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Member Services



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NATHAN D. ALDER The Need for a Licensing Fee Increase

The Bar Commission has taken up the issue of a licensing fee increase that would take effect next year in the 2010-2011 renewal cycle. It would not affect the current 2009-2010 renewals that are now being processed. It was twenty years ago when licensing fees were last increased. Three years ago the Utah Supreme Court directed the Bar to undertake an outside review of its governance and operations. Grant Thornton conducted that review and recommended that the Bar do a follow-up and in-depth review of its operations. Accordingly, last year reviewers studied five areas (management and technology, communications, admissions, access to justice, and benefits/services) and issued reports. By next month an additional five areas (professional conduct, continuing legal education, building/property, client security fund, and fee dispute resolution) will be completed. This three-year review effort has indicated several areas where investment in future operations, planning, development and offerings are necessary. The Bar has created a page on our website for information related to the eventual petition for a licensing fee increase, including an extended article that I have recently written. (www.utahbar.org/documents/). More information will be posted upon receipt. At the site you will find the Grant Thornton review, the completed operational reviews from last year, the Utah Supreme Court's Rules for Integration and Management of the Utah State Bar, Bar By-Laws, the 2008-2009 Audit, as well as the budget for 2009-2010. The Bar Commission will next study the petition issue on July 15th and thereafter again at its August 28th and October 2nd Commission meetings. The Commission anticipates filing the petition by the end of December 2009.

June 2009 E-News

- Online Licensing NOW Available and Licensing Forms Mailed
- Summer Convention
- Economic Stimulus Package for Lawyers
- In Memory of Judge David K. Winder
- Women Lawyer's Forum

1. **Online Licensing NOW Available and Licensing Forms Mailed** - The Utah State Bar has activated online license renewal and has mailed the 2009-2010 licensing forms. PLEASE NOTE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE: *If you use a credit card to renew your license, you ^{must} renew online.* Using the online form with your credit card will speed up your renewal while helping to further reduce the risk of identity theft. You may login right now* at www.myutahbar.org - no need to wait for your form to arrive in the mail. More licensing information is available at <http://www.utahbar.org/licensing/>.

* If you have forgotten your myutahbar.org login or you have not yet registered, please complete the

request form located at http://www.utahbar.org/casemaker/request_casemaker.html or email casemaker@utahbar.org.

2. **Summer Convention - Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** has been quoted recently as saying that she "need(s) to retire from retirement." We hope to help her do that when she addresses us at our Summer Convention. Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court when President Ronald Reagan appointed her in 1981. She joins other fine speakers and CLE courses at this year's Convention. The brochure and lodging information is available at <http://www.utahbar.org/cle/annualconvention/welcome.html>.
3. **Economic Stimulus Package for Lawyers** - Dealing with change is often difficult and challenging. The cracks in the pyramid structure of large law firms have been exposed. Understanding the road ahead may make a critical difference. Join us for this unique CLE about the changing landscape of law practice on Friday, June 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit: http://www.utahbar.org/cle/events/solo_smallfirm_rural.html.
4. **In Memory of Judge David K. Winder** - A public memorial service for United States District Judge David K. Winder will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2009 at Libby Gardner Hall, 1375 Presidents Circle, University of Utah. All members of the Bar are invited to attend and celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of Judge Winder.
5. **Women Lawyer's Forum** - Please join Women Lawyers of Utah for Symposium II on the Retention and Advancement of Women Attorneys on June 25, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This symposium will be held at the Federal Courthouse (350 South Main St.) in Judge Benson's courtroom. The symposium will include a presentation from Mary Crane, a nationally recognized expert on generational issues in the workplace; and will also include discussions about the best practices for retaining and advancing women attorneys. See <http://utahwomenlawyers.org/> for more information and to RSVP.

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