

# **SAVE THE DATES**

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

### **MIDYEAR MEETING**

**BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity**  
**ABA Council on Racial Ethnic Justice**  
**ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference**  
**ABA Judicial Division Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary**  
**ABA Section of State and Local Government Law**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

**Harvard Law School**

**1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138**

**2:00 — 4:30 p.m. Program**

**5:00 — 6:30 p.m. Reception**

#### **Obtaining & Retaining a Diverse Judiciary**

Does it Really Matter: That the judiciary is not as diverse as it should be  
That the public perceives the judiciary as biased due to the lack of diversity  
That decision-making does not reflect the cultural experiences of people of color  
That the perspectives on the bench appear to be the same

**Yes, it Matter**

Join the ABA Judicial Division Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary in a panel discussion at Harvard Law School as Justice Louis B. Butler Jr., Judges, Wilbur Edwards, Mary Ann Driscoll, Jack Lu, Robert Ronquillo, Judithann Burke and Michael Witte engage the audience in a lively discussion designed to develop strategies to increase diversity in the judiciary.

**For additional information please contact Gilda Fairley at [fairleyg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:fairleyg@staff.abanet.org)**

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**2:00 p.m. to 6:00 PM**

**Sheraton Boston**

**Back Bay Ballroom A, 2nd Level**

#### **Hearings For The ABA Presidential Diversity Summit**

Come and hear representatives from all segments of the legal profession present testimony on the State of Diversity in the Legal Profession. Where are we after decades of addressing this issue, and what's next? All Midyear attendees are invited to attend these informative hearings that affect everyone who has a stake in the future of the legal profession. Information gathered from this hearing and other sources will culminate in the June 2009 Diversity Summit.

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**Friday, February 13, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Fairmont Copley Plaza**

**Forum Room, Lower Lobby Level**

#### **The Assumption of Justice: A Dialogue on Color, Ethnicity and the Courts**

This CLE session will assist members of the Bench and Bars' understanding of institutional racism and the reality of disparities in charging and sentencing of minorities in the courts. Our expert panelists will provide the basis and background for the status quo and assist the attendees in developing solutions which can be implemented at the ABA leadership and community levels.

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