

CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION MEETING, September 23, 2008, Noon to 1:30 PM

Fall Social - scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, November 6th** in Durham. Time, place and speaker to be determined. We would like to extend invitations to individuals and organizations who are not members of the Section but who might be interested in joining. **Ideas about whom to invite? Let me know.**

Trial Briefs - Civil Rights Section will sponsor the April 2010 issue – we have a lot of time to consider and submit articles, so let us know if you have ideas. Possible ideas for articles include (1) status of MARs and capital cases in NC; (2) reentry issues for prisoners – gun laws, enfranchisement, sex offender registration; (3) state constitutional claims; (4) immigrants' rights issues. We also discussed the possibility of partnering with the Hispanic/Latino Legal Affairs Division to draft an article in an upcoming Trial Briefs issue on whether individuals arrested and processed under 287(g) have a 5th Amendment right not to disclose their country of origin – **let me know if you are interested in assisting with this article.**

CLEs - the following are ideas that Section members suggested for CR Section-sponsored CLEs in the upcoming year: (1) general CLE on "Suing the Sovereign – How to bring a Section 1983 suit"; (2) intersection between immigration/criminal/civil rights cases (partnering with Criminal Defense Section and Hispanic/Latino Legal Affairs Division); (3) civil rights update at next year's Convention.

Legislative Issues for 2009 – We discussed several ideas for possible legislative priorities that the Section might recommend to the Academy's Legislative Committee. You will soon be receiving a survey on these issues. The survey will include a question on each individual issue and then have a question asking members to rank the importance of the issues. A catch-all question about other issues that may be important to you will also be included. **Please take part in this survey.**

Ideas for Spring Social or Activity – several ideas were raised for Section activities next spring, including (1) a possible protest, organized by the Section; (2) a one-day legal assistance program, in connection with the NCBA's 4ALL program. We will continue to discuss possible activities at future meetings.

Other Section Matters – ELECTION PROTECTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING TO WORK ON A MOBILE ELECTION PROTECTION UNIT ON ELECTION DAY. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECTION TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. THANKS TO SECTION MEMBER CHARLES DAYE FOR PROVIDING US WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Next Section Meeting: Fall Social – Thursday evening, Nov. 6th. More info to follow.