



2007 Officers & Board of Governors Planning Meeting - At a glance



Officers and Board members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association held their first planning meeting for 2007 at Elizabeth's at the Palms on St. Croix, on January 20th. Officers in attendance were Scot McChain, Mark Hodge, Pamela Colon and Richard Evangelista.

Board Members in attendance included Glenda Cameron, Gizette Thomas and Nathania Bates. Additionally, Chairs, Gerry Groner, Ellen Donovan, Terry Griffiths and Kye Walker were in attendance, and other Chairs submitted reports. The board met from 9am to 3pm and discussed numerous issues that will be addressed during the year.

The chart below reflects the issues that we will be trying to address along with persons tentatively assigned to address them and activities planned by the quarter.

Issues/ Rank	Description	Name	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q
1	MCLE Court Appointments	Glenda Cameron	report			
2	CJA Panel	Pam Colon	report			
3	Increase Dues	Scot McChain	submit			
4	Website	Carl Beckstedt	done/1	report	done /2	
5	ERISA	Gerry Groner	report			
6	St. Thomas Office	Scot McChain	calls			
7	Ad Hoc Const. Convention	Amos Carty	report			
8	The People Dem Law School	Ricky Evangelista	report	done	report	
9	Suspensions	Gizette Thomas	report			
11	Court Mixers	Hinda / K. Walker	report			
12	Lawyer Assistance	Ellen Donovan	report			
12	Non Certified Audit	Karen Beagles	report			
13	E & G	Scot McChain	done			

CALENDAR

February 5-11, 2007

**President & Ex. Director
Travel**

NCPB/NABE Mid-year Meeting

February 19, 2007

President's Day

Bar Office Closed

February 21, 2007

**1st Quarterly Membership
Meeting-TBA**

March 22, 2007

**Board of Governor's
Monthly Meeting**

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New Appointments:

- Conference & Entertainment Committee Chair, Sam Grey
- Lawyer Assistance Chair, Ellen Donovan
- Legislation & Law Reform-Chair, Tom Bolt

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ACRRA Reception

The Virgin Islands Bar Association is co-sponsoring a Reception at Government House on St. Croix, Friday, February 2, 2007 at 8 pm. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend. It will be an excellent opportunity to mingle socially with civic-minded members of the community, lawyers, local dignitaries and international diplomats to discuss a topic of unique cultural and historical importance to the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Morten Kjaerum is an attorney, international human rights expert and Danish diplomat who is on-island to further discussions in support of a Memorandum of Understanding between Denmark and the Virgin Islands

regarding reparations related to the Danish slave era. A letter from Shelley Moorhead, ACCRA's President to the Bar outlining Mr. Kjaerum's trip and his itinerary was previously sent to you via email. Looking forward to seeing you at the reception.



Government House St. Croix

"It is only through the power of association that those of any calling exercise due influence in their communities." Elihu Root

New Appointments Con't

- CJA Chair, Pamela Colon
- AD Hoc Constitutional Convention-Chair Amos Carty, Jr.
- Young Lawyers-Chair, Kye Walker
- Unauthorized Practice Of Law-Chair, Terri Griffiths
- Public Defender Administration Board Chair, Dwayne Henry

**All-new VIBA
Website
coming soon!**

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For Young Lawyers

What: Young Lawyers Committee Meet and Greet

Where: The Mix on the Boardwalk, St. Croix

When: Friday, February 2, 2007 at 5:30pm -7:30pm

open bar 5:30pm -6:30pm

hors d'oeuvres

MEET THE VI BAR OFFICERS and MINGLE WITH OTHER YOUNG LAWYERS

RSVP to vibarassociation@gmail.com by 1 p.m. on February 2, 2007

look out for the upcoming meet and greet on St. Thomas

Please share your concerns and /or suggestions with me at vibarassociation@gmail.com.

Hinda Richards

CALENDAR (con't)

- May 25-27, 2007 **Almeric L. Christian Tennis Tournament**
- June 20, 2007 **2nd Quarterly Membership Meeting-TBA**
- September 19, 2007 **3rd Quarterly Membership Meeting-TBA**
- November 11, 2007 **Almeric L. Christian Golf Tournament**
- December 14, 2007 **Annual Meeting, St. Croix**



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