

# NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL INSTITUTE ON PROFESSIONALISM IN THE LAW AND HOFSTRA LAW SCHOOL

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Dear Colleague:

The Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law and the Maurice A. Deane School of Law are pleased to invite you to attend a one-day Convocation on *Lawyer Independence: Challenges and Best Practices for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners* to be held at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, on November 4, 2011. As part of the Institute's mandate to examine and promote professionalism in the practice of law, we are studying the challenges solo and small firm practitioners confront in serving their clients. Adherence to standards of professionalism can, at times, present challenging and vexing issues for practicing lawyers. This Convocation, the third in our series, continues our review of lawyer independence, a fundamental foundation of professionalism in the law, from the perspective of lawyers who practice in small firms or maintain a solo practice.

The November 4, 2011 Convocation will feature welcoming remarks from Honorable Juanita Bing Newton and Dean Nora V. Demleitner, a Keynote Address by Louis A. Craco, Chair Emeritus of the Institute, and a Luncheon Speech by United States District Court Judge William H. Pauley, III. Subsequent to both the Keynote Address and Luncheon Speech, panels composed of solo and small firm practitioners will discuss challenges to lawyer independence and best practices unique to solo and small firm practitioners.


We hope that you will join us and invite several of your colleagues to attend. Please e-mail [professionalism@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:professionalism@courts.state.ny.us) by **October 26, 2011** if you can attend the November 4, 2011 Convocation and list the names, addresses and e-mail addresses of colleagues to whom we might also extend an invitation. Please indicate if you would like to earn five (5) CLE credits for your full day attendance. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.

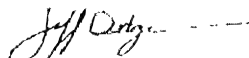


Paul C. Saunders  
Chair, Judicial Institute on  
Professionalism in the Law

Very truly yours,



James M. Wicks  
Convocation Chair



Jeffrey A. Dodge  
Assistant Dean for Global Initiatives &  
Multicultural Affairs, Hofstra Law School

A CONVOCATION ON  
**LAWYER INDEPENDENCE: CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES**  
FOR SOLO AND SMALL FIRM PRACTITIONERS  
NOVEMBER 4, 2011

**9:30 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION**

*Maurice A. Deane School of Law  
121 Hofstra University  
Hempstead, New York 11549*

**10:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**PAUL C. SAUNDERS**  
*Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP  
Chair, Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law*

**HONORABLE JUANITA BING NEWTON**  
*Dean, New York State Judicial Institute*

**NORA V. DEMLEITNER**  
*Dean and Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

**10:30 A.M.**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**LOUIS A. CRACO**, *Craco & Ellsworth, LLP*

**PANEL I**

**CHALLENGES FOR SOLO AND SMALL FIRM PRACTITIONERS**

**MODERATOR:** **JAMES M. WICKS**, *Farrell Fritz, P.C.*

**PANELISTS:** **LEO K. BARNES, JR.**, *Barnes & Barnes, P.C.*  
**ANTON J. BOROVINA**, *Law Offices of Anton J. Borovina*  
**ANDREW L. CRABTREE**, *Law Offices of Andrew L. Crabtree, P.C.*  
**THOMAS J. FOLEY**, *Foley, Griffin, LLP*  
**SUSAN FORTNEY**, *Maurice A. Deane School of Law at  
Hofstra University*

**12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**LUNCHEON**

**1:15 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM H. PAULEY, III**  
*United States District Court  
Southern District of New York*

**2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**DISCUSSIONS**

**PANEL II**

**BEST PRACTICES FOR SOLO AND SMALL FIRM PRACTITIONERS**

**MODERATOR:** **MICHAEL S. ROSS**, *Law Offices of Michael S. Ross*

**PANELISTS:** **HARVEY B. BESUNDER**, *Bracken Margolin Besunder, LLP*  
**CHRISTOPHER E. CHANG**, *Law Offices of Christopher E. Chang, Esq.*  
**PAUL V. CRACO**, *Craco & Ellsworth, LLP*  
**CLIFFORD S. ROBERT**, *Robert & Robert, PLLC*

**3:30 P.M.**

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

*Full day attendance will earn registrants five (5) continuing legal education (CLE) credits, three (3) in professional practice and two (2) in ethics.*

*Please indicate if you would like to earn CLE credits in your RSVP to [professionalism@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:professionalism@courts.state.ny.us) no later than October 26, 2011. Thank you.*