

AGENDA

*“Improving the Professionalism of Lawyers:
Can Commissions, Committees, and Centers Make a Difference?”*

Friday evening and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 2000
Savannah, Georgia

Sponsored by:

The Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism at
the University of South Carolina School of Law

The Keck Center on Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession at Stanford
Law School

Friday, October 20, 2000

2:00-5:00 p.m. **Registration**

7:00-8:00 p.m. **Reception in the Atrium**

8:00-10:00 p.m. **Dinner and Keynote Address in the Center Ballroom**

Welcoming remarks:

John Montgomery, Dean, University of South Carolina School of
Law

Introduction of keynote speaker:

William Hubbard, Esq., Chairman, Board of Trustees, University of
South Carolina and partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

Keynote address:

Martha W. Barnett, President, American Bar Association

Saturday, October 21, 2000

All Meetings on Saturday Will be Held in the Center Ballroom

8:30 - 9:00 **Late Registration and Coffee**

9:00 - 9:15 **Opening Remarks**

Roy T. Stuckey, Professor and Director, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism at the University of South Carolina School of Law

9:15 - 9:45 **Overview of Conference Goals**

Deborah L. Rhode, Professor and Director, Keck Center on Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession at Stanford Law School

9:45 -10:15 **Social Science Perspectives About Unprofessional Conduct**

Dr. Dean Kilpatrick, Professor of Clinical Psychology; Director of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center; and Director of the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center at the Medical University of South Carolina

Robert L. Nelson, Professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University and Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation

10:15 - 10:30 **Morning Break**

10:30 - 11:15 **First Panel - The Law Schools' Response to Professionalism Issues**

Moderator: Professor Stuckey

Presenters: **Law School Efforts to Enhance Professionalism**

Jack Lee Sammons, Professor, Mercer University Law School

Activities of Law School Centers on Professionalism

Anthony Alfieri, Professor and Director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service, University of Miami School of Law

Responders: Richard E. Carter, Executive Director, ALI-ABA Committee on CLE, and former Director, ABA Division for Professional Education; Nathan Crystal, Professor, USC School of Law Honorable Roger K. Warren, President, National Center for State Courts; Caroline Heil, Editor in Chief, Law Review, USC School of Law

11:15 - 12:00 **Second Panel - The Judiciary's Response to Professionalism Issues**

Moderator: Professor Rhode

Presenters: **The Conference of Chief Justices' 1997 National Action Plan On Lawyer Conduct and Professionalism**

Thomas A. Zlaket, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Arizona

What State Commissions on Professionalism Are Doing

James A. Elliott, Associate Dean, Emory University School of Law and former President of Georgia Bar

Judicial Training About Professionalism

Henry Ramsey, Jr., Professor Emeritus and former Dean, Howard University School of Law, former Chair, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, and former Judge, Superior Court of California

Responders: Rob Atkinson, Professor, Florida State University College of Law; Robert J. Grey, Jr., Esq., vice president of the Richmond law firm LeClair Ryan and immediate past chair of the ABA House of Delegates; Stephen G. Morrison, Esq., Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough; Executive Vice-President, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, Mynd Corporation, Columbia, South Carolina; Fabio Diminch, Law Review, USC School of Law

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch in the Harborview Room, 15th Floor**

Saturday afternoon, October 21, 2000**1:00 - 1:30 Special Presentation by the Open Society Institute**

Two representatives of the Law & Society Program of the Open Society Institute, John Kowal, Associate Director, and Amanda Campbell, Senior Program Associate, will describe professionalism projects that are being funded by the Open Society Institute as well as future plans of the Institute to promote improved professionalism of lawyers.

1:30 - 2:15 Third Panel - The Organized Bar's Response to Professionalism Issues.

Moderator: Professor Stuckey

Presenters: **Continuing Legal Education**

Mr. Carter

Bar Admissions and Continuing Legal Education

Margaret Fuller Corneille, Director, Minnesota Boards of Bar Examiners, Continuing Legal Education, and Legal Certification.

American Bar Association Initiatives

Arthur H. Garwin, Professionalism Counsel and Director of Publications and Conference Planning for the ABA Center on Professional Responsibility

Responders: Professor Crystal; Professor Green; Judge Warren; Candy Kern-Fuller, Law Review, USC School of Law

2:15 - 4:15 **Proposals for New Initiatives**

Moderator: Deborah L. Rhode

Presenters: **Proposed Center for Justice and the Public Interest**
Deborah L. Rhode

Law as a Learned Profession: A Call to Enhance the Study of the Humanities in Law School

Rob Atkinson

Increasing the Participation of Law Schools in the Character and Fitness Aspect of Bar Admissions

W. Seaborn Jones, Esq., Immediate Past President of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and Former President of the Atlanta Bar

A Proposed Professionalism Creed for Judges

Peter A. Joy, Professor, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis

National Bar Presidents' Project to Improve Honesty of Lawyers

Chief Justice Zlaket

A British Perspective on the American Advocacy System (a call for more pursuit of truth and less pursuit of winning)

Christopher J. Whelan, Associate Director, International Law Programmes, University of Oxford

A Call for Law Firms to Adopt Professionalism Codes

Bruce A. Green, Professor and Director of the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham University School of Law

Responders: Dean Elliott; Mr. Grey; Mr. Morrison; Judge Ramsey; Professor Sammons; W. Bradley Wendel, Professor, Washington & Lee University School of Law; Forrest Norvell, Law Review, USC School of Law

4:15 - 4:30 **Social Scientists' Reflections on the Conference**

Dr. Kilpatrick and Professor Nelson

4:30 - 5:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Stephen Gillers, Vice Dean and Professor, New York University School of Law

5:00 **Adjourn**

6:00 - 7:30 **Reception in historic Chippewa Square**
(Rain location: Pulaski Room)