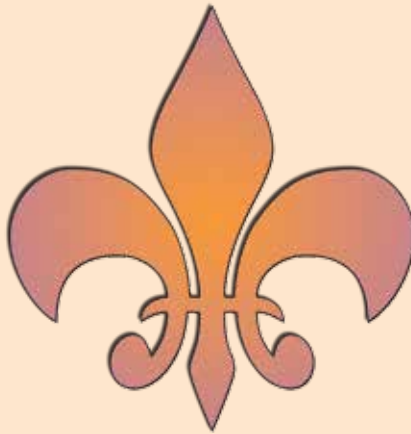




GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECTION  
2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP



Astor Crowne Plaza  
November 12-14, 2014  
New Orleans, Louisiana

***All events at the Astor Crowne Plaza will take place in Grand Ballroom A/B.***

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**REGISTRATION**

*Grand Ballroom A Foyer*

**1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.**

**WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joe Molina, Chair, NABE Governmental Relations Section

**1:15 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**STATE OF THE STATES**

**3:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.**

**BREAK**

**3:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

**NETWORKING EXERCISE**

**FACILITATORS**

Cale Battles, Government Relations Coordinator, State Bar of Wisconsin

Ashley Kelm, Assistant Director, Governmental Relations, State Bar of Texas

**6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**RECEPTION AT THE NAPOLEON HOUSE**

*500 Chartres Street*

*Sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association*

**7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

**DINNER AT THE COURT OF TWO SISTERS**

*613 Royal Street*

Advance registration for this optional event is required. Fee covers meal, including coffee and tea, plus tax and gratuity. Soft drinks, bottled water, and alcoholic beverages will be at each individual's expense and tallied on one bill. So, bring cash and throw in what you owe, including 9.75% tax and 20% gratuity.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.**

**BREAKFAST**

**8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

**CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES FACING BAR ASSOCIATIONS**

Bar associations face a number of challenges each year and their leaders and staff have to react, whether the challenge is from outside the profession or from within. The South Carolina Bar spoke against campaign tactics which denounced a candidate's experience as a defense attorney in a recent South Carolina gubernatorial campaign, while the Nebraska State Bar Association confronted challenges to its role as a unified bar. To get the ball rolling on how bars react to such provocative situations, we'll hear from representatives of these bars before opening the floor to attendees to discuss how their own bars have been tested.

**MODERATOR**

Cale Battles, Government Relations Coordinator, State Bar of Wisconsin

**PANELISTS**

Leah Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, South Carolina Bar

William Mueller, Legislative Counsel, Nebraska State Bar Association

**10:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.**

**UPDATE FROM THE UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION**

Learn about current proposals from the Commission and how your bar can support the effort for statutory consistency where appropriate and feasible.

**PRESENTER**

Terry Morrow, Legislative Director and Legal Counsel, Uniform Law Commission

**10:10 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**

**BREAK**

**10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:  
HYPE OR HELP**

How has social media affected the legislative process? Has it helped? When is it reliable? When is it incendiary? Panelists affiliated with Louisiana's legislature will provide their perspectives on social media's influence and cite examples of effective social media efforts and some not so effective ones; explore the dangers of social media; discuss the generational issues attendant with use of social media, and discuss what platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.) work best.

**MODERATOR**

Shawn Holahan, Practice Management Counsel and Legislative Liaison, Louisiana State Bar Association

**PANELISTS**

Neil Abramson, Esq., Louisiana State Representative (D)  
Katrina Jackson, Esq., Louisiana State Representative (D)  
Daniel Martiny, Esq., Louisiana State Senator (R)

**12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**LUNCH**

**1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**A POST ELECTION ANALYSIS: WHO MADE IT, WHO  
DIDN'T AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Forget about Sunday morning gas bags! We'll have our own analysis of the elections from an expert on politics, polling and voter participation, and learn about trends that provide insights into the future.

**PRESENTER**

Edward Chevernak, Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of New Orleans, and Director of the University of New Orleans Survey Research Center

**2:00 P.M. - 2:55 P.M.**

**UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATURES**

Learn how outcomes of the recent elections will influence the agenda of the nation's statehouses.

**PRESENTER**

William Pound, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

**2:55 P.M. - 3:05 P.M.**

**BREAK**

**3:05 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**UPDATE ON STATE COURTS**

Learn what's going on at the nation's state courts and how it affects your role as a legislative professional for your association.

**PRESENTER**

William Raftery, Court Research Analyst, National Center for State Courts

**5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**SUNSET AND COCKTAILS AT THE PONTALBA**

*Pontalba Apartments, 544-B Saint Peter Street (at corner of Chartres and Saint Peter)*

*Sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association and Larry Murray, President, The Capitol Group*

**7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

**DINNER AT THE PALACE CAFÉ**

*605 Canal Street*

Advance registration for this optional event is required. Fee covers meal, including coffee and tea, plus tax and gratuity. Soft drinks, bottled water, and alcoholic beverages will be at each individual's expense and tallied on one bill. So, bring cash and throw in what you owe, including 9.75% tax and 20% gratuity.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**

**BREAKFAST & SECTION BUSINESS MEETING**

Breakfast will be available starting at 7:30 A.M. The business meeting will begin at 8:00 A.M.

**9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

**THE SPIRIT OF LOUISIANA: A LOOK AT THE BAYOU STATE THROUGH THE PRISM OF RECENT POLITICAL HISTORY, MEDIA AND CULTURE**

Leo Honeycutt is a veteran host of morning news and entertainment shows, an author of several biographies and an acclaimed novel, and president of a successful communications company. He has witnessed, reported on, or played a role in a host of stories reflective of Louisiana's charms and challenges and will share a few of those with us today.

**PRESENTER**

Leo Honeycutt, Author and Communications Professional

**10:00 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.**

**ABA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA takes the lead on a variety of issues of importance to the organized bar. Find out about the ABA's current legislative priorities and how your bar and the ABA can collaborate on important issues.

**PRESENTER**

Kenneth Goldsmith, Senior Legal Counsel, ABA Governmental Affairs Office

**10:20 A.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

**GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECTION COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING**



**NABE PRESIDENT**

George C. Brown, State Bar of Wisconsin

**GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECTION COUNCIL**

Joseph Molina, Chair, Kansas Bar Association

Ashley Kelm, State Bar of Texas

Cale Battles, State Bar of Wisconsin

Shawn Holahan, Louisiana State Bar Association

Kimberly Crouch, Immediate Past Chair, North Carolina State Bar

NABE Staff Liaison, Pamela E. Robinson, Associate Director, ABA Division for Bar Services

ABA Governmental Affairs Office Liaison, Kenneth Goldsmith, Senior Legal Counsel

