

Fellows News

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FROM THE CHAIR



Richard Pena

Hurricane Katrina

As we go to press with this Newsletter, the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is still very much on our minds. Our hearts and prayers go out to the evacuees and other victims of this tragedy. Our organization has approximately 218 Fellows who live in the Gulf states of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi that were affected. Many of the lawyers in these states lost everything—their files, computers, libraries, and even their offices and clients. Many are scattered throughout the country with very little to return to.

ABA President **Mike Greco**, an ABF Life Fellow, has appointed a blue ribbon Task Force which is leading the ABA's efforts to help the victims and lawyers affected. This Task Force is chaired by former ABA President and Sustaining Life Fellow **N. Lee Cooper** of Alabama.

If you are interested in helping please go to the ABA website specifically set up for the effort: <http://www.abanet.org/katrina/>. Special thanks

and acknowledgment also go out to state, local, and specialty bars throughout the country which are mobilizing their lawyers for this effort. For example, if you want more resources and information you can go to the Louisiana Bar Association website (www.lsb.org) or the State Bar of Texas website at www.texasbar.com.

At a recent meeting of the ABA Task Force President Mike Greco said, "This is the time when our profession has to step up to help the people in need. It's important for the people, it's important for our profession. This is a defining time for our profession."

This Bar Year

As I embark on my year as Chair of The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation I cannot help but think of the outstanding job done by past Chairs including the most recent: **Tom Clancy**, Illinois; **Steve Walther**, Nevada; and last year's Chair **Jim Silkenat**, New York. I thank them all as each has been responsible for improving and building this organization, often one Fellow at a time. Also, a note of thanks to **Joanne Martin**, former ABF Associate Director who is returning to full time Research status with the ABF. The staff, state and regional Chairs also deserve a thank you for their past work and encouragement for the work we expect of them this coming year.

As many of you are aware, the Fellows activities at the Midyear and Annual Meetings of the ABA recently have been nothing short of spectacular. We hope to continue this tradition this year. So, mark your

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The Officers and Staff of The Fellows of the ABF wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to those suffering in the wake of hurricane Katrina. The Fellows will defer pledge payments for any Fellows in the Gulf Coast states for the 2005–06 fiscal year. If you do not reside in Mississippi, Louisiana or Alabama, but would like a deferral of this year's pledge payment, please contact Laura Curley, the Director of The Fellows, 312-988-6596 or lcurley@abfn.org.

calendar for the Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii (August 3–8, 2006). The Midyear Meeting is scheduled to be in Chicago, Illinois on February 8–13, 2006. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Who Are We?

I am often asked, “What is the American Bar Foundation (ABF) and how does one become a Fellow?” Well there is a short answer, a longer answer, and a very long answer. The short answer is that the membership in The Fellows is very select and limited to 1/3 of 1% of the bar in each state. The lawyers are the leaders of the profession and are invited to become members because of the outstanding achievement and high character they have demonstrated in their legal career. Currently, there are 7,003 Fellows. To each of you, I say congratulations for achieving such an outstanding reputation in the legal community.

The answer to what is the American Bar Foundation is a little longer. Shortly after 1950 the American Bar Association (ABA) proposed that the Association plan a research center for the organized bar of America where “its public services could be promoted by research, education and development of ideas and further projects be implemented by research, fact-finding and study.” Thus, the ABF was established in 1952 to carry out the plan for a national research center for the organized bar, with the support of the American Bar Endowment (ABE).

Currently, the ABF has 22 researchers on staff, and the Director is Robert Nelson. The ABF is recognized as the premier legal research institute in the world. Its yearly budget is approximately \$5.5 million. Its President is **Robert Hetlage**, Missouri. The other Fellows Officers for this year are **Hon. Ellen F. Rosenblum** (Chair-Elect), Oregon, and **Ellen Flannery** (Secretary), Washington D.C.

The Relevance of ABF Research to the Practicing Bar

While we all recognize that the ABF research faculty is top notch by academic standards, I sometimes am asked whether ABF research is relevant to the practicing bar. The answer clearly is yes. It is relevant from a big picture standpoint and it is relevant for our profession. Former ABF President **Reece Smith** of Florida once said that those who say the research has no practical value “simply do not take the time to understand the import of the work being done.”

First, the ABF is the leading source of empirical work on the legal profession, from fundamentals like statistics on the number of lawyers by state and nationwide, to research that has documented the dramatic changes taking place in the practice of law. That research has important implications for how our profession addresses the needs of women and minority lawyers, who still lag behind in earnings and career prospects. It has implications for the future of jobs in the representation of individuals, in government, and in public service. ABF research demonstrates that salaries in those sectors continue to fall farther behind within the profession, at the same time law students entering those fields have roughly the same high debt levels as their peers who take better compensated jobs. ABF research touches on such controversial issues as the need for affirmative action in law schools. ABF research has more comprehensively than any other research analyzed the satisfaction of

lawyers with their profession, with the heartening finding that the vast majority of American lawyers are happy they became lawyers and have found rewarding work. ABF research is poised to look at whether that pattern will continue as it tracks a nationwide cohort of new lawyers who passed the bar in the year 2000 over the first 10 years of their careers.

ABF research also addresses how lawyers practice in various contexts. Over the years the ABF has conducted studies of divorce lawyers, corporate law firms, inside counsel in corporations, lawyers practicing in small towns, lawyer-lobbyists in our nation’s capitol, personal injury plaintiffs’ lawyers (both in major cities and rural areas), conservative cause lawyers, a nationwide sample of public interest law firms, global lawyers involved in international commercial arbitration, the transnational dissemination of bankruptcy law, and struggles for human rights and the rule of law. These studies have addressed such important issues as how lawyers manage conflicts of interest, the conditions under which lawyers’ professional independence can be compromised, and the influence that lawyers wield over different kinds of clients in different kinds of cases as well as in the political process.

Second, ABF research analyzes aspects of the system of justice that lawyers care deeply about and which may affect the position of law and lawyers in our society. Several ABF projects examine the administration of justice. The ABF’s jury research project already has yielded important insights into how juries actually work, including the finding that allowing juries to deliberate on evidence over the course of a trial has few of the feared disadvantages. Yet to come are studies of how the behavior of lawyers affects jury decisionmaking, of the impact of having jurors with some expertise on the issues involved in a case, and what jurors make of jury instructions. Other ABF research revealed that the campaign for tort reform began to have an impact on jury awards before formal changes in law were adopted. The reason, apparently, was that advertising and political campaigns had begun to have an effect on jury pools absent changes in tort law. Ongoing ABF research has shown that in the area of discrimination law, media reports dramatically overstate the chances that plaintiffs will win a lawsuit and the size of the judgment they will receive. An ABF study of the impact of preemptory challenges on the racial composition of juries was cited by Justice Breyer in a concurring opinion in the *Miller-El* case, which reversed a capital conviction due to the prosecution’s extensive use of preemptory challenges to exclude blacks from the jury.

We, as a profession, have a huge stake in the legitimacy of law, and much ABF research investigates the social roots of law’s legitimacy. ABF lawyer-psychologist Janice Nadler has conducted experiments that demonstrate that people who experience injustice or who perceive that a law is unjust are more likely to flout the law. ABF research has found that minority youth are far more likely than white youth to perceive unjust treatment by the police and other authorities, but that the gap in perceived unfairness varies by the level of racial integration in the high school the students attend. Other ABF research examines the social conditions under which individuals will take the law in their own hands and act as vigilantes.

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Welcome New Fellows

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Dear Fellows,

As I begin my second year as Director of the American Bar Foundation I am happy to report that both the Foundation and The Fellows organization have had a great year and we are poised for more exciting accomplishments in the coming year. At the outset I want to thank Jim Silkenat for a wonderful year of service as Chair. Jim brought a new level of success for Fellows events at the Midyear and Annual Meetings, which included such spectacular speakers as David Boies, Professor Charles Ogletree, John O'Connor (which brought C-span coverage), and the ABF's own bestselling author, Steve Levitt, among others. This also was a banner year for membership growth by The Fellows due to the excellent efforts of Jim and the other Fellows officers, Richard Pena and Ellen Roseblum. Neither the events, nor the membership drive, would have been successful without the very hard work of the Fellows office staff—Laura Curley, Sommer Scheer, Baimei Guo, and Linda Zirnite. A special word of thanks is due to Joanne Martin, who has worked closely with The Fellows group over the years, who stepped down as Associate Director this summer to assume a full time research position at the ABF.

I personally enjoyed meeting many Fellows in state-level gatherings this year, as I traveled to Denver, St. Louis, New York City, Michigan, Texas, and Idaho, as well as a meeting in Chicago of Illinois Fellows. I encourage Fellows chapters to contact The Fellows office in Chicago about ABF speakers for their local events. If I cannot personally attend, we will make sure your group receives an interesting speaker from the ABF.

In the coming year we are very fortunate to have the leadership of **Richard Pena** as Chair of The Fellows. In addition to his service as a Fellows officer, Richard has been a member of the Board of the ABF since 2000, is past President of the State Bar of Texas, and Chair of the ABA Commission on Immigration. Richard has set ambitious goals for expanding the membership of the Fellows. We look forward to working with State Chairs and all Fellows to achieve these goals. An important component of the membership drive is the new membership benefits that have been developed by the Fellows officers—the Fellows Referral Network and the People-to-People Program. We hope to refine and enrich these benefits, at the same time we maintain exciting programs for Fellows at national, state, and local meetings.

What makes the American Bar Foundation distinctive from other state and local bar foundations is that our central mission is to do empirical research that will advance justice. The ABF is different from law schools and from academic departments in that it combines empirical expertise with a knowledge of law and an appreciation for significant issues confronting the law. The ABF also is different from many thinktanks and advocacy research groups in that we do objective, independent research rather than advocacy research. Our prize-winning faculty of 22 scholars proposes research that is reviewed by other leading scholars and then approved by our Board as meeting the mandate of contributing to the understanding and potential improvement of law, legal institutions, and legal processes.

Despite the fact that the ABF, like the ABA itself and many academic institutions, has had to control costs, the Foundation research program

has never been richer. This year we celebrated our first bestselling author, Steve Levitt, whose book *Freakonomics* took the country by storm and led to appearances on the Daily Show, and Today, among others. The book, based on research supported by the ABF, began from Levitt's interests in cheating, corruption, and crime, and led to "freakonomics"—applying the tools of empirical economics to many important questions in law and other spheres of policymaking. We initiated the Liz and Peter Moser Research Fund in Legal Ethics, Professional Responsibility, and Access to Justice with a seminar that reported ABF research by Laura Beth Nielsen on a nationwide sample of public interest law firms and a study by Stephen Daniels and Joanne Martin on a supply-side analysis of legal services. ABF scholars published books on *Urban Lawyers* (Heinz et al.), a *History of the United States Supreme Court* (Tomlins), a *Handbook of Employment Discrimination Research* (Nielsen and Nelson), and *Learning to Think Like a Lawyer* (Mertz).

ABF scholars have been very successful in winning grants from the National Science Foundation and other sources. Our research has contributed to ABA President Robert Grey's initiative on the American Jury and to ABA President Mike Greco's initiative on a Renaissance of Idealism among lawyers. We are beginning to mount the second phase of one of our signature research projects, the After the JD project, with collaboration from the National Association of Law Placement, the Law School Admissions Council, the Access group, and hopefully the National Science Foundation. Richard Pena's letter in this issue does a superb job of describing some of the other important research in which we are engaged.

One of the great programs of the ABF is the Montgomery Summer Diversity Fellowships, which brings four extremely bright undergraduates to the ABF for the summer for a research internship. One of this year's summer fellows, Lakeisha Gulley, attended Dillard University in New Orleans. Just after Lakeisha returned to school to begin the new academic year, Hurricane Katrina struck. We are happy to report that Lakeisha safely evacuated and returned to her home in California, where she will complete her senior year and apply to law school. The ABF Research Community has begun a fund to help Lakeisha recover the losses she suffered in Katrina. We are glad to help out a promising young person who touched our lives over the summer, who endured the trauma of a major natural disaster. Our thoughts are with the other victims of Katrina and their families and loved ones.

I want to thank all members of The Fellows for their support of the ABF. Without your financial and moral encouragement, we could not do the kind of high quality, independent, and objective research that has become the hallmark of the ABF for more than 50 years.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Nelson,
Director and MacCrate Research Chair in the Legal Profession;
Professor of Sociology and Law, Northwestern University

State Happenings

SD The South Dakota Fellows held a meeting on June 17 in Rapid City with nearly three-fourths of their Fellows in attendance. The Fellows received a report from their State Chair, Life Fellow **Gene N. Lebrun**, on membership statistics, and Life Fellow **Thomas G. Fritz** reported on events at the Midyear Meeting in Salt Lake City. Copies of the *Report to the Board of Directors of the American Bar Endowment, Research at the American Bar Foundation—June 2005* were distributed by Life Patron Fellow **Charles M. Thompson** to the Fellows in attendance. The balance of the meeting was devoted to a lively discussion of the ABF's ongoing research projects.

NY The New York Fellows had their annual reception with the new president-elect of the ABA, Life Fellow **Karen J. Mathis**, on Thursday, September 8. Hosted by Sustaining Life Fellow **James R. Silkenat** and held at the offices of Arent Fox in Manhattan, more than 100 Fellows from the area joined Ms. Mathis in collegial conversation about the initiatives she will launch during her upcoming term as president and her thoughts on various issues facing the legal profession. Some of the notable guests included Life Fellow **Bettina B. Plevan**, President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Fellow **Norman L. Reimer**, President of the New York County Lawyers Association; Fellow **Mark H. Alcott**, President-Elect of the New York State Bar Association; Life Fellow **Michael A. Cardozo**, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York; and New York State Fellows Chairs, Fellow **Steven C. Krane** and Life Fellow **Gary A. Munneke**. A special thanks is due to Arent Fox for their continued support of The Fellows in New York. They have generously provided the fare at each lunch and reception hosted at their Manhattan office.

Fellows in Print

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Thomas M. Susman, *The Lobbying Manual: A Complete Guide to Federal Law Governing Lawyers and Lobbyists*, 3d ed. (ABA Press, 2005), co-editor William V. Luneburg.

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— Chapter 15, "A View from the Whistleblower's Attorney," *Understanding Developments in Whistleblower Law 2 Years after Sarbanes-Oxley*, (Practising Law Institute, 2005).

James A. Noe, "Defining the Rule of Law," 15 *Experience* 3 (Spring 2005).

Selma Moidel Smith, "Pillsbury Chair **Mary Cranston** Wins ABA Commission Award," 16 *Experience* 1 (Fall 2005).

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Fellows in the News

CA Life Fellow **Jerome I. Braun** of San Francisco was awarded the highest accolade of the Ninth Circuit. On July 18 he received the John P. Frank Award, which recognizes an outstanding lawyer practicing in the federal courts of the western United States.

Sustaining Life Fellow **Herma Hill Kay** of Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, has received the 2005 Rutter Award. This award is presented annually to a Boalt Hall professor who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to teaching.

CO Littleton Fellow **Sheila Maydet Gutterman** was recently recognized by the National Council of Jewish Women, Colorado Section, with the 2005 NCJW Business Women of Colorado Award, which honors the commendable work of successful Jewish women in business and their contributions to the Colorado community. The award is coupled with a scholarship program and encourages award winners to serve as mentors for the scholarship recipients.

DC Washington Fellow **Jack H. Olender** was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Bar Association at its annual conference in Orlando, Florida. The NBA Hall of Fame honors outstanding lawyers who have made significant contributions to the cause of justice.

GA **J. Ralph Beaird**, Athens Life Fellow, received the A. Gus Cleveland Award for Excellence in Continuing Legal Education. The award recognizes a Georgia attorney who has made a profound difference in the legal profession through outstanding contributions to CLE.

IA Cedar Rapids Life Fellow **Carroll J. Reasoner** was awarded the Iowa State Bar Association's highest honor, the Award of Merit. It was presented in recognition of her 25 years of service to the Iowa Bar, which includes being the first woman to serve as the ISBA president.

IL Chicago Life Fellow **Gary T. Johnson** has been named the eighth president of the Chicago Historical Society, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American History.

Chicago Life Fellow **Michael A. Pope** has been honored as the Leading Product Liability Lawyer in Illinois by *Who's Who Legal*.

MA **Lonnie A. Powers**, a Life Fellow from Boston, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Southern New England School of Law.

Lincoln Fellow **Philip D. O'Neill** was appointed Nomura Lecturer in Law on International Arbitration at Harvard Law School.

MI Life Fellow **Norman Otto Stockmeyer**, an emeritus professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, has been elected President of Scribes, at the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects. He is the second member from Michigan to head the organization. Life Fellow **Charles W. Joiner** was president in 1963-64.

Detroit Life Fellow **Julian Abele Cook, Jr.** delivered the commencement address and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Michigan State University College of Law on May 15, 2005.

MO **James R. Wyrsh**, a Kansas City Life Fellow, has been named "KC Legal Leader of the Year" by *The Daily Record*. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to justice in greater Kansas City, significant achievements through the profession of law, and important contributions to the greater Kansas City legal community and the community at large.

Kansas City Life Fellows **James R. Hobbs** and **James R. Wyrsh** have both been listed in the 2005 edition of *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, the 2005 *International Who's Who of Business Crime Lawyers*, and the 2006 edition of *Who's Who Legal*.

MS At the Mississippi Bar Convention in July 2005, Pearl Life Fellow **Mary Libby Payne** was given the Lifetime Achievement Award, only the second woman to receive the award. She also was recognized at the convention for 50 years of membership in the bar.

NJ **Mark Biel**, a Life Fellow from Atlantic City, was awarded the Saul Tischler Award by the New Jersey State Bar Association Family Law Section. The award is presented to an individual whose career and accomplishments embody the highest standards of professionalism in the practice of family law.

Joseph E. Irenas, a Camden Life Fellow, was honored with the 2005 Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award. Given annually by the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey, the award honors a lawyer whose actions have advanced the principles of free expression.

NY Manhattan Fellow **Mark A. Meyer** was recently decorated by the President of Romania with the National Order of Merit at the rank of Commander. One of Romania's highest honors, it was awarded to recognize his work in the legal reform of the country.

Send Us Your News!

Submissions for the "Fellows in Print," "Fellows in the News" and "State Happenings" features in *The Fellows News* are always gratefully received. Please send the information to Laura Curley in The Fellows Office at 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611 (or call her at 1-800-292-5065).

Just as the American legal profession has become more concerned with human rights and international law, ABF research has begun to investigate systems of international justice. ABF researchers are looking at the roles of the legal profession in different societies to determine when lawyers as a group are in a position to encourage the creation of democratic institutions that foster the rule of law. ABF research has studied how international criminal tribunals have been established and have begun to command the resources necessary to bring political leaders to trial for crimes against humanity. ABF research has looked at the impact of the ABA's CEELI program on the many lawyers who have participated in CEELI programs. Current ABF research on the crisis in Darfur, which uses data collected by the State Department, has estimated that the death toll in that region of the Sudan was roughly six times greater than earlier official estimates. As these findings were picked up in leading national newspapers, such as the Washington Post, it contributed to demands for the international community to make more concerted efforts to curtail the suffering.

Sometimes ABF research enters our lives in ways we don't expect. My wife Carolyn and I were watching the Today program one morning when we saw ABF Research Fellow Steve Levitt being interviewed about his new bestselling book, *Freakonomics*. As I said to Carolyn, "Hey I know that guy." Levitt's book is based on a lot of research that was funded by the ABE. It is a bestseller because it offers a fresh perspective on all kinds of hidden aspects of life and law, including explanations for the declining crime rate in the United States, why schoolteachers will cheat to increase their students' test scores, why most drug dealers barely make the minimum wage, and the factors that best predict the educational achievement of children.

My words here can only scratch the surface of the many ways in which ABF research is relevant to what The Fellows are as leaders of the Bar and of our communities, to the things Fellows care about, and the things Fellows actually do in practice. As Fellows we can be proud to have been chosen as leading members of our profession. We also can be proud of the contribution we make by supporting ABF research, research that can make a real difference in advancing justice.

I would like to recognize and thank Bob Nelson, Director of the ABF, for his contributions to this Chair's Report.

People to People in China

Following the resounding success of The Fellows Delegation to Russia with the People to People Ambassador program, planning for the next trip is well underway.

Immediate past chair of The Fellows, James R. Silkenat, will lead the next delegation of Fellows to China. Mark your calendars for October 8–20, 2006. The Fellows delegation will attend cultural events and professional programs in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guilin.

Please contact Laura Curley (312-988-6596 or lcurlley@abfn.org) if you would like more information.

Fellows Award Nominations

Each year The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation present two awards:

The Outstanding Service Award is given to a lawyer who, during more than fifty years of practice, adhered to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and to the service of the public.

The Outstanding Scholar Award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding scholarship conducted in the area of law and government.

The ABF Board of Directors will select the award recipients at their October 2005 meeting. The awards will be presented at the Fellows' Annual Banquet on February 11, 2006, during The Fellows Meeting, which is held in conjunction with the American Bar Association's Midyear Meeting. The deadline for submitting nominations for these awards is October 15, 2005.

Visit <http://fellows.abfn.org/awardmain.html> to download a nomination form or contact Sommer Scheer (312-988-6586 or sscheer@abfn.org).

Important Announcement About the Midyear Meeting

The ABA Midyear Meeting has been rescheduled for February 8–13, 2006 in Chicago, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. You can register at www.abanet.org, by clicking on the “Midyear Meeting” icon.

The Hyatt Regency is donating ten dollars per occupied room night to a Hurricane Katrina relief fund selected by the ABA. The ABA will also be donating the savings realized from holding the meeting in Chicago to the relief fund.

You may read ABA President Michael S. Greco’s statement regarding the meeting at http://www.abanet.org/abamidyear06_announcement.html

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at our Midyear events.

Fellows Opening Reception, Friday, February 10, 6–8 p.m.

Annual Awards Reception and Dinner, Saturday, February 11, 6–10 p.m.

Regional and State Chairs Workshop and Luncheon, Sunday, February 12, 12:30–2 p.m.

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