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TO: NBA Board of Governors, Affiliate Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairpersons and Members

FROM: John Crump, JD, CMP, CAE, Executive Director

DATE: September 4, 2007

RE: The National Bar Association Board of Governors Meeting & Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium, October 24 – 27 2007, Tuskegee, Alabama

The Board of Governors Meeting of the National Bar Association will be held **October 24 – 27, 2007**, at the **Tuskegee University Kellogg Center, 1 Booker T. Washington Blvd., Tuskegee, Alabama, 36088**. The Meeting is in conjunction with the Nineteenth Annual Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been set aside for the meeting. The room rate is **\$80.00, single or double occupancy**, not including applicable state and local taxes. **This rate will apply to all reservations made prior to October 15, 2007**. A credit card is required to confirm reservations. Call (334) 727-3000 and refer to the NBA Board of Governors & Wiley Branton Issues Symposium to make your reservations, or fax the hotel reservation form to (334) 727-5119.

PRE-REGISTRATION

A preliminary schedule of events and pre-registration form are enclosed. Please complete the pre-registration form and mail with payment, or fax with credit card information, to the National Bar Association's Headquarters by **October 17, 2007**. The National Bar Association's fax number is (202) 289-6170. You may also register online at www.nationalbar.org.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The Tuskegee University Kellogg Center is located 30 miles from Montgomery Dannelly Airport (MGM) in Montgomery, Alabama. It is located 133 miles from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL) in Atlanta, Georgia.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORTS

All reports requiring action by the Board of Governors must be in writing. In order to be included in the packets, written reports must be received by **October 12, 2007**.

I look forward to seeing you in Tuskegee.

**NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
&
NINETEENTH ANNUAL WILEY A. BRANTON ISSUES SYMPOSIUM**

FEATURED SPEAKERS



HON. JOHNNY FORD
Mayor
Tuskegee, AL



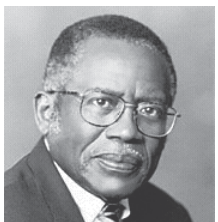
HON. JOHN H. ENGLAND, JR.
Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial District
and Member, University of
Alabama, Board of Trustees
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



MR. DAVID K. OWENS
Executive Vice President of
Business Operations,
Edison Electric Institute
Washington, DC



JOCK M. SMITH, ESQ.
Co-Founder and Senior Partner,
Cochran, Cherry, Givens &
Smith, P.C.
Montgomery, AL



FRED D. GRAY, ESQ.
Senior Partner, Gray, Langford,
Sapp, McGowan, Gray &
Nathanson and Past President,
National Bar Association
Tuskegee, AL



MR. LEE T. WALKER
President and Founder, New Coalition
Chicago, IL



HULETT H. "BUCKEY" ASKEW, ESQ.
Consultant on Legal Education,
American Bar Association
Chicago, IL



ALFREDA ROBINSON, ESQ.
Associate Dean, George Washington
University Law School
Washington, DC

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
&
NINETEENTH ANNUAL WILEY A. BRANTON ISSUES SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 24 - 27, 2007
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY KELLOGG CENTER
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

ARRIVAL

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Board of Governors Reception & Book Signing
Hosted by: Hon. Johnny Ford, Mayor, Tuskegee, AL

Thursday, October 25, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon NBA Board of Governors Meeting

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. NBA Judicial Council Youth Outreach

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NBA Board of Governors Orientation - Part I**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **NBA Board of Governors Orientation - Part II**
NBA Signature Series: How to be an Effective Board Member

Objective: This orientation will outline and discuss the many opportunities that Board Members have to make a positive impact on the groups, associations and communities that they serve.

Panelists:

Mr. James J. Bender, SVP & General Counsel, Williams Companies, Tulsa, OK
Hon. John H. England, Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial District and Member, University of Alabama, Board of Trustees, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Mr. David K. Owens, Executive Vice President of Business Operations, The Edison Electric Institute, Washington, DC

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception & Book Signing
Hosted by: Jock M. Smith, Esq., Co-Founder and Senior Partner, Cochran, Cherry, Givens & Smith, P.C., Montgomery, AL

Friday, October 26, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. President-Elect's Planning Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Friday, October 26, 2007 continued

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

OPENING SESSION: NINETEENTH ANNUAL WILEY A. BRANTON ISSUES SYMPOSIUM
Town Hall Meeting: Economic Empowerment The Social, Political & Business Perspective

Objective: This session will explore the socio-economic growth of our communities and the need to empower our youth as well as ourselves to pursue goals of higher education, professional achievement and entrepreneurship.

Panelists:

Hon. Johnny Ford, Mayor, Tuskegee, AL
Mr. Fred Bennett, Retired Agriculturist, Greenville, AL

12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.

WILEY A. BRANTON AWARDS LUNCHEON

Awardees: **Lt. Col. Herbert Eugene Carter (Ret.)**
Hon. Johnny Ford
Hon. Charlie Price
Earnestine Sapp, Esq.
Jock M. Smith, Esq.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION: NINETEENTH ANNUAL WILEY A. BRANTON ISSUES SYMPOSIUM
Economic Empowerment: The Legal Perspective

Objective: This panel will explore the legal aspect of economic development in our society and in our communities.

Panelists:

Mr. Lee T. Walker, President and Founder, New Coalition, Chicago, IL
Fred D. Gray, Esq., Senior Partner, Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray & Nathanson and Past President, National Bar Association, Tuskegee, AL
Jock M. Smith, Esq., Co-Founder and Senior Partner, Cochran, Cherry, Givens & Smith, P.C., Montgomery, AL
Thomas T.C. Coley, Jr., Esq., County Commissioner, Tallapoosa County, Vice Chairman, Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance and Managing Director, Tuskegee Human & Civil Rights Center, Kellyton, AL

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reception and Book Signing/ Dedication of NBA Past Presidents' Room
Hosted by: Fred D. Gray, Esq., Senior Partner, Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray & Nathanson and Past President, National Bar Association, Tuskegee, AL

9:00 p.m. - Until

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Saturday, October 27, 2007

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Meeting
NBA Signature Series: ABA/ Law School Accreditation

Objective: This meeting will explore the guidelines and requirements of the American Bar Association in reference to Law School accreditation.

Panelists:

Hulett H. "Buckey" Askew, Esq., Consultant on Legal Education, American Bar Association, Chicago, IL
Alfreda Robinson, Esq., Associate Dean, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Judicial Council Executive Committee Meeting

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

October 24 - 27, 2007

Presiding: Hon. Jon R. Gray, Chairman, NBA Judicial Council

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

NBI Board Meeting

Presiding: Walter L. Sutton, Jr., President, National Bar Institute

12:00 noon - Until

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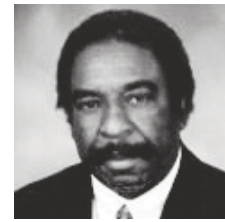
2007 Wiley A. Branton Awardees



Lt. Col. Herbert Eugene Carter (Ret.)
Tuskegee Airman, 99th
Fighter Squadron
Tuskegee, Alabama



Hon. Johnny Ford
Mayor
Tuskegee, Alabama



Hon. Charlie Price
Judge, 15th Judicial
Circuit Court
Montgomery, Alabama



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THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

1.

MAIL: National Bar Association
1225 11th Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20001

2.

FAX: 202-289-6170

3.

ONLINE: www.nationalbar.org

Three ways to register: MAIL 1225 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 FAX 202-289-6170 ONLINE www.nationalbar.org

First Class U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 20 Zip Code 20650

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION 1225 11th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Mail or Fax to: University of Tuskegee Kellogg Center, 1 Booker T. Washington Blvd., Tuskegee, AL 30688, FAX: (334) 727-3000.

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Credit card: _____ Mastercard VISA Discover AMEX Diners Club

Check/Money Order (Payable to the University of Tuskegee Kellogg Center. Do not send currency).

Method of Payment

Room rates are \$80.00 single or double occupancy, not including applicable state and local taxes. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.

Check here if special assistance is required.

Daytime Telephone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address _____

Organization _____

Name _____

Type of Accommodation: Single Double

Arrival Date _____ Time _____ Departure Date _____ No. of Rooms _____

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 15, 2007

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM