SLD 2007 Year-end update

We have had a very productive year and expect great things from our members and programs next year. The following is an overview of this past year's activities and accomplishments:

1. Thanks to the efforts of Federal Magistrate Bob Scott and Brad Ziekus, we honored six judges who had been on the bench 25 years or more. The awards, which include our Scales of Justice pin, were presented at the annual Judicial Conclave.

2. We continue to staff the KOB Lawyer Call in show the third Wednesday of each month.

3. We have had three social events this year, which gave us an opportunity to reconnect with some of our friends.

4. At our Annual meeting and party at the State Bar convention we honored retired US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and presented her with a Scales of Justice pin.

5. The attendance at our board meetings has ranged from 80 to 100%.

6. We have achieved our goal of completing 10 Oral Histories by year's end. The DVDs are currently stored at the State Bar offices and we will try to have them available online in the near future.

7. At the request of the SLD of the ABA we approved a resolution to initiate the study of volunteer succession lawyers for all lawyers who are in solo practice. The basic idea is to strongly recommend that all solo practitioners make arrangements with another lawyer, with competence in their area of practice, to step in to preserve and protect the clients', as well as the lawyer's interests in the event of serious disability or death. The Board of Bar Commissioners approved a resolution suggesting that the ABA study this issues and report back to us. At this point there is nothing binding and we intend to study the feasibility of this idea over the next year.

8. When it became time to find replacement board members for our six retiring positions, we were extremely pleased to find that five of the six retiring members wanted to reup for another three year term. This created a very pleasant problem since we had six applicants for what was now one position. By acclamation the one position went to Virginia Ferarra, our distinguished Disciplinary Counsel. We then decided that we would offer the remaining applicants Adjunct board positions, which proved to be a very popular idea.

9. The Scales of Justice pins which we have adopted as our symbol, and which we have been giving away to the Judges and Justice O'Connor, as well as other honorees, are available for purchase at $150.00. They are made of gold in three versions: a pin, a pendant or a tie knot ornament (which slips securely over the outer fold of your tie knot).

We look forward to another exciting year during which we will continue with our current efforts and study the feasibility of several new programs such as The Second Season of Service Project, The Volunteer Successor Program, The Advocacy for Cancer Patients Program and the Veteran's Assistance Project. If you would like to be a part of any of these projects please contact me. On behalf of the entire Senior Lawyer's Division I wish you a very happy holiday and a healthy, prosperous and joy-filled 2008.

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