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#### MEETING DATES 7PM

WEDS., JAN 9<sup>th</sup> Plainview O/B Library  
WEDS., FEB 13<sup>th</sup> Plainview O/B Library  
TUES., MAR 11<sup>th</sup> Plainview O/B Library  
THURS. , JAN 17<sup>th</sup> Deer Park Public Library  
MON., JAN 28<sup>th</sup> Farmingdale Public Library

#### SUBJECT

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Small Claims Court  
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How to Hire/Fire a Lawyer

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wishes to thank you for all of your help in the fight for legal reform. We know the legal system is unfair. Seldom do we receive equal justice under the law. Instead, the lawyers and judges thrive on our misfortune. The unconscionable cost of hiring a lawyer denies justice for many Americans. Incompetent, negligent and corrupt lawyers and judges do not get disciplined because of self-governed, secret proceedings by the authorities. Victims have little hope. We are hoping that those who can will donate time and money for 2008 membership. Remember, if you donate \$50 or more you will receive a free copy of Scandal at the Oak Beach Inn by Robert Matherson & R. Rousseau.

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Does anyone have any information on? (We will keep your name confidential.)

Judge Stanley Harwood	Armond Prisco Esq.	Mark Peterson Esq.
Judge John B. Riordan (N)	Lewis Stockman Esq.	Alan Mendelson Esq.
Judge David Gross (N)	Thomas McGowan Esq.	Marc Pergament Esq.
Judge Jeffrey K. Oing	Peter Coronia Esq.	Neil Ackerman Esq.
Judge Scott Fairgrieve	Philip Castrovinci Esq.	Kenneth Silverman Esq.
Judge Anthony Falanga (N)	Brigit Tartaglia Esq.	Thomas Liotte Esq.
Judge Marion McNulty (S)	Stanley Kopilow Esq.	Jim Daly Esq.
Judge Edward Carni (Ap)	Mary Toner Esq.	Peter Kaiteris Esq.

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Dennis G. Jacobs, chief judge of the Federal Appeals Court NY, said "Judges can be counted on to rule in favor of anything that protects and empowers lawyers... they favor complexity over efficient solutions. After all, they are aided by lawyers who bill by the hour" (NY Times Aug 27/07)

The hearing to draft rules governing federal judicial misconduct complaints for the entire nation was held for only 2 hours, Sept. 27, 2007 in Brooklyn NY. Only three speakers were heard by the committee chair, Judge Stephen Brey. The first, a good old boy Arthur Helman Esq., and two gentlemen, a Dr. Richard Cordero Esq. ([www.judicial-discipline-reform.org](http://www.judicial-discipline-reform.org)) and Frank Knize ([Frankknee@aol.com](mailto:Frankknee@aol.com)) who filmed the entire event. Under the current rules, the judges took disciplinary action against their peers in only 14 cases out of the 7462 complaints filed in the past 10 years. In the 218 years since the adoption of the constitution, only seven judges have been removed. 99% of all complaints are dismissed in secrecy.

During the month of 1/07, there were 39 combat killings in Iraq and 35 murders in Detroit alone. Should we get out of Detroit? (ABA Jrl.)

Chief Judge Judith Kaye's effort to protect incapacitated, established a guardianship court to bring proceedings under one judge. Suffolk's pilot program run by Judge Leis' effort brings dignity to the vulnerable individual. (NYS Bar Journal 6/06)

Lawyers are not popular because of the high prices they are able to charge due to the monopoly on providing legal service. Every state except Arizona has UPL statutes (unauthorized practice of law) which make it illegal to do what lawyers do. ( [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org) )

Be aware of your rights. The courts have 3 jurisdictions to operate. 1. Common (Gods) Law where there is a damaged party. 2. Equity law or contracts that you are under. 3. Admiralty/ Maritime law now called statutory jurisdiction. If you do not choose the one which you operate under, (Howard Freeman Tapes) the court will.

If lifeguards must undergo criminal background checks when they apply for their jobs (Newsday Zach Dowdy 8/28/07) and transit employees must take substance abuse tests, why aren't judges tested for honesty and normalcy, or at least for substance abuse? After all, they are government employees.

According to Seymour Reisman Esq., fathers are awarded custody less than 20% of the time even if the mother has a full time career (Newsday 10/4/07), except in cases of political patronage i.e. Judges Kent(S), McNulty(S), Falanga(N) and Sturm(M) et al.

Your government is strangled by lawyers. For fear of lawsuits, the CIA employs more than 100 lawyers- the Pentagon 10,000+ (IBD 9/19/07)

Did you hear about the couple who sued their doctor because they had twins? They only wanted one fertile egg.

Eleven public officials and two members of the state assembly were charged with taking \$ in bribes in New Jersey. The FBI said they were stunned by the business-as-usual attitude. (NYT 9/7/07) 4 arrested in N. Hempstead building dept, accused of fraud, falsifying business records, and receiving gratuities from 2002-06. (Newsday 10/16/07) (The tip of the iceberg-ALR)

Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

(L.I. Catholic 8/07) In the August issue of the LI Catholic, Rick Hinshaw writes of "The Arrogance of Power". His boss Denis Dillon, N. District Attorney, abused his power and had two senior citizens arrested in Hempstead for uttering disparaging remarks about lawyers and the court system.

While FedEx can track 20,000 packages a day, the ABA can't even track one crooked lawyer! (ALR)

At the time of 9/11, there were 1500 mosques in the U.S. Now there are 6500. They allegedly have 6 nuclear bombs. The biggest mosque in Brooklyn stores weapons and raises money for Al Qaeda in Iran. Authorities stay away for fear of retaliation by the ACLU. (Coast to Coast 8/28/07)

"When you have more lawyers than doctors in the US, why have state funding for law students" says Frank Lasee Esq. in the National Law Jrl. 8/7/07.

When Chief Judge Burger died in 1995, his children were socked with excessive taxes because he didn't make a proper will. ( Oxford Club 8/28/07)

Since Australians were forced to surrender their personal firearms (650,000 costing taxpayers \$500 million) homicides are up 6%, assaults 9.6% and robberies 44%. The previous years showed a steady decrease. (Google Aust. Gunlaws 5/1/07)

Merck & Co.: The Vioxx settlement with plaintiff lawyers was \$4.85 billion and cost Merck an additional \$1.9 billion in their litigation. (WSJ 11/12/07) The question is, what will be the plaintiffs' net and what will that do to the cost of your next prescription? (ALR)

Disgraced ex-judge Wachtler has been readmitted to the bar. ( Newsday 10/4/07) Joseph Levine Esq. stole \$300G from his Hewlett client( K. Herbert Newsday) A Niagara Falls judge lost his job when he jailed 46 people because someone's cell phone interrupted proceedings. (AP 11/28/07)

As if \$160,000 starting salary for lawyers wasn't enough, some firms guarantee mortgages, reimburse car purchases and wine and dine. (NYT 11/26/07) Top lawyers bill \$1000/hr; contingency fees exceed \$20,000/hr (ABA Jrl.)

ALR regrets the passing of our good friend Bob Matherson, on Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Bob was the owner of the Oak Beach Inn. He was financial sponsor of ALR and donated the ALR Truck.