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AUTO TORTS Section Newsletter

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From the Communications Co-Chairs

Happy New Year! The January issue of the Section e-newsletter includes information and events that would be of interest to Auto Torts Section members.

If any Section member would like to be an *Interrogatories* participant or contribute an article of interest in upcoming issues of the e-newsletter, please contact us directly at SClontz@Farrin.com or DLarson@lawmed.com and include SECTION NEWSLETTER in the header of the email.

Enjoy!

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Communications Co-Chairs, Auto Torts Section

Ready, Set, Go...NCAJ at the NC General Assembly

With the long session of the NC General Assembly currently underway, NCAJ is *primed and ready* to advocate on issues *important to you and to your clients*.

NCAJ's legislative team, led by NCAJ's CEO, **Dick Taylor**, President, **Phil Baddour** and Legislative Vice President, **David Kirby**, has *decades and decades of legislative experience* and are *fully prepared to act* on any matters that arise at the General Assembly that effect NCAJ's mission of *Protecting People's Rights*.

Other individuals that comprise NCAJ's legislative team include **Todd Barlow**, NCAJ Political Affairs Counsel; **Lea Tackett**, NCAJ Political Affairs Coordinator; **Randolph Cloud**; **Burton Craige**; **Philip Isley**; **Paul Pulley**; **Billy Warden**; and, **Carter Wrenn**.

[Click here](#) to review NCAJ's Legislative Agenda.

Stay tuned to future issues of the Section e-newsletter, Section listserv and *Brief Notes* for updates on what's going on at the General Assembly.

NCAJ Legislative Reception – RSVP Today!

All NC legislators have been invited to **NCAJ's Legislative Reception** that will be held on **Tuesday, February 15th** from **5:00 to 6:30 PM** at **NCAJ in Raleigh** and *your participation is requested and strongly encouraged!*

What better way to make an impact and acquaint NC legislators with the issues important to you and your

clients than to meet and mingle in the casual and convivial setting of the Legislative Reception?

RSVP Today to Lea@ncaj.com.

NCAJ Leadership & Staff Are Looking Forward to Seeing You on February 15th!

Announcing NCAJ's Educational Achievement Program...



The North Carolina Advocates for Justice is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Educational Achievement Program** (EAP). EAP is designed to recognize NCAJ members for their commitment to improving trial skills and understanding substantive law as a means to better serve their clients.

- Attorneys who complete 20 CLE hours through NCAJ in one year, or an average of 20 hours per year over a three-year period, earn the distinction of an "Advocate" of the Educational Achievement Program (retroactive to July 1, 2010).
- Legal Assistants earn this distinction by completing 10 CPE hours in one year, or an average of 10 hours per year over a 3-year period (retroactive to July 1, 2010).
- Those members who achieve this status will be recognized in the NCAJ membership directory, on the NCAJ website, at Convention, and in other NCAJ publications. In addition, an "Advocate" of EAP will receive a specially designed logo to use in the firm's marketing and communications materials (all as set forth by accompanying NCAJ guidelines).

For additional information about NCAJ's Educational Achievement Program, please visit www.ncaj.com or contact Kim Williams at 800.688.1413 or kim@ncaj.com.

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

ETHICS CLE IN 2011 - SATISFY YOUR ETHICS REQUIREMENTS VIA THE WEB OR LIVE!

Informative Webinars

NCAJ's Webinars are a great timesaver -- attend the webinar anywhere that you have computer and phone access AND get CLE credit at the same time! It's that easy! And, the Webinars listed below are just in time to satisfy your yearly Ethics CLE requirements.

February 9, 2011

Changing Law Firms: How To Do It Ethically?

Presenter: Deanna Brocker

[Click here](#) for more webinar information/to register.

February 28, 2011

Recession Related Ethics: Navigating Tough Times

Presenter: Camille Stell

[Click here](#) for more webinar information/to register.

February 28, 2011

Ethics and Technology: 20 Tips in 60 Minutes

Presenter: Susan Freya Olive

[Click here](#) for more webinar information/to register.

Live CLE

February 18, 2011 - [Register Today!](#)

2011 Ethics Hot Issues

Program Chair: Burton Craige

Our esteemed Past President, **Burton Craige**, and ethics guru has put together a powerhouse half-day CLE for you that will not only satisfy your ethics requirements but also your substance abuse requirements.

[Click here](#) for a detailed brochure/to register.

SECTION-SPONSORED CLE - SAVE THE DATE!

April 8, 2011 - *Voir Dire Trial Skills: Putting Theory Into Practice, Raleigh TBD*

May 13, 2011 - *Proving Economic Damages: Non-Traditional Wage Earners, Triad TBD*

June 17-22, 2011 - *Convention 2011, Wilmington*

INTERESTED IN OTHER CLE TOPICS?

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of upcoming live educational seminars and video replays.

Add Another Section at Half-Price – Check It Out!

New to a Practice Area? Want to "Try Out" a Section? New to NCAJ and Haven't Joined a Section Yet? If your answer is "YES", NOW is a good time to add another Section to your membership - at half price of \$47.50!!

Join a Section and be included in a vibrant, statewide community of other NCAJ members who practice in the same area of law and who will provide you with professional support, expertise and idea exchange.

Take advantage of Section-specific resources: listserv, CLE, statewide socials and meetings, electronic newsletters, document banks or online trial notebooks, and much more!

NCAJ supports its members by providing a wide range of Sections - more than most TLAs in the nation: Auto Torts, Civil Rights, Commercial Litigation (free through June 2011), Consumer Areas of Practice, Criminal Defense, Disability Advocacy, Eminent Domain, Employment Law, Family Law, Juvenile Defense, Nursing Home Litigation, Products Liability, Professional Negligence, Small Office Practice, Workers Compensation.

NOTE: This offering only applies when you ADD a Section(s) to your membership and CANNOT be applied to your current Section membership(s).

[Click here](#) to join a Section(s) online using your credit card.

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Questions? Contact AndreaD@ncaj.com or (919) 836-4215.

Acquaint Your Colleagues with All that NCAJ Has to Offer...At Half-Price!

Pass along the good news to colleagues who are non-NCAJ-members: *NCAJ membership is now half-price!*

As you are aware, NCAJ has so much to offer your colleagues: Sections & Divisions specific to your practice area; CLEs provided statewide - live, video replay, webcast; Educational Achievement Program; legislative initiatives that positively impact you and your clients; "Trial Briefs" bi-monthly print journal, "Brief Notes" weekly e-newsletter; "e-Clips" daily news updates and other NCAJ publications; Amicus brief writing/filing/assistance; print and online membership directory listing, and much, much more!

[Click here](#) to print a Half Price Membership Application to pass along or let your colleagues know that they can enroll online at www.ncaj.com. *Questions?* Contact Lisa White at LisaW@ncaj.com or (919) 835-2807.

On-Point: Topics from the Section Listserv

If you do not participate in Section listserv, you are missing out on one of the most valuable (and free) benefits of being an Auto Torts Section member!

Below is a list of wide-ranging topics that have been recently discussed by Section members on the listserv that greatly benefited all members of the Section listserv.

- Client Relationships
- Durham Verdict
- Verdict Report (Mecklenburg)
- HIPAA and other Privacy Rules
- Pre-litigation statement
- Venue Choice -- Bertie v. Northampton
- Road/DOT expert suggestions?
- Orthopedic IME in Fayetteville area
- Human Factors expert
- Canadian Claim
- Tax Consequences
- Orthopedic IME in Fayetteville area
- Mentally Impaired Adult- Contrib?
- Getting Cheated Out of a Fee
- Need Help with Complaint
- The State as Landowner
- Life Care Plan Expert
- Subpoenas for Med Records
- Wrongful Death & Estate Question about Funeral Costs
- GEICO bad faith
- Association of Slip and Fall Claim against Walmart
- Toyota Camry malfunction
- Deceased Agent-Employee
- OT: Case Management Software
- Rabon v Keystone Freight
- Defense Recorded Statement Shenanigans
- State Health Plan Lien Question
- Wrongful Death Valuation ?
- Participation in a Risk Management Fund a Waiver
- Rawlings/BCBS
- Sample Fraud Complaint
- Buying Plaintiff's Wrecked Car
- Allstate Adjuster
- Property Damage Umpire Needed
- City of Greensboro Auto Coverage
- Fighting Motion in Limine in Third Party Claim

So don't delay - make the most of your Section membership, email AndreaD@ncaj.com today to set-up your Section listserv account.

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