



Dear Bar Leader:

On behalf of American Bar Association President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson and my colleagues on the Planning Committee, I extend a personal invitation for you to join us for ABA Day in Washington. ABA Day events will be headquartered April 17-19, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. The National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives, the ABA Section Officers Conference and the ABA Young Lawyers Division co-sponsor ABA Day. We urge you to [register now](#) to participate.

**It is very important that bar leaders come to Washington.** Decisions are being made in DC that will have a direct impact on how you practice law. We expect these and other issues to be a focus for a very active 112th Congress, and the simple calculus of Washington dictates that those voices least heard are the voices least protected. The issues we stand for and the clients we represent require our advocacy at the time and place the decisions are being made.

**ABA Day is a fun, professionally rewarding experience.** We kick off our program with a reception and dinner Tuesday night at which we honor Members of Congress for their contributions to improving the justice system. Wednesday will include entertaining programs before a day visiting members of Congress, and we'll gather back at the Supreme Court for an evening reception to thank the people and organizations who have made lasting contributions to the administration of justice. Thursday morning breakfast will feature presentations from national leaders in Congress and the Administration, giving us invaluable context to one more day of visits on Capitol Hill. And before you leave town, you'll have chance to stop by for photos and information kits to help you share your experiences back home.

The hotel offers rooms at a substantially reduced rate to ABA Day participants; these rooms will be held until March 23, 2012. Please [register for the meeting online](#) through the GAO website and [make your hotel reservations](#) now. The ABA Day website also includes a [detailed meeting schedule](#) and all the information you need to fully participate in ABA Day.

If you have questions, please contact Ken Goldsmith in the Governmental Affairs Office at [Kenneth.Goldsmith@americanbar.org](mailto:Kenneth.Goldsmith@americanbar.org) or (202) 662-1789.

I look forward to walking the hill by your side. There is nothing more exciting than being in Washington when the ABA marshals its force for the protection of American ideals and takes action to assure access to justice for all.

Sincerely,

William C. Hubbard  
Chair, ABA Day in Washington Planning Committee

**P.S. REGISTER NOW AND AVOID A FEE.** There is no registration fee to attend ABA Day. We are grateful for your support and want to encourage constituent participation. However, this year we are instituting a **\$100 late registration fee beginning March 19, 2012.**