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**Updates from the 2010 Annual Meeting in San Francisco**

Five solicitors general are among legal luminaries attending the 2010 Annual Meeting. Speaking at a Friday panel are (left to right) Edwin Kneeder, Gregory Garre, Drew S. Days III, Kenneth Starr and Charles Fried. Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal served as moderator.

Outgoing ABA President Tackles Critical Issues, Earns Important Victories

Since the gavel was passed to her nearly one year ago, ABA President Carolyn Lamm has been at the forefront of some of the most critical issues facing the nation and the legal profession. Her work to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis on the justice system, as well as her efforts on Capitol Hill to fight against excessive regulation of lawyers, are among highlights of Lamm's presidential year. [Read more ...](#)

Boies seeks balance in litigant resources, jury reforms, better court funding, predictable justice

Renowned trial lawyer David Boies challenged America's lawyers to "bring the rule of law to its full fruition here in this country ... to fulfill the goals and lofty rhetoric of our founding fathers," as the keynote speaker at the Opening Assembly of the 2010 Annual Meeting. [Read more ...](#)

Legal process outsourcing and 'fly in/fly out' lawyering addressed at Ethics 20/20 Commission hearing

Legal process outsourcing may be a flashpoint in the profession, but outsourcing legal processes is not a new concept, Michael Ford, executive vice president of UnitedLex Corp., told the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 at a public hearing during the 2010 Annual Meeting. [Read more ...](#)

Work on ethics rules can be a lesson for all lawyers

Recent work by lawyers both in New York and California are leading to changes in those states' ethics rules. Experts in the field talked about those changes during a Sunday Annual Meeting program. [Read more ...](#)

Former solicitors general reveal important role of political deputy

A powerful but little known position in the Office of the Solicitor General of the United States, the "political deputy" came to light in a roundtable discussion Friday at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Five former solicitors general—Drew S. Days III, Charles Fried, Gregory

Garre, Edwin Kneeder and Kenneth Starr—shared tales from their service in "Shaping the Law." [Read more ...](#)

Growing Social Media Use Among Employees Necessitates Employer Response

Blogger Heather Armstrong knows first hand about the legal issues involving social media and the workplace. At a Friday program, Armstrong shared how blog posts criticizing her boss and co-workers got her fired. Legal experts share tips on creating social media policies that can guide employees' online networking to avoid problems like the one Armstrong faced. [Read more ...](#)

Lawyers' Smart Phones Left at Courtroom Door Quiver with Volume of Calls

Moses may have had his burning bush, but at least one judge has a buzzing bush, according to Jonathan Turley, who moderated a discussion of "Trying High-Profile Cases in a 24/7 'New Media' World" during the ABA Annual Meeting. [Read more ...](#)

Modern Day Pioneers of the Profession Who Forged the Way for Others Honored at 20th Annual ABA Awards Luncheon

Although they come from diverse backgrounds and pursued different career paths, five women lawyers honored at the 20th Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards luncheon have one thing in common: unselfish devotion to opening doors for other women in the legal profession. [Read more ...](#)

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