

NNABA

Young Lawyers Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2015



NATIONAL
NATIVE AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. NNABA Announcements
 - NNABA Law Student Scholarships
 - NNABA Native American Attorney Study
3. ABA Matters
 - Updates from Mid-year
 - Future Meeting Topics
 - Opportunities to Represent NNABA
 - ABA Scholars Program
 - Resolution on the Uniform Bar Examination
4. NNABA Annual Meeting & FedBar
5. Other Events and Opportunities for Committee Action

Introductions

1. Group e-mail alias
2. Social media group



Mary Smith



Thomasina
Realbird



Lauren
VanShilfgaard



Makalika Naholowaa



Colleen Lamarre

NNABA Announcements

Law Student Scholarships

- For students who are in law school or have been accepted to law school.
- Applications due March 15th.
- Four awards for \$2,500 will be granted.
- More information available at <http://www.nativeamericanbar.org/foundation-scholarships/>

NNABA Announcements

Native Attorney Study

1. Will be published at NNABA annual meeting in April.
2. Plenary panel at FedBar will highlight results.
3. Will be discussed at in-person Committee meeting on April 8th.

NNABA Announcements

Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy

2015 Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy

- June 25-27, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN
- [NNABA Press Release](#)
- http://www.americanbar.org/groups/bar_services/events/barleadershipacademy.html

ABA Midyear Meeting Updates

Full ABA Updates

1. The ABA adopted 39 of the 40 Indian Law and Order Commission Report recommendations as ABA Policy.
 - [Final Resolution](#)
 - [Proposed Resolution and Report](#)
2. NNABA Nominee Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the United States Department of the Interior honored with Spirit of Excellence Award.
3. NNABA President Mary Smith is currently running unopposed for ABA Secretary.

ABA Midyear Meeting Updates

ABA Section Updates

1. ABA Judicial Division sponsored a CLE panel: “Spotlight on the Violence Against Women Act of 2013: A Practical Guide to the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Pilot Projects and What to Expect After March 2015”
2. ABA Criminal Justice Section held first [Tribal Lands Committee](#), chaired by NNABA Past President Patty Ferguson-Bohnee
3. ABA Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Native American Concerns Committee
4. ABA Judicial Division, Tribal Courts Council

ABA Midyear Meeting Updates

- NNABA and the ABA Young Lawyers Division (YLD)
 - NNABA has 1 representative position on the ABA YLD Council.
 - NNABA also has 3 delegate positions for the ABA YLD Assembly (including the Council person).
 - Makalika Naholowaa is the 2014-2015 YLD Council Representative for NNABA.
 - Lauren van Schilfgaarde, Thomasina Real Bird, and Colleen Lamarre have represented NNABA as Assembly Delegates this year.
 - Lauren and Thomasina served as NNABA's Assembly Delegates in Houston.
 - Fatima Abbas, ABA Fellow, represented California and NNABA in spirit.

ABA Midyear Meeting Updates

- ABA YLD Activity in Houston
 - The YLD voted to support endorsing the UBE for all states.
 - At the meeting, NNABA spoke in opposition, citing the decline of Indian law being tested on bar exams and the subsequent loss of Federal Indian law courses in law schools.
 - Considering introducing a resolution to support Indian law as a supplemental subject.
 - ***Opportunity for interested NNABA YLC members to engage***

ABA Midyear Meeting Updates

- ABA YLD Activity in Houston
 - Makalika and Lauren participated on a panel: “After the JD: Perspectives on Diversity in the Legal Profession”
 - Panel spoke to ABA “After the J.D.” study that traced the paths of attorneys from law school to twelve years in the careers, with emphasis on the experiences of women and some ethnic minorities.
 - Native lawyers were not specifically analyzed.

Looking Forward: ABA Annual Meeting

- July 30-Aug 2 in Chicago
 - NNABA will host a panel on the Native American Attorneys Study
 - ABA Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section (IR&R) seeking to pass a resolution supporting the recommendations of the Task Force on AI/AN Children Exposed to Violence. *See* [justice.gov/defendingchildhood/aian.html](https://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/aian.html)

Represent NNABA @ the ABA YLD

- NNABA has the opportunity to send 3 representatives to each ABA YLD Assembly
- One Council position
 - Partial travel costs paid by ABA
- Two additional Assembly representatives
 - No ABA travel reimbursement
 - See opportunity for scholarship on next slides
- Assembly occurs in conjunction with every ABA YLD conference, which occur quarterly. Two are a part of ABA Annual and ABA Midyear meetings.

Represent NNABA @ the ABA YLD

- Next meeting is May 14-16th in Tampa
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/events_cle/2015_spring_conference.html
- Meetings for the 2015-2016 year will include:
 - ABA Annual Meeting, July 30-Aug 2, Chicago
 - YLD Fall Conference, October 15-17, Little Rock
 - ABA Mid-year Meeting, February 4-9, San Diego
 - YLD Spring Conference, May 5-7, St. Louis

ABA Young Lawyer Division Scholarship

- Provides partial funding for attendance at 3 of the 4 ABA meetings.
- Additional support for young lawyer development and engagement with ABA YLD.
- Deadline: April 15, 2015
- Information online at http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/awards_scholarships/scholarship_program.html
- Could provide funding to represent NNABA as a Delegate at ABA YLD meetings.

Uniform Bar Exam Resolution

- Impact on Indian Law
- Recent article summarizing issue:
<https://turtletalk.wordpress.com/2015/02/17/paul-spruhan-article-indian-law-on-state-bar-exams-in-the-age-of-the-uniform-bar-examination/>
- ABA Resolution in support of adoption of UBE will be presented in Chicago later this year.
 - *Opportunity for NNABA Young Lawyer Committee engagement*

NNABA Annual Meeting & FedBar

- April 8-10, 2015
Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, AZ
More NNABA Meeting Information: <http://www.nativeamericanbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/2015-01-17-NNABA-2015-Annual-Meeting-Save-the-Date.pdf>
More FedBar Meeting Information: <http://www.fedbar.org/Education/Calendar-CLE-events/40th-Indian-Law-Conference.aspx>

NNABA Events:

1. NNABA Meeting, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on April 8th
2. NNABA Young Lawyers Meeting, 5 p.m. on April 8th
3. NNABA Social, 6 p.m. on April 8th
4. Plenary Session Regarding Native Attorney Study @FedBar, 10:15 a.m. on April 9th

NNABA Annual Meeting & FedBar

NNABA Meeting

- Board Elections
 - All positions up for re-election
 - Two year term, except Treasurer, which is 4 year term

NNABA Annual Meeting & FedBar

NNABA Young Lawyers Meeting

- Will immediately follow NNABA meeting at Talking Stick Resort
- ***Volunteers to Assist in Planning?***

NNABA Annual Meeting & FedBar

NNABA Social

- Will immediately follow the NNABA Young Lawyer Committee meeting.
- Location: Talking Stick Resort
- NALSA will be invited.
- ***Volunteers to Assist in Planning?***

Other Events

California Indian Law Association Annual Conference & Gala

- October 15-16, 2015 at Jackson Casino
- www.calindianlaw.org

Other Opportunities for Committee Action

1. ABA YLD Spring Meeting
 - Representation
 - Resolutions
2. NALSA Engagement
3. Programming Related to Native American Attorney Study