Sullivan
IL	<b>Stefan Detvai</b> <b>Slovak Bar Association</b> Ltr – unable to attend Annual Meeting	5/19	6/1	<i>Kay hand delivered letter to Kash Sullivan</i>	
IL	<b>John Hoyles</b> <b>Chief Executive Officer</b> <b>The Canadian Bar Association</b> Ltr – thanks for wonderful hospitality extended to executive officers of the CBA	5/25	6/2	<i>OP drafting response.</i>	
IL	<b>Professor Floyd Weatherspoon</b> <b>Capital University Law School</b> <b>Columbus, OH</b> Ltr re: Increasing the Pipeline for African-American Males to Enter the Legal Profession	5/29	6/2	<i>Forwarded to Cie Armstead for response.</i>	
IL	<b>Geoffrey Evans, MD</b> <b>Executive Secretary</b> <b>Advisory Coms'n on Childhood Vaccine Natl Vaccine Injury Compensation Program</b> Ltr seeking nominations for appointment to the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines	--	6/2	<i>NRN</i>	

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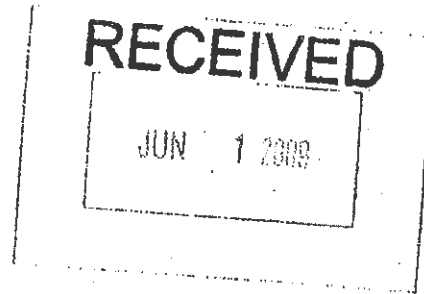
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IL	<b>Raymond Ho, Secretary General The Law Society of Hong Kong</b> Information letter re new officers	5/25	6/3	<i>NRN Forwarded to Kash Sullivan</i>	
AL	<b>Ronald L. Marmer Jenner &amp; Block Chicago, IL</b> Ltr – congratulations on being honored by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession	5/29	6/4	<i>For TW review</i>	
AL	<b>Robert D. Hunter, General Counsel Altec Industries, Inc. Birmingham, AL</b> Ltr re not renewing ABA membership	6/1	6/3	<i>Under review by TW</i>	
IL	<b>Chiv Song Hak, President Bar Assn of the Kingdom of Cambodia</b> Ltr – President and Bar Council members would like to join the annual meeting in Chicago	5/25	6/5	<i>Hand delivered to Kash Sullivan</i>	

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Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr.  
District Judge



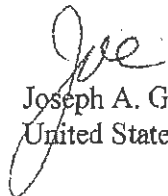
May 18, 2009

H. Thomas Wells, Jr.  
Maynard Cooper & Gale PC  
1901 Sixth Avenue North  
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Dear Tommy,

Hope all is going well for you during your Presidential year with the ABA. All the best. Hope we can play a round of golf some time soon.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr.  
United States District Judge



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Re: History Day Group Performance On Clarence Darrow

Dear Mr. Wells:

This is simply a brief thank you for taking the time to allow yourself to be interviewed by the students who are currently the California champions in History Day and will be performing at the national finals in mid-June doing their group performance on "Clarence Darrow: Courtroom Legend and Champion of the Underdog." I thought you might be interested to see a DVD of their 10 minute performance at the California state finals. This will give you an idea of what they do in History Day and how they have put all of the research together in scripting their performance. Keep in mind this is completely done by the students, including building the props, gathering the costumes, writing the script and doing the research. They have a 40 page annotated bibliography that accompanies their performance which they hand to the judges when they begin.

Thanks again for taking the time to do this. It meant a lot to the students and I appreciate it as well. If you ever need any help in California or Nevada (I am licensed in both states and we have offices in both states), feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

  
Gordon M. Park  
McCormick Barstow LLP

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President

H. Thomas Wells, Jr.

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SUBJECT:

FIRST COLLECTION OF INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS IN RUSSIAN

Dear Mr. H. Thomas Wells, Jr.:

We are glad to present to you the first collection of International Bar Association documents published in Russia. This project was implemented due to joint efforts of IBA, the attorneys' collegium "Muranov, Chernyakov and Partners" (Moscow), the Institute of Private International and Comparative Law (Moscow), the consulting company LegalStudies.RU, the Association of Russian Lawyers, the Federal Chamber of Attorneys of the Russian Federation, the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.

The bilingual collection includes 32 IBA documents (resolutions, principles, standards, statements), which are the impressive results of IBA activity in the fields of interest for lawyers and other members of international community. It covers the following topics:

- rule of law;
- legal practice;
- International trade in legal services;
- professional ethics;
- human rights;
- international business;
- independence of courts.

This event marks the on-going growth of IBA activity to strengthen its cooperation with national Bars and to enhance professional qualifications of lawyers. By giving opportunity for more and more legal practitioners to read IBA documents in their native language, IBA advances the rule of law and supports common ideas and standards for national lawyers.



Alexander Khvoshchinsky, LL.M.,

Executive secretary of  
the Commission for Bar and Notariat  
Issues of the Russian Association of Lawyers.

**JUDr. Štefan Detvai**  
predseda Slovenskej advokátskej komory  
President of Slovak Bar Association  
Präsident der Slowakischen Rechtsanwaltskammer  
Bâtonnier du Barreau Slovaque

Bratislava, 19 May 2009

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much for your kindest invitation to attend the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association, which will be held in the beautiful city of Chicago.

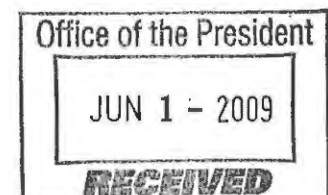
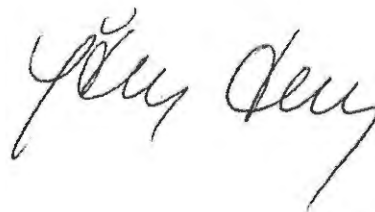
Much to my regret, this year I will not be able to join you. I usually take the opportunity to meet our American colleagues every other year and moreover, since the beginning of 2009 the Slovak Bar Association has had an extremely busy schedule of all activities.

Despite that, I am sure you will have an excellent audience of representatives from other partner Bars and the ABA Annual Meeting will be (as usually) a great success thanks to your hospitality and overall excellent organization of the meeting that is always in the best hands of Ms. Sullivan.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you on some other occasion.

Yours sincerely,

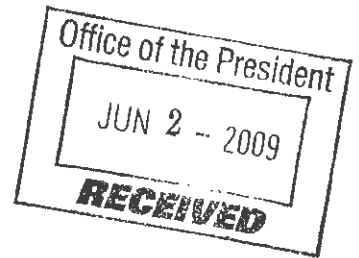
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May 25, 2009

H. Thomas Wells - President  
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Dear Tommy:

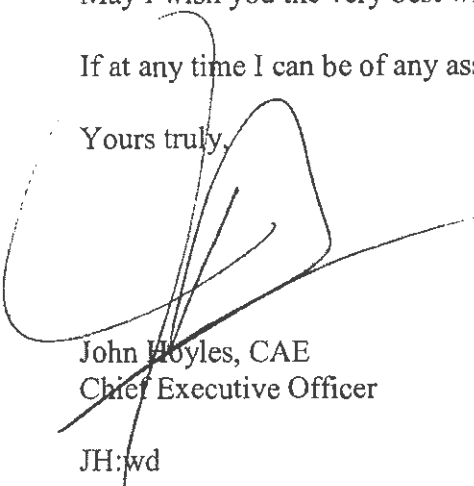
I am writing to simply thank you for the wonderful hospitality you and your colleagues extended to myself and the Executive Officers of the CBA.

It was a wonderful dinner on the Monday night, and I found the exchange of ideas very helpful on Tuesday morning.

May I wish you the very best with the rest of your very hectic year.

If at any time I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours truly,

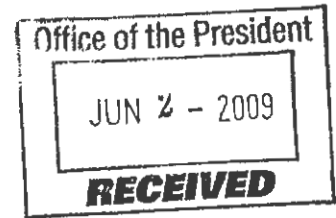


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May 29, 2009

Mr. H. Thomas Wells  
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Dear Mr. Wells:

Re: Increasing the Pipelines for African-American Males to Enter the Legal Profession

I am a law professor here at Capital University Law School. One of my research areas is on the impact of the justice system on African American males. I am writing an article entitled: *Under-representation of African American Males in the Legal Profession: Breakages in the Pipelines.* I have attached excerpts of my article for your review.

The ABA is to be commended for its leadership in promoting diversity in the legal profession. However, African American males continue to face a number of barriers which may permanently preclude them from entering the legal profession. Many of these barriers are unique to African American male students. As the ABA continues its effort to promote diversity by convening the Diversity Summit, consider exploring how African American males face exclusion and discrimination when entering and advancing in the legal profession.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information or would like to reach me, you may contact me at, 614-236-6531 or [fweatherspoon@law.capital.edu](mailto:fweatherspoon@law.capital.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Floyd Weatherspoon".

Floyd Weatherspoon

## **Under-representation of African American Males in the Legal Profession: Breakages in the Pipelines**

Floyd D. Weatherspoon\*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The number of African American males entering the legal profession continues to remain stagnant, with only marginal increases during the past fifteen years. Even though the intentional exclusion of African American males from state law schools was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court more than fifty years ago, other neutral institutional policies and requirements have stifled the growth and development of African American males attending law school and advancing in the legal profession. Even with a number of legal victories, African American males have lost the battle to end institutional practices which continue to exclude them from admission to law school.

### **PRESENT STATUS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

#### **African-American Lawyers**

Based on the 2000 Census, African Americans represent 3.9% of lawyers in the country of which 2.0% are black males (American Bar Association, 2000). In terms of actual numbers, the 2000 Census reports that there are approximately 17,000 African American male lawyers out of more than 800,000 lawyers (American Bar Association, 2000).

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\* Professor of Law, Capital University Law School (Columbus, Ohio)

### **Judges, Magistrates and Other Judicial Workers**

Those who administer justice in this country are primarily white males. White males represent approximately 82% of judges, magistrates, and other judicial workers. (American Bar Association, 2001). The number of African American male lawyers who have progressed through the pipeline to become judges has been few.

### **Lack of Diversity in Major Law Firms**

A study on diversity in law firms by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission revealed that since 1975, the representation of African Americans in the large legal firms has increased from 2.3% to 4.4% (U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2003). The study also revealed that African Americans who are employed as an associate lawyer had a “lower odd” of being promoted to a partner. Even though there have been a number of initiatives (Ramey, 2000) to hire and promote African American lawyers in major law firms, the numbers of those hired has only marginally increased (Pearce, Hickey, & Burke, 1998). A study of census data from 1980-2000 concluded that the employment of African American male lawyers by private law firms and companies only increased from 1.8% to 2.1% (Lindgren, 2008). Moreover, only a few African American males move through the pipelines to corporate lawyers and lucrative partnership positions in major law firms. The National Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP) reports that in 2007, of the approximately 1,500 law offices and firms reporting, African American males represent 1.8% of associate positions and 1.4% of partners in major law firms (NALP, 2008).

Minority males who gain access to positions in major law firms leave those positions in a shorter time than white males who are in similar positions. The NALP Foundation reports that compared to men as a whole, minority male associates were more likely to have departed from

### *Excerpts from Article*

their employers within 28 months (29% vs. 21.6% of men overall) and were far more likely to have departed within 55 months of their start date (68% minority males departed vs. 53.3% of men overall) (NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education, 2003).

### **WHY AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

#### **Failed Public Educational System to Educate African American Males**

The educational pipelines which flow from elementary school to middle school to high school to college to professional school have insurmountable barriers and obstacles for African American males. Far too many African American males' educational pipelines are disrupted starting at elementary school. At this early age, they are faced with negative educational experiences which suppress their interest in school and the desire to excel academically (Brown, 2004; Kunjufu, 1986). Beginning in elementary school, African American males are often tracked and disproportionately placed in special education programs. In middle school and high school they are disproportionately suspended, expelled, and referred to the juvenile justice system (Roderick, 2003).

#### **The Mass Incarceration of Young African American Males**

It is often stated that "there are more African American males in jail and prison than in college" (Schiraldi and Ziedenberg, 2002). The U.S. Justice Department reports that in 2005 approximately 8% of African American males in their late twenties were in prison (Harrison & Beck, 2006). There are approximately 500,000 African American males who are in Federal and state jails and prisons in America.

### *Excerpts from Article*

The combination of education deficiencies, restricted educational funds, criminal records, and a lack of employment opportunities permanently “disconnects” African American males from the pipelines to college and law school (Holzer, 2007).

#### **Low College Enrollment and Graduation Rates For African American Males**

The percentage of African American males enrolled in colleges and universities during 2000 was only 37%, whereas African American females were 63% (Law School Admission Council, 2008). The number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American students continues to increase, but at a snail’s pace.

#### **Low Admission Into Law School**

The admission of African American students to law school has been stagnant during the past fifteen years.

#### **The Bar Exam: The Last Step of the Pipelines to Enter the Legal Profession**

After successful completion of law school, law students face the daunting task of taking a state bar exam. Passage of the bar exam is the last step in the pipeline to enter the legal profession. Unfortunately, the last step can be the most challenging obstacle for African American law students to overcome.

#### **Discriminatory Hiring and Promotional Practices in Law Firm**

Much has been written regarding the lack of African American lawyers employed by law firms and as partners (Johnson, 1997; Kornhauser and Revesz, 1995). The question often asked: Why are African Americans absent from the halls of the elite law firms (Wilkins and Gulati, 1996)? The question is quite easy to answer. Law firms engage in both intentional and

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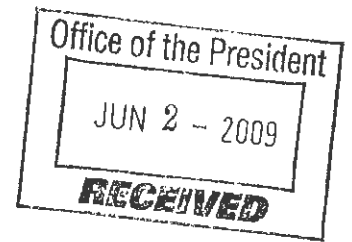
unintentional discrimination. Major elite law firms engage in a practice of hiring only African Americans who can assimilate into the traditional white male culture of the law firm (Cunningham, 1998). For African American males who are hired as associates walk a thin line between maintaining their own cultural and self-identity. They are judged based on their race plus gender-black and male (Weatherspoon, 1996).

**KEEPING THE PIPELINES FLOWING: SOLUTIONS**

There are a number of programs that have been developed by law schools, bar associations, private organizations, and law firms to increase the number of African American law students, which in turn will result in an increase in the number of African American students in the pipelines to enter the legal profession. (Hocter, 2009; Kostal, 2007). These programs must be developed specifically towards recruitment and retention of African American male students.

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

H. Thomas Wells, Jr., J.D.  
President  
American Bar Association  
321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610



Dear : Mr. Wells

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking individuals as candidates for appointment to the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV). The appointments of three of the nine current voting members will expire on December 31, and you are invited to recommend candidates for these upcoming vacancies. Nominees will be invited to serve 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012.

The ACCV is authorized under Section 2119 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, and governed by the enclosed Charter which describes its functions. The primary functions of the ACCV are to advise the Secretary of HHS (the Secretary) on the implementation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and to recommend changes in the Vaccine Injury Table.

The ACCV consists of nine voting members appointed by the Secretary, who are not employees of the United States, and who fall into one of the following three categories:

- three members who are health professionals and have expertise in the health care of children, the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases, and the adverse reactions associated with vaccines, of whom at least two shall be pediatricians;
- three members from the general public, of whom at least two shall be legal representatives of children who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death; and
- three members who are attorneys, of whom at least one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of persons who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death, and of whom one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of vaccine manufacturers.

In addition, there are four non-voting ex-officio members: the Assistant Secretary of Health; the Director of the National Institutes of Health; the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs or the designees of such officials.

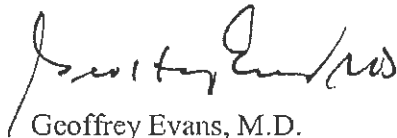
Specifically, the Secretary is requesting nominations for each of the following three positions: (1) a health professional, who has expertise in the health care of children; and the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases; (2) an attorney whose specialty includes representation of a vaccine manufacturer; and (3) a member of the general public.

In keeping with HHS policy, these individuals may not serve on another Federal advisory committee, although exceptions may be considered. If you decide to submit a candidate for consideration, please ascertain the willingness of the nominee(s) to serve, and send a copy of the individual's curriculum vitae or resume on or before June 22, 2009.

Recommendations should be sent to the Executive Secretary, ACCV, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Parklawn Building, Room 11C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Thank you very much for your interest and cooperation. Please be assured that the HHS will give careful consideration to each individual recommended. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Michelle Herzog at (301) 443-6593 or email: [mherzog@hrsa.gov](mailto:mherzog@hrsa.gov).

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Evans, M.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Advisory Commission on  
Childhood Vaccines

Enclosure



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Advisory Commission of Childhood Vaccines; Request for Nominations for Voting Members**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is requesting nominations to fill three vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV). The ACCV was established by Title XXI of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), as enacted by Public Law (Pub. L.) 99-660 and as subsequently amended, and advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) on issues related to implementation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

**DATES:** The agency must receive nominations on or before June 22, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations are to be submitted to the Director, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Healthcare Systems Bureau (HSB), HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 11C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Michelle Herzog, Principal Staff Liaison, Policy Analysis Branch, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, HSB, HRSA at (301) 443-0650 or e-mail: mherzog@hrsa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authorities that established the ACCV, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and section 2119 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 300aa-19, as added by Public Law 99-660 and amended, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV.

The ACCV advises the Secretary on the implementation of the VICP. The activities of the ACCV include: recommending changes in the Vaccine Injury Table at its own initiative or as the result of the filing of a petition; advising the Secretary in implementing section 2127 regarding the need for childhood vaccination products that result in fewer or no significant adverse reactions; surveying Federal, State, and local programs and activities related to gathering information on injuries associated with the administration of childhood vaccines, including the adverse reaction reporting requirements

of section 2125(b); advising the Secretary on the methods of obtaining, compiling, publishing, and using credible data related to the frequency and severity of adverse reactions associated with childhood vaccines; consulting on the development or revision of the Vaccine Information Statements and recommending to the Director of the National Vaccine Program that vaccine safety research be conducted on various vaccine injuries.

The ACCV consists of nine voting members appointed by the Secretary as follows: (1) Three health professionals, who are not employees of the United States Government and have expertise in the health care of children, and the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases, and the adverse reactions associated with vaccines, at least two shall be pediatricians; (2) three members from the general public, at least two shall be legal representatives (parents or guardians) of children who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death; and (3) three attorneys, at least one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of persons who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death, and one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of vaccine manufacturers. In addition, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (or the designees of such officials) serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Specifically, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV representing: (1) A health professional, who has expertise in the health care of children; and the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases; (2) an attorney whose specialty includes representation of a vaccine manufacturer; and (3) a member of the general public. Nominees will be invited to serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2012.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the ACCV. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the ACCV and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude the ACCV membership. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning consultancies, research grants, or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. A curriculum vitae or resume should be submitted with the nomination.

The Department of Health and Human Services has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically disabled are adequately represented on advisory committees; and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or disabled candidates.

Dated: May 15, 2009.

**Alexandra Huttinger,**  
Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and Families****Family Youth and Services Bureau**

**AGENCY:** Family Youth And Services Bureau, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice to Award a Single-Source Replacement Grant.

**CFDA#:** 93.616.

**Legislative Authority:** Section 439 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-288)

**Amount of Award:** \$292,000.

**Project Period:** April 1, 2009–September 29, 2010.

**SUMMARY:** The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) awarded a Mentoring Children of Prisoners grant (Grant No. 90CV0343) to Prevent Child Abuse California of North Highlands, CA on September 30, 2007. On October 31, 2008, Prevent Child Abuse California submitted a letter relinquishing their grant. Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency of Jackson, CA, an eligible non-profit organization, submitted their letter along with their grant application requesting approval as the replacement grantee for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners grant. FYSB has received and reviewed the application from Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency. Upon finding that the proposed project will be able to carry out objectives originally intended to be completed by Prevent Child Abuse California, this organization has been awarded funds in the amount of \$292,000 as the permanent successor grantee.

Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency will continue through a community-based approach to work toward the goal of creating high-quality, one-to-one lasting mentoring



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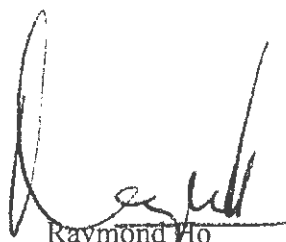
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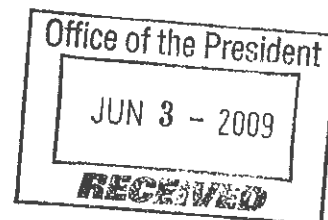
I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Wong Kwai Huen has been elected the President, and Mr. Junius Ho and Mr. Dieter Yih the Vice-Presidents of the Law Society of Hong Kong for the new term of office of the Council after the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2009. I enclose the 2009 – 2010 Council list for your information.

Please also find enclosed 2008 Annual Report of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

  
Raymond Ho  
Secretary General

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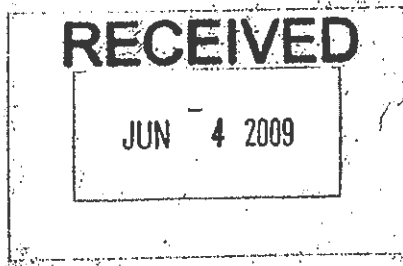
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*Re: ABA Commission on Women in the Profession*

Dear Tommy:

Congratulations on being honored by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession! What a wonderful honor for you and what a great occasion to benefit the ABA Women of Color Research Initiative!

My only disappointment was that Jan invoked the four-days-in-one city rule and was not present to share in this lovely event, not to mention your massive lovely suite at the Fairmont. I trust you sent her photos of the suite from your cell phone.

Thanks again for serving as an honoree and for joining us at this splendid event.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron".

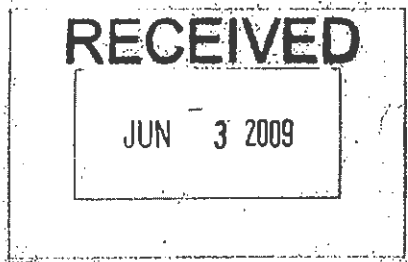
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American Bar Association  
321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60610

re: Membership Renewal, Member No. 00627215

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with regret that after more than 30 years of membership in the ABA, I must now let my membership lapse. I will not be renewing my membership when it expires.

The letters sent by your President to Congress last December on the issue of federal preemption evidence that the ABA has become an advocacy group for its members, which is all well and good, and there is certainly a place for that. But such a step is taken at the expense of the clients of its members, the American legal system, and the American economy.

I am in-house, and my company is obligated to pay my dues. But I cannot ask my company to support an organization that promotes interests adverse to those of my employer. Nor can I, in good conscience, support with my personal funds such an organization, given the well-deserved loyalty I have to my employer.

This past year I have had the honor of serving as President of the International Association of Defense Counsel, one of the four "sister organizations" of the defense bar. I note that with my resignation the ABA will be left with only one member among the four presidents of these sister organizations. To me this suggests that something about the ABA fails to appeal to those in the defense bar, at least as represented by the leadership of the defense bar.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Hunter  
General Counsel

cc: Lee J. Stysliger, III  
Tommy Wells



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Mr. LIMENG Ratanak

Phnom Penh, May 25, 2009

Dear Mr. H. Thomas Wells Jr.  
 President of ABA-2008-2009

I, CHIV SONG HAK, the President of the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC), 07 mandates, and my bar council members would like to joint the annual meeting of American Bar Association (ABA) in Chicago, from May to August 2009.

The purpose of our visit is the precious occasion for the new direction of BAKC to promote his policy and to reinforce the cooperation between BAKC and ABA.

Our delegation will joint the meeting by the ABA' invitation (speech), president mission to justice in law association and his agenda, I would like to introduce you the delegation members who're among me to joint this meeting:

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1/ I, CHIV Song Hak,      | President of BAKC<br>Director of Cambodia International Law Firm (CILF) |
| 2/ Mrs. OUK Reth Kunthea, | Judge   |
| 3/ Mr. SUON Visal,        | General Secretary of BAKC   |
| 4/ Ms. SEANG Boravy,      | Bar Council Member of BAKC<br>Vice Director of LAD of BAKC              |
| 5/ Ms. NY Vuthy,          | Young lawyer of BAKC,<br>Master of Lawyer 9 promotions 2008-2010        |
| 6/ Mr. CHUM Phalla,       | Secretary of the president of BAKC & CILF                               |

The reason that our delegations joint this annual meeting is also a precious occasion for BAKC to seeking and gets the new way to serve the legal profession, the justice system and the public. I would also like to inform you that the BAKC has a human resource development policy as it encourage all lawyers' members, especially the direction member's and the young lawyer to attend locally and internationally legal training courses, meetings, seminars and conferences so as they can acquire new knowledge and experience to promote the juridical system in Cambodia.

I am looking forwards to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
 President of BAKC

Mr. CHIV SONG HAK

Mr. NOU

