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## SECTION OF LITIGATION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION ANNUAL CLE CONFERENCE

# FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE HELPFUL HINTS

Miami Beach, FL | April 13 - 15, 2011

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WE ARE PLEASED THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SECTION OF LITIGATION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION ANNUAL CLE CONFERENCE. BELOW ARE SOME [HELPFUL HINTS](#) TO ASSIST YOU IN GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FIRST SECTION ANNUAL CLE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MIAMI BEACH!

## PLANNING YOUR MEETING

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The meeting will be held at the Fontainebleau Resort located in Miami Beach, Florida. A room block has been reserved for attendees at a rate of \$289 per room. Contact the hotel directly at (305) 538-2000 and reference the ABA Section of Litigation and Criminal Justice Section Annual CLE Conference. The deadline for hotel registration is [Monday, March 21, 2011](#).

You will receive the [onsite guide](#) in your registration packet. This useful reference tool for the Annual CLE Conference has a schedule-at-a-glance, complete program descriptions, and a listing of all networking events.

A [CD-ROM](#) containing all program materials will be included in your registration packet available at the registration desk. In addition, attendees who register before the advance registration deadline will receive an email link to a website providing the program materials and registration list posted ahead of time.

[Attendance is open for programs and events](#), although preregistration is required for the all-day Anatomy of a Trial Program. Tickets need to be purchased for the luncheons and evening events listed in the onsite guide. Committee membership is not a prerequisite to attend or participate in any of the programs, especially the popular [Networking Discussion Luncheons](#) on Thursday. Check the onsite guide or the Section website, [www.http://apps.americanbar.org/litigation](http://apps.americanbar.org/litigation), for specific meeting times and locations. Choose a luncheon discussion group on a topic that interests you! All luncheons will be held at the Fontainebleau Resort and are \$25 (includes a boxed lunch).

[CLE credit is offered for all programs, but not for the luncheons](#). Accreditation has been requested from every state with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for lawyers. Certificates of attendance will be available at the conclusion of all programs offering CLE credit. Be sure to fill out the sign-in sheet only once for the entire meeting (New York and Delaware attorneys must sign in and out of every program), along with all other necessary forms for credit in your state (please be aware that each state has its own rules and regulations). There will be information at the meeting to help you determine which CLE forms to sign.

## EVENTS NOT TO MISS

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TO REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS, [HTTP://APPS.AMERICANBAR.ORG/LITIGATION/SECTIONANNUAL/HOME.HTML](http://apps.americanbar.org/litigation/sectionannual/home.html)

### Speed Networking for Young Lawyers and First-Timers

On **Wednesday, April 13, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, join leaders from both Sections at the Fontainebleau Resort for a Speed Networking Event for Young Lawyers & First-Timers. Meet new colleagues and learn more about the Conference and the Section of Litigation at this complimentary cocktail reception.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE IS COMPLIMENTARY.

### Welcome & Outreach Reception and Presentation of the Diversity Leadership Awards

The Sections will host the Welcome & Outreach Reception and Presentation of Litigation Diversity Leadership Awards at the Fontainebleau Resort on **Wednesday, April 13, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This complimentary networking cocktail reception will allow you to network with other Conference attendees, and catch up with colleagues. Awards will be presented to the recipients of the Diversity Leadership Awards.

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### Practice Area and Networking Discussion Luncheons

The Practice Area and Networking Discussion Luncheons on **Thursday, April 14, 2011, from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.** at the Fontainebleau Resort, provide an excellent opportunity to discuss current events and developments relevant to your practice area with attorneys from around the country.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND; TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH.

### The Committee Expo & Reception

The Committee Expo & Reception, on **Thursday, April 14, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Fontainebleau Resort, will feature leaders from all Section of Litigation Committees. This event will give you the opportunity to enjoy complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and learn what each Committee has to offer while networking with Conference attendees. ABA Section of Litigation members may join unlimited Committees during this event or any other time on the Section website.

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### Moonlight, Mojitos & Margaritas: An Evening on the Beach

Moonlight, Mojitos & Margaritas: An Evening on the Beach will take place on **Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Join your colleagues for an unforgettable night of food, cocktails, and networking on the lawn of the Fontainebleau Resort. This event promises to be one you will not want to miss.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND; TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH.

### John Minor Wisdom Public Service & Professionalism Awards Luncheon

The John Minor Wisdom Public Service & Professionalism Awards Luncheon on **Friday, April 15, 2011, from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.** at the Fontainebleau Resort. The 2011 recipients of the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Awards will be honored. Recipients of this year's awards and the luncheon keynote speakers will be announced on the website soon.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND; TICKETS ARE \$60 EACH.

Tickets to all events may be purchased online before **Friday, April 2, 2011**. After this date, tickets must be purchased onsite at the registration desk. Please note that our events do sell out. Advance ticket purchase is recommended.

## AFTER THE MEETING

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WHAT CAN YOU DO AFTER THE SECTION OF LITIGATION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION ANNUAL CLE CONFERENCE TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR YOUR SECTION MEMBERSHIP? [HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS:](#)

- If you are not already a [Section of Litigation member](#), join on our website.

[WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION](http://WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION)

- [Join a Committee online](#). Membership in a Committee includes a newsletter subscription, access to exclusive online articles and features and advance notice of CLE programs. ABA Section of Litigation members may choose to belong to as many Committees as they wish.

[WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION/COMMITTEES](http://WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION/COMMITTEES)

- Offer to write a short article on a recent development in your area for a Committee newsletter. A list of [Committee newsletters](#) can be found online.

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- Find out if a Committee in which you have an interest has a [stand-alone meeting](#). If it does, plan to attend the next meeting. You can find the complete listing of Committee meetings on the Section Calendar.

[WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION/EVENTS\\_CLE](http://WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/GROUPS/LITIGATION/EVENTS_CLE)

- Read [Litigation](#), the preeminent journal in the field. Published quarterly, Litigation covers issues from all perspectives in a lively and readable manner.

- Read [Litigation News](#), a quarterly publication offering columns on ethics, civil procedure, important legislation, regulations and practice points.

- Read [Litigation News Online](#). Published six times a year, Litigation News Online presents news articles about Section activities, litigation trends and topics of interest to litigators.

[WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/PUBLICATIONS/LITIGATION\\_NEWS\\_HOME](http://WWW.AMERICANBAR.ORG/PUBLICATIONS/LITIGATION_NEWS_HOME)

- Plan to attend [next year's Section Annual Conference](#) in Washington, DC, and bring a friend or colleague.