

## MEMORANDUM

To: Marcy Cox, Immediate Past President & Board Liaison  
NALP Board of Directors

From: Tamesha Keel

Subject: NALP Liaison Report  
ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession ("Commission")

Date: January 31, 2013

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I. **The latest updates are as follows (no new updates since the last report):**

A. Upcoming Events:

1. 2013 SPRING MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM ("MCP")

Ritz-Carlton New Orleans  
May 15-17, 2013

Registration details to be announced. *For more information please contact: Nicole Rivera at (312) 988-5643.*

Take advantage of the MCP discounted hotel rate of \$199 now through April 24, 2013. Ref. Code: ABA Spring Minority Counsel Program. Make your reservations today! Ritz-Carlton (504) 524-1331.

2. The 2013 Spirit Awards Luncheon will be held during the 2013 ABA Midyear Meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas.

The 2013 honorees are:

- M. Javade Chaudhri, Executive Vice President and General Counsel Sempra Energy in San Diego, CA
- Stacy Leeds, Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, AR
- Myles V. Lynk, Peter Kiewit Foundation Professor of Law and the Legal Profession Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ
- Professor Jenny Rivera, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Latino and Latina Rights and Equality in New York, NY
- Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel MALDEF in Los Angeles, CA
- Dr. Walter L. Sutton, Jr., Associate General Counsel Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville, AR

B. The Commission is featuring the book, ***Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters*** (Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That). Copies can be purchased for \$24.00 each.

C. The 2012-2013 Commissioners are:

- CHAIR: Reginald M. Turner, Jr., Detroit, MI
- Benny Agosto, Jr., Houston, TX
- Karina Ayala-Bermejo, Chicago, IL
- William R. Bay, St. Louis, MO
- Natacha Carbajal, New York, NY
- Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Washington, DC
- F. John Garza, Dallas, TX
- Renie Yoshida Grohl, Warren, OH
- Harry S. Johnson, Baltimore, MD
- Sonya Johnston, Redmond, WA
- Dalhi N. Myers, Columbia, SC
- Drucilla S. Ramey, San Francisco, CA
- Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez, Brownsville, TX
- Guy Rounsaville, Jr., Hillsborough, CA
- Mark I. Schickman, San Francisco, CA
- Charna E. Sherman, Cleveland, OH

During this three year period, the Commissioners will assess and deepen the Commission's approach to its work. Concurrently, the Commission will take more of a leadership role in working with a broader array of resources/entities and it will explore engaging more members in its work.