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Upcoming Chapter Events

- 1. February 12 (Houston):** Chapter Elections
- 2. February 12 (Orange County):** Chapter Elections
- 3. February 19 (Chicago):** Chapter meeting and local elections
- 4. February 21 (Los Angeles):** Chapter Elections, please RSVP at nikoo14@aol.com
- 5. February 21 (Washington, D.C.):** Chapter Elections for Board of Directors
- 6. March 26 (San Diego):** MCLE lecture entitled Intellectual Property Law Primer

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IABA SENDS ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR JUDGE ASHLEY TABADDOR'S APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT

On Friday, January 30, 2009 the IABA Board of Directors voted to endorse Judge Ashley Afsaneh Tabaddor in her candidacy for California Superior Court Judge. Judge Tabaddor is currently an immigration judge in Los Angeles County with vast experience both in litigation and as a judge.

A graduate of UC Hastings College of Law and a former Assistant United States Attorney, Judge Tabaddor was one of the original members of the IABA Board of Directors and a leading figure in the Los Angeles Chapter. She is now a member of the IABA Advisory Board of Directors, a collection of the brightest and most prestigious legal professionals in the Iranian-American community.

IABA wholeheartedly endorses Judge Tabaddor's consideration for California Superior Court judge and hopes she serves as an example for other burgeoning legal professionals.

ELECTIONS FOR IABA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In October 2008, the IABA Board of Directors convened in New York and restructured the Board composition in order to create greater continuity in the organization. The Board agreed to create two year terms for all Chapter Representatives and to stagger the chapter elections, while allowing elections for at-large and student directors to occur annually. This year, IABA chapters in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Orange County, Seattle, and Houston will hold their chapter elections to elect representatives onto the Board of Directors. The election for the student director and at-large members will occur the third and fourth week of February and will be conducted by electronic ballot. Only IABA members in *good standing* by Friday, February 13, 2009 are eligible to vote in the elections.

This year chapter elections for representatives will be held at the following dates and places:

Orange County Chapter: Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:00

Board of Directors

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Questions or Comments? We'd love to hear from you!

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p.m. at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 695 Town Center Drive, 17th Floor, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Please RSVP to iaba.oc@gmail.com.

Houston Chapter: Thursday, February 12, 2009. Please contact amomanaee@gardere.com to RSVP and for time and place.

Los Angeles Chapter: Saturday, February 21, 2009. Location to be disclosed upon RSVP to nikoo14@aol.com.

Washington, D.C. Chapter: Saturday, February 21, 2009. Please contact farhad.alavi@hklaw.com for time and place.

IABA APPOINTS KATAYOUN GOSHTASBI TO REPLACE OUTGOING SAN DIEGO CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

On February 6, 2009 the IABA Board of Directors appointed Katayoun Goshtasbi to continue Negin Demehry's term as the San Diego Board Representative. Ms. Goshtasbi's practice area is focused on federal securities laws, where she concentrates on consulting regarding investment management issues related to mutual funds, investment advisers and broker-dealers. Ms. Goshtasbi has held positions with the Indiana Securities Division, with the national association of state securities regulators in Washington DC, as well as serving as Senior Counsel to the Investment Management Division at the Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington DC. Thereafter, she practiced with the firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, in Washington DC, prior to relocating to Newport Beach, CA to become investment counsel to Pacific Life Insurance Company.

Ms. Goshtasbi holds an undergraduate degree in Finance and Accounting, in addition to her law degree. She currently resides in San Diego with her husband.

IABA would like to thank Ms. Demehry for her amazing commitment to IABA. Ms. Demehry was one of the founders of the San Diego Chapter and helped the Chapter grow into one of the largest in the country. She has served on the Board of Directors diligently and along with her commitments to the local chapter, she was a member of the Scholarship and the Government Outreach Committee. Ms. Demehry serves as a shining example of IABA leadership.

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