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## **President's Report – January 2008**

Dear Crawford Members,

Happy New Year from the Executive Board!!! For those of you who recently joined or renewed your Crawford membership, welcome! Let us briefly highlight the programs and activities of 2007. In the first half of our term, we held two Quarterly Membership Meetings and our Second Annual Golf Outing, hosted and participated in several engaging panel discussions and numerous receptions, attended many legal conferences outside of Connecticut, held law student exam preparation sessions, and co-sponsored the Judicial Branch reception for attorneys newly admitted to the Connecticut bar. We also launched our new website, [www.georgecrawford.net](http://www.georgecrawford.net). You are joining a vibrant legal organization.

For those who participated in our 2007 events, it was our pleasure to greet each of you. We thank you for your support and welcome your continued feedback. We look forward to continuing to provide valuable programs and activities for you in 2008.

## **Upcoming Events**

As most of you know, Crawford is a member of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity (LCD). On Thursday, **January 10, 2008**, LCD will host its mock interview and resume review program for law students, "**Your Résumé...Your Interview...Your Future.**" All student and attorney members are encouraged to participate in this rewarding and invaluable training session. The program takes place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Day Pitney LLP, 242 Trumbull Street in Hartford. For more information, please contact Dawn Gezelman at (860) 275-0507 or [degezelman@daypitney.com](mailto:degezelman@daypitney.com).

On Tuesday, **January 15, 2008**, Crawford, in collaboration with CAPABA, CHBA and SABAC, will co-host a panel discussion entitled, "**Becoming a Judge in Connecticut: The Judicial Selection Process.**" If you have ever wondered what it takes to become a judge in Connecticut, you won't want to miss this event. The program will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, One Constitution Plaza in Hartford. Light refreshments and parking will be provided at no cost, courtesy of Shipman & Goodwin.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Crawford Secretary, Jude Francois at [jfrancois@rc.com](mailto:jfrancois@rc.com).

The Hartford County Bar Association will host a reception on Wednesday, **January 30, 2008** for the **Concurrent Women Presidents** of several bar associations in Connecticut, including Crawford. Come celebrate this noteworthy occasion with us. The reception will be held at the Hartford Club at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$15 charge per person. For more information please call 860-525-8106 or email [jbonee@hartfordbar.org](mailto:jbonee@hartfordbar.org).



Our next **Quarterly Membership Meeting** will be held on Thursday, **February 21, 2008** at 5:30 p.m. at the U.S. District Court in Hartford. Please plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. as the courthouse doors will lock at 6:00 p.m. sharp. We are honored that **Judge Vanessa L. Bryant**, 2007 Crawford Award recipient, will be our featured speaker and program moderator. Additional details will follow. You will not want to miss this very informative meeting.

On **February 27, 2008**, Crawford will co-host a **Judicial Branch Employment Panel** at the University of Connecticut School of Law. Our esteemed panelists will provide invaluable information on becoming a prosecutor, public defender, or pursuing other employment options within the branch. More information will follow under separate cover.

Finally, the **2008 Crawford Annual Dinner Meeting** will begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 24, 2008** at the Hartford Hilton. Save the date!!! Additional details will follow soon.

Thank you again for your participation and support. You are reminded to pay your 2008 dues on or before **January 15, 2008** (dues are effective January through December of each year). A membership application is attached, for your convenience. Thank you for your attention.

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