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Message from the President

NCPO will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, June 1, 2012 in Boston during the ABA's 28th National Forum on Client Protection.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in a conference room at the Seaport Hotel, the ABA's conference hotel for the National Forum.



Mike Miyahira.

Our meeting agenda will include the current status of NCPO's Strategic Plan Initiatives, reports from our Treasurer and Secretary, and the election of Officers and Directors. Join us to learn what's happening at NCPO and with other client protection funds throughout the nation and Canada. Meet old friends and make new ones. I look foward to seeing you there.

ABA's National Forum on Client Protection

The ABA's National Forum is a national educational, informational and networking event for professionals engaged in the protection of law clients from dishonest conduct in the practice of law.

The Forum is focused on providing participants with an open arena which offers a stimulating mix of formal educational sessions with the opportunity for an informal exchange of ideas.

Programs and panels this year include the presentation of NCPO's Isaac Hecht Award; "How Not To Be The Best Kept Secret; "You're Not That Innocent:

Claimants With Unclean Hands"; "Hot Topics For Client Protection Funds"; "Is It An Unearned Fee...Or A Fee Dispute?"; and a "Difficult Claims Workshop".

For additional information and registration <u>click here</u>.

Hecht Award Deadline Approaches

April 15, 2012 is the deadline for nominations for this year's recipient of the Isaac Hecht Award. The award will be presented on June 1 at the ABA's Client Protection Forum. The award honors individuals and professional organizations that have demonstrated "excellence in the field of law client protection".

"Excellence" includes significant achievements in promoting public confidence in the integrity of the legal profession; the substantial reimbursement of law clients for eligible losses caused by a lawyer's dishonest conduct; the development of programs to prevent or detect professional misconduct in the practice of law; and meaningful public information programs for attorneys and legal consumers.

Nominations for the award should identify the nominee; describe the accomplishments, contributions or initiatives of the nominee; and include relevant and helpful supporting documentation. Submit nominations by e-mail to the nominating committee chair, Fred Miller (millerfg@aol.com). or by snail mail at 5 Chestnut Hill South, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Membership Dinner in Boston

An important feature of NCPO's participation in the ABA's National Client Protection Forum each year is the dinner gathering -- this year on Friday evening, June 1 beginning at 6:15 p.m.

We've booked space for the gathering at Boston's Legal Test Kitchen, which is a short walk from the Boston Seaport Hotel. The Legal Test Kitchen ("LTK") is a member of Boston's famed Legal Seafood restaurant chain. Check out the venue for the dinner and reception here.

The evening's menu consists of a bountiful assortment of hors d'oeuvres including: swordfish skewers, tempura chicken, vegetarian pasta dish, calamari, shrimp wonton, shrimp cocktail, edamame salad, grilled vegetable skewers, seafood antipasto,

crostini, mushroom and tomato bruschetta, and Caesar salad.

The price, which includes tax and gratuity, is \$52 a person. Space is limited. Click here to arrange for your dinner reservation. Legal Test Kitchen ("LTK") is located at 225 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA.



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