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**AMERICANS FOR LEGAL REFORM
BE SURE TO VOTE**

BUT NOT FOR LAWYERS

A 501C3 NOT FOR PROFIT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

MEETING DATES 7PM

SUBJECT

TUES., March 2nd	Plainview O/B Library	Perjury in the Courts
TUES., April 6th	Plainview O/B Library	Starting a Group in Your Area
TUES., April 13th	Riverhead Public Library	Welcome East End by Terri Boyle
TUES., May 4th	Plainview O/B Library	Rules of the Court
TUES., May 11th	Riverhead Public Library	Rules of the Court
Wed., March 24 th	Huntington HS Adult Ed	How to Hire and Fire a Lawyer

SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER AS WE WILL ONLY BE MAILING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS!!!!!!

THE OLDEST MOST SUCCESSFUL LEGAL REFORM GROUP IN THE WORLD'S

goals are: Abolish self regulation of lawyers, make disciplinary hearings public, establish open public history of complaints against lawyers and judges, abolish laws that forbid non-lawyers from providing routine legal services, incorporate electronic recording devices to insure justice for all, require mediation in all disputes, use modern electronic methods to produce evidence, (i.e. tax returns, financial statements, bank statements), enforce perjury laws etc.

Surely these fundamental concepts should have come long ago from the judicial system itself. Yet, they haven't and they won't...unless we stand up and let it be known that "we've had enough". We will not compromise and we will not wait another 200 years. If you have not done so, please send your 2010 donation with your email address so that we can save a tree and a stamp.

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

Judge Marion McNulty (S)	Mildred Michalczyk Esq.	Kenneth Weinstein Esq.
Judge Gail Prudenti (A)	Chaz Cancellare Esq.	Ira Kurtzberg Esq.
Judge Jennifer Buetow (S)	Bill Jurow Esq. Esq.	Stanley Harwood Esq.
Judge William Kent (S)	Kenneth Silverman Esq.	David Grossman Esq.
Judge Dorothy Eisenberg (Fed)	Lynn Kramer Esq.	Sari Friedman Esq.
Judge Diana Adams (F)	James O'Rourke Esq.	Rubinfeld Jr & Sr Esq.

All courtrooms are open, except in cases of child molestation. Pro se litigants were initially denied court watchers at fee dispute hearings (rule 137) but with the help of Amy Sheridan and Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau pro se litigants (defendants) are now allowed court watchers. Call ALR for procedures. Camp Hearings still deny court watchers and pro se litigants (see 2009- 8546, David Grossman vs. Maria Composto Longhi) One of the many reasons Maria Composto Longhi, mother of 3 special needs children is appealing is because she and her children were denied counsel by Matrimonial Judge McNulty.

145,000 lawyers in NYS= one lawyer for every 130 people

Billable hours are under attack: law firms' long-standing practice of billing by the hour, an incentive to rack up bigger bills, in favor of flat fee contracts. (WSJ Aug 09)

Tea Party Patriots core values are fiscal responsibility, constitutional limited government and free markets. Their mission is to attract, educate, organize and mobilize citizens. (teapartypatriots.org)

Lawyer ex-prosecutor Robert Simels was sentenced to 14 years and fined \$225,000 for witness tampering in Federal Ct Brooklyn by Judge Gleeson.

Lawyer Paul Bergen also a former prosecutor now stands before Federal Prosecutors Newark for bribes and murder to discourage a witness from testifying. (HuffingtonPost.com)

Lawyer/politician John Edwards will split \$53 million after wife Elizabeth learned of love child on his Presidential Campaign Trail. (National Enquirer)

Research in psychology consistently reveals the corrupting effects of power. The ability to understand another point of view, and to put oneself in the other's place, is one of the most critical factors that affects ability to obtain influence and is a critical skill for everyone.

Leaders, judges and legislators need to cultivate humility.. they need to talk less and listen more..they cruise along until the arrogance of power catches up with them. (Jeffrey Pfeffer Stanford University)

Wacky warnings: 1. On a letter opener- "Caution, safety goggles recommended"
2. On a fishing lure- "Harmful if swallowed" 3. On a child's sled- Beware, sled may develop high speed" 4. On a smoke detector- "Do not use silence feature".

More than 70,000 pages of new laws are added every year.

Seventy eight percent of America's teachers have been threatened by lawsuits.

The scariest words you will ever hear- "I'm from the Federal Government and I'm here to help you". (President Reagan)

America is the only country in the world where people are chauffer driven and talk on their cell phones when they pick up their welfare check.

Legislators who moonlight for fat-cat law firms such as Sheldon Silver(D) would be forced to make their client list public under an ethics reform package unveiled by NY Governor Peterson's Ethics Bill. (39 members of the 150 seat assembly have law degrees). He also suggests stripping pensions from public who have been convicted of a felon. (NY Post Brendon Scoll 1/8/10)

The National Association of Pro Se Litigants Inc's (www.napsl.org) recent newsletter advises what to do if you want to sue a judge.

Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman is looking for retired lawyers willing to provide 30 hrs/year unpaid legal assistance to help some 2 million unrepresented New Yorkers who appear each year and need legal advice and assistance in the Attorney Emeritus Program. Tel-877-800-0396.

"I'm kind of a lawyer hater". Don't get me wrong, we need lawyers. We need them to preserve the rule of law. We need them to defend us if others cheat us, steal from us, or deprive us of our rights. But the legal system is ruinously expensive and too often used "to destructive ends". John Stossel for the Institute for Justice, a national group of lawyers defending individual rights. (www.ij.org)

It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me. (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr)

We regret the passing of our good friend and supporter for all these years, Richard Papania, due to pneumonia.

Tort reform: The popular notion of tort reform focuses on medical malpractice. This ignores the vast majority of cases. Simply eliminate pain and suffering damages says Warren Redlich.

Anytime you see an email that says forward to others, it almost always has an email tracker program that tracks the folks you forward to. Ignore them and don't participate.

Wasteful spending in Washington: Our national debt has reached an all time high of 12.4 trillion as a result of expansion of government. Now Congress wants to raise the deficit to \$14.3 trillion. (John McCain)

