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- 2. February 6 (Northern California): Second Annual IABA Dinner
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IABA HOSTS ELECTIONS FOR 2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In February 2009, the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) will be conducting its annual elections to vote in next year's National Board of Directors. In past years, distinguished members of the Iranian-American legal community have served as IABA officers and members of the IABA's Board of Directors and have upheld the highest level of professional integrity and excellence. In this past year alone, the National Board of Directors sponsored and/or facilitated numerous networking opportunities for IABA members and enabled both attorney and student members to contribute toward the advancement of the Iranian-American community at large.

Building on the IABA's achievements to date, and ensuring its continued growth as well as success in meeting the challenges ahead will first and foremost depend on your active involvement as members. We therefore encourage you to seriously consider running for the Board of Directors and look forward to your full participation in IABA's upcoming Membership Meeting.

If you are interested in running as a candidate for the 2009 Board of Directors, please contact Niki Moore by emailing her at nmoore@iaba.us no later than Sunday, February 1, 2009.

WASHINGTON, D.C CHAPTER HOSTS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE GOLI AMERI



On January 10, 2008, the Washington D.C. Chapter for IABA hosted Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Goli Ameri, for her farewell speech on public diplomacy, entitled, The Challenges of U.S. Public

Diplomacy in the 21st Century: And New Opportunities in the Digital Age. Ms. Ameri spoke about the challenges of U.S. Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century and new opportunities in the digital age. She noted that "the definition of public diplomacy has been

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tweaked and modified over the years, but the core meaning has remained constant: the mandate of public diplomacy is to understand, inform, engage, and influence foreign publics.” “No aspect of the U.S. Government’s public diplomacy is more of a marketplace, more of an open dialogue and more of an ongoing community-driven interchange than our international educational and cultural programs.”

As her speech came to a close, Ameri reflected on her time as an Assistant Secretary of State and the upcoming Obama administration: “Given how near the mission of this Bureau is to my heart, I don’t hesitate to share with you the feeling that my tenure has been all too brief. I have known exactly when this day would come,” said Ameri. “It is one of the enduring features of our government, the peaceful transition of power. The advent of a new President is imminent and, eventually, a new person will guide our international exchanges.”

The IABA Board of Directors has accordingly approved a special committee to work with the ECA for hosting a delegation of attorneys from Iran at some of its chapters around the country. We hope that these exchanges would foster mutual understanding between the peoples of Iran and the US and promote the resolution of differences via diplomacy. Our members will be discussing the US legal system with their Iranian counterparts and pave the way for constructive intellectual exchanges. If you wish to read more details about Ms. Ameri’s speech, please visit <http://www.iaba.us>.

IABA MEMBER BECOMES CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

On January 22, 2009, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema to the San Diego Superior Court bench. Judge Ipema was appointed to a seat vacated by Judge Jan Goldsmith, who won election in November as San Diego city attorney. Judge Ipema has been a court commissioner in San Diego Superior Court since April 2008. Prior to that, Judge Ipema was a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Superior Court and an assistant district counsel for the US Department of Justice.

Judge Ipema earned a Master of Laws degree from Georgetown University, a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Louisville, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Damavand College.

IABA welcomes Judge Ipema's appointment to the bench by Governor Schwarzenegger and encourages more Iranian-Americans to pursue public office and leadership positions in the judiciary.

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IABA BECOMES CALIFORNIA STATE MCLE PROVIDER

On January 9, 2009, the Office of Special Admissions and Specialization of the California State Bar approved IABA to become a MCLE Multiple Activity Provider. As a MCLE Multiple Activity Provider, IABA now has a blanket authorization to offer California MCLE credit for legal education activities. IABA is now listed as a provider on the California State Bar's website and looks forward to providing continuing legal education to California attorneys, including its own membership.

In order to become approved as an MCLE Multiple Activity Provider ("MCLE Provider") in California, a provider has to hold four separate and different education activities within a two-year period, submit Single Activity Provider Applications and receive approval from the California State bar for each single activity. In early 2008, IABA launched a project to become an MCLE provider. To make this project a reality, IABA's Northern California, San Diego and Los Angeles chapters collaborated by organizing a number of MCLE activities and doing both pre-event and post-event paper work to comply with California's rules. These MCLE activities covered several legal areas - e.g., immigration, family, ethics, civil rights - and were presented by many fine speakers, including judges.

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