

NDAA

Names in the News

DA NAMED 2009 TEXAS PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR

Williamson County District Attorney **John Bradley** (NDAA's Texas state director) received the Prosecutor of the Year Award at the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update, a yearly conference organized by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA).

Bradley was honored for his diligent efforts to pass landmark legislation on mandatory blood draws, which enable peace officers in the field to stop intoxicated drivers, draw their blood even when they refuse to submit a breath sample, and ensure that those over the legal limit are prosecuted while those under the limit are set free.

"Texas roads will be safer because of the outstanding efforts of John Bradley," says Barry Macha, TDCAA President.

"John's contributions to DWI enforcement in the field of ensuring the availability of evidence to prosecute drunk drivers make him a champion not so much of prosecutors but of the driving public of Texas," adds C. Scott Brumley, TDCAA secretary/treasurer.

"Wow," says Bradley. "I was quite surprised to get a call from TDCAA announcing the award. This recognition by fellow prosecutors really put a smile on my face."

John has also been named by Governor Perry to serve as chair of the Texas Forensic Commission.

Bradley was appointed head of the commission at the beginning of October, just days before the commission was to hear a report on the case of Cameron Todd Willingham, a Corsicana man executed in 2004 for murdering his three daughters in a house fire. The Innocence Project has challenged the forensics of the case, saying it used faulty science. The fire took place in 1991, and the trial was in 1992. Willingham's various appeals and pleas for clemency were rejected over the course of his 12 years on death row.



KRISTEN SHEA

NEW SENIOR ATTORNEY FOR THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC LAW CENTER

The National District Attorneys Association is pleased to announce that **Kristen Shea** has been hired as the new senior attorney for the National Traffic Law Center. Kristen comes to NDAA by way of the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office where she worked as a program manager for the DUI courts and multiple law enforcement grants. Prior to her work in program management, she served as a prosecuting attorney for almost 10 years with the majority of her time spent as an assistant district attorney in Nashville, Tennessee. During the last several years of her time as a prosecutor, she worked as the team leader of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, specializing in traffic-related criminal offenses at the state trial court level. She earned her law degree from the University of Memphis and her undergraduate degree at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. She will be working to develop and produce resource materials addressing commercial driver's licensing and other commercial vehicle issues common to the criminal justice

system. Kristen's contact information is as follows: kshea@ndaa.org and 703.519.1644.

HNBA WELCOMES 2009-2010 BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND OFFICERS

The members of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) announced the 2009-2010 HNBA Board of Governors and officers. **Román D. Hernández**, partner at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, was sworn-in as national president along with its new Board of Governors at the 34th Annual Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico this past September 5, 2009.

"I am truly honored to serve as National President of the HNBA," stated Hernández "Last month, America witnessed HNBA Member Sonia M. Sotomayor being sworn in as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This historic moment highlights the advancement Hispanics have made in the legal profession and also underscores the work that still lies ahead."

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is a national membership organization that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students in the United States and its territories. For more information, please visit www.hnba.com.

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW INDUCTS SIX INTO HALL OF FAME

Stetson University College of Law inducted six new members into its Hall of Fame on Oct. 24 in Gulfport. "These individuals have had an enormous impact on the legal community and on Stetson," said Stetson Law Vice President and Dean Darby Dickerson. "We are extremely privileged to welcome them into our Hall of Fame."

Among this year's inductees was **Bernard J. McCabe Jr.** who graduated from Stetson University and Stetson University College of Law. "Bernie" McCabe worked as assistant state attorney, eventually moving up the ranks to St. Petersburg Division Director. In 1993, he was elected state attorney of Florida's Sixth Judicial Circuit, a role he has served in ever since. McCabe has earned a reputation as a diligent prosecutor with a concern for his community, creating divisions and programs to address misdemeanor domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, truancy and juvenile dependency. McCabe has served as an adjunct professor and overseer at Stetson Law. He is active in state, local and national organizations.

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NDAAs Capital Conference

February 8-10, 2010
Washington, DC
The Liaison Hotel
Room rate: \$209
Reservations:
866.233.4642

NDAAs Summer Board Meeting

July 9-11, 2010
Napa, California
Silverado Resort
Room rate: \$169
Reservations:
800.532.0500
Cut-off: June 18, 2010

NDAAs Spring Board Meeting

April 8-10, 2010
Charleston, South Carolina
Francis Marion Hotel
Room rate: \$189
Reservations:
843.722.0600

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