

SMALL LAW FIRM CENTER NEWSLETTER

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A Note From The SLFC Director

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."

- Mark Twain

Dear Solo and Small Firm Practitioners,

Even less predictable than spring weather, this season's financial rollercoaster of our clients and our law firms does not seem to stop or even slow down. April is now here, and so are its first two hectic weeks of last minute tax headaches, overlooked income, deductions and persistent thoughts of "why didn't I research this information earlier and implement it in my business". To help you along here is a short list of IRS and New York State resources for small businesses:

1. IRS Tax Changes for Businesses - Click [Here](#)
2. IRS Information on Getting an Employer ID Number - Click [Here](#)
3. IRS "Operating a Business" Checklist - Click [Here](#)
4. IRS Explanation of different types of Employment Taxes - Click [Here](#)
5. Small Business Opportunities in New York State - Click [Here](#) and select "Small and Growing Businesses" on the left; and
6. NYS "Start or Buy a Business" Checklist - Click [Here](#).

In its own attempt to ease your overhead burden, the New York City Bar Library has recently enhanced its own "stimulus" package for solos and small firms by adding the complete set of McKinney's Forms to the "remote access" option for members. Solos and small firm practitioners can access several of the Library's electronic databases from the



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comfort of their offices or homes through the NYC BAR homepage. Simply go to www.nycbar.org, click on "Member Login", and enter your User Name and Password. You will be taken to a page with links to Westlaw, Hein Online, and LLMC. If you click on Westlaw, you will notice that it now allows remote access to the complete set of McKinney's Forms, New York Forms Legal and Business, American Jurisprudence Legal Forms, West's Legal Forms, and Nichol's Cyclopeda of Legal Forms. The wide-ranging Westlaw database is only available in the Library. Hein Online is a massive, imaged collection of law reviews and journals in PDF format. It has a broader range than either Lexis or Westlaw. In addition, it has the full run of Statutes at Large, complete historical editions of the Federal Register and CFR, a treaty collection, and much more. LLMC Digital contains a very significant collection of US government documents, official state court reports, and West's pre-1924 National Reporter System.

After April 15 has come and gone, don't forget to brainstorm with your colleagues and Elizabeth Tillinghast, M.D., J.D. during our **Small Law Firm Breakfast**, entitled "**Effective Stress Management For Solos And Small Firms In Today's Economy - Why Don't You Spend More Time Doing What You Love?**" on **April 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** Finally, don't miss the opportunity to learn how to complement your practice by attending our **Small Law Firm Luncheon**, entitled "**Family Mediation - Amplify your practice while helping clients save money during an economic crisis**" on **April 23, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.**

With Best Regards,

Alla Roytberg, Esq.

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**UNDERSTAND
YOUR FIDUCIARY
RESPONSIBILITIES
AS A RETIREMENT
PLAN SPONSOR**

**APRIL 1, 2009
6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.**

**FIRST
THURSDAYS-
SUSHI MAKING**

**APRIL 2, 2009
6:30 P.M. -8:30P.M.**

**INTERNATIONAL
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OPPORTUNITIES**

**APRIL 2, 2009
5:30 P.M. -7:00 P.M.**

**SMALL LAW FIRM
LUNCHEON FAMILY
MEDIATION -
AMPLIFY YOUR
PRACTICE WHILE
HELPING CLIENTS
SAVE MONEY
DURING AN
ECONOMIC CRISIS**

**April 23, 2009
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE

Small Law Firm Luncheon - The
Necessities Of Opening Your Own
Practice

May 21, 2009 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m

Reaching Out - An Introduction to
Collaborative Practice - A Professional
Symposium

May 8, 2009 8:30 am. - 2:00 p.m.

ABA BOOK SALE



Regular Price:
\$150.00 USD

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**50 Financial Tips to Help You
and Your Firm Survive and
Thrive in a Down Economy
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**DOCUMENT
RETENTION:
ETHICAL LEGAL &
PRACTICAL ADVICE
FOR DETERMINING
THE DOCUMENTS
YOU SHOULD (AND
ARE REQUIRED TO)
PRESERVE**

**April 14, 2009
6 p.m. -8 p.m.**

**HOT TOPICS &
RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS
IN
FORECLOSURE**

**April 20, 2009
6 p.m. -9 p.m.**

**LEGAL ETHICS IN
POPULAR
CULTURE**

**April 30, 2009
6p.m. -9 p.m.**

RESOURCES | SOLO & SMALL FIRMS

- Westlaw and Lexis available in Library free to members;
- Remote and Library electronic access to law reviews and/or journals Via HeinOnline;
- Numerous print treatises and forms also in CD format;
- Library server-based access to Matthew Bender treatises/forms and McKinney's Forms;
- Remote access to limited Westlaw forms;
- Copy service fax and e-mail (PDF) requests;

For Further Information - Click here

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**EFFECTIVE STRESS MANAGEMENT
FOR SOLOS AND SMALL FIRMS IN
TODAY'S ECONOMY -**

**Why Don't You Spend More Time Doing
What You Love?**

*Small Law Firm Breakfast - Fourth of the four part
series*

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Some small firm lawyers practice in one area while secretly longing to be in another; they keep acting as if their "real life" -- the one they care about -- will begin tomorrow. Attorneys like this may work extremely hard yet not really care about the ostensible goal: growing their firm, becoming well known in their field or earning a substantial income. Other small firm practitioners may already have achieved major professional goals and now be wondering, "What next?". If you feel somehow adrift professionally, or you may want to re-set your course in life so you can make it more meaningful in a personal way, this is the talk for you.

Speaker: Elizabeth Tillinghast, M.D., J.D.

Registration by April 14, is necessary. The fee, which includes breakfast, is \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Attendance is limited to 30 people.

**SMALL LAW FIRM LUNCHEON FAMILY
MEDIATION -
AMPLIFY YOUR PRACTICE WHILE
HELPING CLIENTS SAVE MONEY
DURING AN ECONOMIC CRISIS**

Thursday, April 23, 2009 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Learn how solos and small firm practitioners can complement their practice by acting as counsel to clients during a Family Mediation process. Topics will include a brief overview of mediation process, latest developments in mediation, hot tips for lawyers whose clients are involved in mediation, and information on where and how to find qualified mediators.

Moderator:
MARK A. JOSEPHSON, CPA, CFP, CFE, Murray &

FREE WORK SPACE | NYC BAR MEMBERS ONLY

Attorney Work Space

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Attorney Work Space is available on a walk-in basis, except during the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. it must be reserved as a conference room. The Conference room can be reserved for 2 hour intervals daily except during the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you wish to reserve a conference room between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. the Attorney Work Space currently serves as a secondary conference room during those times. To make a reservation contact the reference desk of the Library at (212) 382-6666 or email rmrvis@nycbar.org.

Due to the increase in demand for the Small Law Firm Center members will be limited to making no more than 2 reservations per week.

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Speakers:

ELI UNCYK, Uncyk, Borenkind & Nadler, LLP

CHRIS SORENSEN, J.D., LCSW, Attorney/Mediator,
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ALLA ROYTBURG, Law Offices and Mediation Center of
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of the Family and Divorce Mediation Council of Greater
New York; Past President of the New York State Council
on Divorce Mediation.

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April 20, 2009 is
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The fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 for members; \$35 for
non-members