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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Colleague and Fellow Member:

Even if you dislike my writing style and think I'm generally full of it, please, please read this page.

As you are aware, our Law Day Banquet, featuring Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd, at the Champaign Country Club. Reservation Form accompanies this newsletter. We will also be honoring the top 5 Pro Bono contributors at the banquet. Mark this date down. Register early, register often.

While I am aware of all the reasons why CCBA memorial services should not be held on consecutive days, we will be conducting a service for Bud Hatch on April 18th and for Brian Silverman on April 19th. Each will be conducted in Courtroom A and will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Our inaugural CCBA/CLE program, thanks to the hard work of Alyx Parker, is scheduled for April 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Regency Ballroom. Lunch will cost \$15.00. Bill Brinkman will be featured on the subject of Legal Drafting. This page can offer little assurance that Bill's presentation will not be x-rated.

Continuing on, our Annual Meeting is etched in stone for May 15th at the Hilton Gardens. There will be an opened Bar at 4:30 p.m. preceding the meeting which should start at 5:00 p.m. promptly because our guest speaker, Jerry Larkin, a local favorite, is from out of town. Jerry's topic is currently classified; however, those of you who have participated with Jerry the last 2 years know that he can actually make ethics interesting and entertaining. Why? He loves his job and also enjoys getting together with us. One hour ethics credit ain't bad either. The only known business is the election of Board members. The 3 year terms of Jenny Park, Dan Jackson and myself expire this year. Because of business reasons, Jenny Park will be unable to serve another term. Repeating my exhortation of last month, any person interested in serving should contact me.

Down the road we will have a summer family picnic and a family bus trip to see a Peoria Chiefs game. The picnic will be at Hessel Park on Sunday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to be a gopher for Ramona Sullivan should give her a call at Land of Lincoln. Andy Hatch will be obtaining a date for Peoria. Repeating, each of these events will be for the entire family and should be in marked contrast to Bill Brinkman's pornographic lecture.

I know each of you is busy with family and other scheduled events over the summer. Well, this summer, plan to also be busy with Bar events. For those of you who are regulars, I don't need to make a pitch. For those who are not, you should be.

John Gadau, President