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President's Report – October 2007

Dear Crawford Members:

Fall is here! We held our "kick-off" Quarterly Membership Meeting at the offices of Shipman & Goodwin LLP in Hartford (Sept 20). Our "**What Are My Options?**" panel discussion was informative and engaging and our **NBA Regional Director, Monica Dula**, joined us from New York and brought formal greetings on behalf of Region 2. Thank you to all who attended and joined committees. Crawford will benefit greatly from your collective energy and resources. I extend a special thank you to our knowledgeable panelists: **Richard Alleyne** (The Hartford); **Robert Ricketts** (Greater Hartford Legal Aid); **Preston Tisdale** (Office of Chief Public Defender); and **Dawne Westbrook** (Civil Rights Law Firm), along with **Moy Ogilvie**, our moderator and program chair, **Tokunbo Akinbajo**, who helped prepare the questions for our discussion, and **Robert Simpson, Princess Wiggins** and Shipman & Goodwin for hosting us in their Hartford office! Thank you all!!!

The following week, several of our members attended the Hartford Business Journal's celebration for the "**40 Under Forty**" award honorees at Maneeley's in South Windsor, where three Crawford members were honored (Sept. 26). We were also very well represented at the **Charting Your Own Course Career Development Conference** in Leesburg, VA (Sept 28-30).

I look forward to meeting and greeting many more of you in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, **October 17, 2007** we are co-hosting a reception with our Connecticut Supreme Court **Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers** at the Hartford Club, 46 Prospect Street, Hartford. There is no cost for active members (i.e. those who have paid 2007 dues, judges and law students). The cost for non-members is \$45. Crawford is co-hosting this event with SABAC, CHBA and CAPABA. Please RSVP to ckranmas@mccarter.com if you would like to attend.

On Monday, **November 5, 2007**, at 6:00 pm, Crawford will once again host the **Justices of Color Reception** with Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity at Wiggin and Dana LLP in New Haven. Please save the date for this event, which is designed to allow attorneys, judges and justices to meet and socialize with one another in a relatively informal setting. Additional details will be circulated soon.

Our next **Quarterly Membership Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden. The Solo Practitioners Committee will host a panel discussion at the meeting on "**The Ins and Outs of Solo Practice**" with practitioners in the areas of personal injury, real estate, estate planning, civil rights and employment litigation, and others.



We encourage all members to attend, whether you are actively planning to start your own practice or just curious about how you might one day make the transition. Additional details are forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remember, if you have not renewed your membership for 2007, or if you would like to join Crawford for the first time, our membership form is available on-line. Go to <http://www.georgecrawford.net/> and become an active member today!!!

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