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President's Message:

Dear Fellow NLA Members:

I hope you are planning to attend the upcoming Annual Conference in Springfield, IL. The planning committee has worked hard to make this conference one you will not want to miss. All of the CLEs revolve around the theme of "Lincoln". Each CLE will attempt to convey a Lincoln perspective on a specific area of law. The conference will be offering a total of 16 hours of CLE credit. These CLEs will be presented by local attorneys with the expertise and experience to make the program one you are sure to enjoy.

While you're in Springfield for the NLA Educational Conference, you will have afternoons free to visit many of the actual sites Lincoln visited and lived in during his life. Walk where Lincoln walked. See the Lincoln Home — the only home he ever owned. Visit the Old State Capitol Building— where he made his most famous speech, "House Divided". See Lincoln's actual law office. Please don't fail to visit the magnificent monument and final resting place of

Lincoln— the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site. The new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, covering a three-block area in historic downtown Springfield, is something everyone should experience. This world class library and museum offer an exact historical detail blended with innovative modern technology to present the story of Lincoln's life from childhood through his final moments as President of the United States. The museum contains thousands of priceless Lincoln treasures, many of which have only been viewed by scholars. Also, don't forget to enjoy the city of Springfield, its shopping, dining, and cultural events.

On Monday August 7th at 6:00 pm there will be an informal reception at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. This will be an opportunity for NLA members to meet the board of directors and other members. One of the things I like most about the NLA is that these conferences offer members an opportunity to enjoy dinner with other members and/or members of the Board of Directors. Please leave your dinner arrangements open so you can join members and the directors for dinner at local nearby restaurants.

On Tuesday, August 8th, at 6:00 pm there will be another reception for all NLA members also at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Afterwards, board members will welcome the opportunity to dine with NLA members and their spouses.

On Wednesday, August 9th, at 6:00

pm, the President’s Awards Reception and Dinner will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. Following dinner, attendees will enjoy special presentation of “An Evening With Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln”. This one act play is performed by local performers and has been called “an excellent opportunity to witness living history!” This play takes place in the White House at the end of the Civil War in April 1865.

Finally, I want to thank each and every member for their continued support of the NLA. The NLA is dedicated to becoming the nation’s pre-eminent bar association. This is a very big endeavor and will not be accomplished quickly. However, your continued membership supports the Mission of the NLA. If you do attend, I want to meet you personally.

God Bless you all. Tracey Trigillo

NLA Board News

The NLA Board of Directors held its midyear meeting in Chicago on May 6, 2006. Board business included the election of Phillip S. Walker, Esq. of Hartford, CT as president-elect for 2008. The board also decided that the 2007 Educational Conference will be held at a site yet to be determined on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. Other board business included the selection of Tom Brejcha, Esq, a longtime member of the NLA, as this year’s recipient of the “William Wilberforce Award” for his many years of legal



services to the pro-life cause. Mr. Brejcha recently scored a major victory for the pro-life cause in the *NOW vs. Scheidler*, when the Supreme Court ruled that the RICO and Hobbs Act did not apply to pro-life protesters. Tom Brejcha, longtime NLA member, represented the defendants in all three successful appeals.

The board also selected Mitch Counts, Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law, as “Member of the Year” for his work in developing and implementing the NLA’s Judicial Evaluation Guidelines. As a result of the work of Professor Counts, with the help of several law students, prepared evaluations on Supreme Court nominees, Samuel Alito



and John Roberts, who were later confirmed. The NLA evaluations were distributed to all senators prior to the actual confirmation vote.

Bi-lingual Opportunities

The Latin American Alliance for the Family (ALAFA), a pro-life organization, based in Caracas, Venezuela with offices in the US, is looking for pro-life lawyers with Spanish-speaking abilities to participate in its US-Latin American Legal Committee, of which I am a member. The Legal Committee evaluates the legal situation in Latin American and attempts to provide information and advice to our Latin American legal experts to assist them in defending pro-life laws in their countries. The Legal Committee needs to add one or two lawyers or law professors with bi-lingual ability. This is a volunteer position. For more information, please contact Dan Zeidler (the ALAFA representative in the US and the coordinator of the Committee) at 414-771-2965 or 414-218-3769.

NLA LAW STUDENT NEWS



**Ave Maria Law School Student Chapter:
By Michelle Gushman,
President**

The Ave’ Maria Chapter of NLA is doing very well. A clothing donation drive before Easter was

organized and a large amount of clothes was collected, sorted and donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The chapter is in the process of electing new officers for next year. In addition, Michelle Gushman, outgoing president, is putting together a contact book (name, practice area, and location) which will begin with members of the 2006 class. A list of comprehensive information on Ave’ Maria Alumni would be very helpful to incoming students who are interested in internship, externship and job opportunities.

Any NLA members or firms with job opportunities should contact the NLA Office, which will forward the information to the student chapter for posting. [Congratulations to Michelle and all the other graduating NLA student members. Thank you for your support of the NLA.]

**NATIONAL LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION**
Educational Conference
Presidential Abraham Lincoln
Hotel & Conference Center
Springfield, IL
August 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2006
16 hrs CLE Credit



CLE PROGRAMS (Part I)

Monday, August 7, 2006

7:30 am Registration

Illinois State Library (2nd & Monroe)

8:00 to 12:30

“Lincoln, the Estate Lawyer” “Civility & Professionalism in Lincoln’s Day” by



Ronald Len Hanna, Esq. of Peoria, IL
Includes CLE tour of Lincoln’s Tomb or other local attraction.

(4 hrs.)

Afternoon free.

**Members/Attendees Informal Reception
PAL Hotel 6:00 pm**

CLE PROGRAMS (Part II)

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

7:30 am Registration

Illinois Sec of State Howlett Bldg., (2nd & Edwards)

8:00 to 12:30

“Lincoln, the Bankruptcy Lawyer” by
Chris Schnell, Esq. & Francis Giganti,
Esq. of Springfield, IL.



“Lincoln, the Divorce Lawyer” by
Stacy Pratt, Esq. & Robert Barewin, Esq.
of Springfield, IL.

Includes CLE tour of Lincoln’s Law Office. (4 hrs)

Afternoon Free.

**Tuesday, August 8th, 5:00 pm
Members/Attendees Reception
PAL Hotel**



CLE PROGRAMS (Part III)

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

7:30 am Registration

Sec of State Office Howlett Bldg. (2nd & Edwards)

8:00 –12:30

“Lincoln, the Lawyer & Legislator” by
Guy Fraker, Esq., of Bloomington,
And Lincoln Scholar, Samuel P.
Wheeler, History Advisement with
Southern Illinois University, Car-
bondale, IL.

*Includes CLE tour of New Capitol
Building. (4 hrs.) Afternoon Free.*



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Wednesday August 9th

Dinner/Reception (By Invitation Only)

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

CLE PROGRAMS (Part IV)

Thursday, August 10, 2006

7:30 am Registration

Sec of State Office Howlett Bldg. (2nd & Edwards)

8:00 –12:30

“Patriot Act Overview” by
Marshall Stone, Esq., (FBI) Springfield, IL

“Lincoln, the Trial Lawyer” by



Brian Addy, Esq., Pekin,
& by John Sharp, Esq.,
Springfield

**“Lincoln, the Appellate
Lawyer”** by

John A. Lupton, B.A. &
M.A. and Paul Stone, Esq., Sullivan, IL



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Includes CLE tour of Old Capitol Building. (4.0 hrs)



NATIONAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
 Educational Conference
 President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center
 Springfield, Illinois
 August 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2006
Official Registration Form

Stay in the heart of downtown Springfield within walking distance of the Old State Capitol, Lincoln’s Law Office, the Museum and many other local attractions. PAL Hotel’s starting rate for NLA members is only \$89 per night. Reserve your room now by calling 1-866-788-1860. Credit cards are accepted. **THREE WAYS TO REGISTER** for the Educational Conference CLEs, receptions, President’s Dinner at the Lincoln Presidential Library & other events:

- 1. REGISTER BY PHONE:** Call NLA at **1-800-471-2994**;
- 2. REGISTER BY FAX:** Fax to **1-816-350-0018**; OR
- 3. REGISTER BY MAIL: MAIL FORM TO NLA, P.O. Box 1923, Independence, MO 64055.**

Name: _____ Firm/Court/Affiliation_____

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SPOUSE/GUEST(s) : _____

REGISTRATION FEES: Total Package, including all CLE Programs, Receptions and Dinner on Wednesday, \$175.00 for all NLA Members. NLA Spouses’ Package, including all Receptions and Dinner on Wednesday, is only \$75.00. Children’s package, includes dinner for only \$40.00. Non-members Package is \$375.00, includes spouse. Dinner seating is limited to first 75 persons who register. CLE credits will be applied for in the states of all attendees. The Illinois Supreme Court has advised that it is not approving any CLE at this time but will be accepting CLE applications later . NLA will be seeking CLE credit from Illinois after this event. The specific CLE credits are for attending the live seminar. A total of 16 hrs of CLE credit will be applied for where applicable.



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