



NLA BRIEF

March 2007

Volume 5, Issue 1



Inside this Issue

- 1 President’s Message
- 2 Board News
- 2 Chapter News
- 2 Foundation News
- 3 Destin Symposium
- 4 Annual Conference

**National Lawyers
Association**
 P.O. Box 1923
 Independence, MO 64055
 800-471-2994
 Fax 816-350-0018
<http://www.nla.org/>
 E-mail: nla@nla.org

on the Solaris yacht, a cruise ship on bayside of Destin and located at the upscale Baytowne Marina at Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort in Destin. This should prove to be a fantastic evening with a seated dinner, dancing and entertainment afterward and an overall great time! Take an online tour of the yacht at www.sunquestcruises.com. Please make your reservation right away, because the seating is limited to the first fifty-five people who sign up. You won’t want to miss this.

President’s Message:

Dear Fellow NLA Members:

The final touches are being put on the summer conference in beautiful Destin, Florida, even as I write this message. I can enthusiastically say it is shaping up to be a great conference, and I hope you will make plans to attend. It will be held on June 8 and 9, so please mark your calendars now.

This area of the beautiful Gulf Coast offers what I believe are some of the most gorgeous beaches in the world (although I will admit to being just a little biased) and there will be plenty of opportunity for you and your families to get out enjoy the many sights and plenty of sunshine. The educational sessions are purposefully being scheduled for Saturday, June 9th, so there will be all day Friday to relax and partake in some “down time” with your families.

On Friday evening, we have made plans for a dinner/cruise/dance

The CLE portion of the convention will consist of a symposium on “*Protecting the Inalienable Rights of the Declaration of Independence*” Talented speakers from the Alliance Defense Fund, Americans United for Life and the Christian Legal Society will be covering the following topics: The symposium-type seminars presented by the NLA in the past have been very well received, and we certainly expect no less for this one. Everything will be concluded by 3:00 p.m. so there will still be plenty of summer sun left to enjoy for the remainder of the day.

As I mentioned in my last message, the NLA has just launched a new course for increasing membership and improving our means to accomplish our lofty goals. You should have already received my letter outlining this, accompanied by a great DVD made possible by the NLA Foundation discussing the Declaration of Independence and its significance to our country. The early responses to

this recent appeal are extremely encouraging, and we are hoping it will continue. If you haven't sent in your renewal, we ask that you take a moment to do so as soon as possible. This will allow us to plan for the future and undertake some of the items mentioned in the letter sent out late last year.

Once again, thank you very much for your support of this great organization in the past, and for your continued support in the future. This is what makes the worthwhile efforts of the NLA possible in the first place. Please start making your plans to come to Destin in June, and I look forward to seeing each of you at that time.

Respectfully yours,
Richard E. Browning, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

2008 Annual Educational Conference:

The NLA Board of Directors has selected Colorado Springs, CO as the site for its 2008 Annual Educational Conference. The 2008 Conference Committee is headed by President-Elect Rebecca Messall, Past President Bill Maywhort and NLA Board Member John Buckley. Although the planning is in the initial stages, the committee has decided that the 2008 Education Conference will focus on right to life issues. The committee is planning a Friday dinner/reception at the Garden of Gods and a closing reception on Saturday at the Air Force Academy. The committee is working hard on this conference and is planning to make it one to remember.



Membership Drive Update:

The initial results of the Board approved membership drive are very promising. Many members have responded positively to the increase in dues approved by the Board of Directors at its August 2006 annual meeting. Second dues notices are being prepared and the Board hopes many more will respond favorably to its decision for the NLA to take a more pro-active stance on issues of importance to legal profession and NLA members.

NLA Foundation News Over 5 million see DVD on Declaration of Independence

According to the monitoring report prepared by PBS and Nielsen Surveys, the NLA Foundation's DVD on the Declaration of Independence has been aired on 162 confirmed stations and has reached an estimated 5,132,200 viewers nationwide. The DVD was produced by Trivue Entertainment as part of its Spotlight On series. Already, over 4 thousand of the DVDs have been distributed to schools and attorneys and others nationwide. Thanks to a grant from Mr. Robert C. Cannada an additional 5,000 DVDs will be distributed in the next few months.

Foundation Co-sponsors Symposium:

The Foundation, Champion Economic Business Association and NLA are co-sponsoring the Destin Symposium on "Defending the Inalienable Rights of the Declaration of Independence" (see next page for more information). This is the third symposium produced by the Foundation on the theme of the Declaration of Independence. In the past, the symposiums have been well attended and DVD/CDs of the programs have been produced and distributed to students and NLA members.

NLA LAW STUDENT NEWS

Ave Maria Law School Student Chapter: By Michelle Gushman, President

Ave Maria School of Law's NLA Chapter is continuing their efforts to raise money to benefit Our Lady of Prompt Succor elementary school in metro New Orleans. In October, NLA held a charity rummage sale, featuring donated items from the student body and faculty. The sale raised nearly \$300. In the Spring, the club will be holding additional fundraisers, all with the intention of helping their adopted school rebuild and restock its library. A number of the approximately 30 members of the club will also be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC, which will be held in January. Near the end of the semester, the members of AMSoL's NLA will be holding elections for the 2007-2008 officers.



Defending the Inalienable Rights Of The Declaration Of Independence

Hilton Sandestin Beach

Destin, Florida

June 9, 2007

Symposium Sponsored by:
National Lawyers Association Foundation
Champion Economics Business Association
National Lawyers Association

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Defending the Right to Life

Clarke Forsythe, Esq., *President of Americans United For Life.* Mr. Forsythe is one of the nation's leading pro-life scholars and advocates. Before becoming president, he was in charge of AUL's nationwide litigation and legislation strategy. He has argued cases before federal and state court and has testified before Congress and state legislatures.



11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Luncheon and
Keynote Speaker**

Hon. Charles W. Pickering, Sr.
**"The Judiciary in Jeopardy--
The Constitution in Chaos"**



*Judge Pickering is retired from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in December 2004, and is a former United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Pickering is the author of **Supreme Chaos: The Politics of Judicial Confirmation and the Culture War.** He has written a second book on the confirmation process detailing his personal odyssey, as well as building the case for positive solutions of the confirmation debacle. The second book is scheduled to be in bookstores by Summer, 2007.*



10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

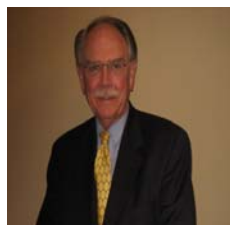
Defending The Right to Religious Freedom

SAMUEL B. CASEY, *Executive Director & CEO, Christian Legal Society.* Mr. Casey has been active in the defense of religious liberty for many years and is one of the nation's pre-eminent authorities on religious liberty. He brings to CLS experience, enthusiasm, and a heartfelt concern for the preservation of religious freedom in American life, including the public schools.

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Defending Marriage and Family

James Jenkins, Esq., *Senior Legal Counsel with Alliance Defense Fund.* Mr. Jenkins brings a wealth of experience and knowledge on the defense of the traditional marriage and family law. He is a frequent speaker on cultural issues and is a co-host of the radio program "Friday Encounter" heard on the Bott Radio Network.



2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion on the role of the Declaration of Independence in preserving our Inalienable Rights and America's Rule of Law

Moderator and Discussion Leader

Professor Ray Marcin, *Catholic University, Columbus School of Law.* Professor Mr. Marcin has authored numerous books and articles on constitutional issues and is a frequent speaker on right to life and other social issues. Professor Marcin is also the author of the recently published *In Search of Schopenhauer's Cat: Arthur Schopenhauer's Quantum Mystical Theory of Justice* (Catholic University Press 2006), and is a co-author of the second edition of *The American Constitutional Order: History, Cases, and Philosophy* (LexisNexis 2004).



Official Registration Form

3 Easy Ways to Register

1. REGISTER BY CALLING 1-800-471-2994;
2. REGISTER BY FAXING THIS FORM to 1-816-350-0018; OR
3. REGISTER BY MAILING THIS FORM TO NLA, P.O. Box 1923, Independence, MO 64055.

Name: _____ Firm/Court/ _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Check MasterCard VISA

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ (Required for Credit Card)

REGISTRATION: *Attendance at the Symposium is by invitation only.* If this material was mailed to you, you are invited to attend. Admittance is limited and not all invitees may be able to attend. The Symposium is free to all members of National Lawyers Association and their guests ***who have pre-registered for the Annual Educational Conference through the NLA website at nla@nla.org.*** There is a \$50.00 fee for the symposium, which includes lunch, for all non-conference attendees. Pre-registration is also required for all non-conference attendees ***who must use this registration form.*** Depending on the number of attendees from each state, CLE credits may be applied for by the National Lawyers Association. It is anticipated that a total of 5 hrs of CLE credit will be applied for where applicable.



National Lawyers Association
P.O. Box 1923
Independence, MO 64055