

# NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

Fall 2004 Issue

## NNBA ELECTIONS

On September 24, 2004 the Board of Bar Commissioners certified the NNBA election results. Your new officers are:

**President** Donovan D. Brown, Sr.  
**Vice-President** Barbara C. Lucero  
**Secretary** Peterson M. Wilson  
**Treasurer** David R. Jordan

**Barbara** is Tábaahá (Water Edge People), born for Dzilghá'í (San Carlos Apache). Her maternal grandparent is Kinyaa'áanii (towering house people) and paternal grandparent is Taos pueblo. She is a Tribal Court Advocate and certified Paralegal. She has several degrees, including Legal Assistant, Tribal Court Advocacy and Business Administration. She presently resides in Albuquerque, NM where she is employed with the Modrall Sperling Law Firm. She has been a member of the NNBA since 2002. She Co-Chairs the NNBA Training Committee and Chairs the Admissions Committee. She is also an Adjunct Member of the Indian Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar. Outside of work you will find Barbara enjoying her long runs, mountain biking or gardening.

**Peterson** is Near the Mountain Towering House, born for Edgewater, His maternal grandparent is Descheene and paternal grandparent is Towering house. He has worked in the legal field since 1993. He is presently a Domestic Violence Commissioner for the Tuba City Judicial District. He is involved in the community as a Football Coach for the Tuba City High School Junior Varsity Football Warriors.

**David** was raised on the Navajo Nation in Fort

Defiance, Arizona. He graduated from Window Rock High School in 1984. He continued his education and obtained a bachelor's degree and a law degree from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. After practicing for twelve years in the Phoenix area, Mr. Jordan returned home in 2003 to practice on the Navajo Nation. He resides in Tse Bonito, New Mexico with his wife and four daughters. His practice focuses on employment law, corporate law, personal injury and civil litigation.



## NNBA COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS

- ☞ Admissions, Barbara C. Lucero
- ☞ Training, Barbara C. Lucero and David R. Jordan, Co-Chairs
- ☞ Judicial Evaluation, Cynthia Thompson
- ☞ Rules, Jennifer Balin
- ☞ Disciplinary, James Jay Mason
- ☞ CLE, Frank Seanez

## AUGUST 28, 2004 BAR EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following individuals for passing the August 28, 2004 NNBA bar exam.

Meena Allen (RAT) Melanie Bond-Johnson (WR)  
Terry Kent Brewer (TC) Erin Byrnes (TC)  
Christopher DeLara (RAT) Shana Higa (TC)  
Erynne Holmstrom (WR) Justin Jones (KY)  
Kevin Nelson (TC) Robert Retherford (SR)  
Kelly Shira (TC) Alisha Thompson (CR)  
Cynthia A. Walsh (RAT)



## CLE CALENDAR

Are you short CLE for 2004? Then sign-up for our "Last Chance CLE" that will be held December 6, 2004 at the NNBA Conference Room.

February 28 - March 4, 2005  
NNBA Bar Review Course

April 12, 2005  
A Day of Appellate Work

July 27, 2005  
Juvenile and Criminal Practice.

### 2005 NNBA DUES

The deadline for membership dues is Saturday, February 5, 2005. Membership dues must be **received (not postmarked)** by the NNBA office on and before 2:00 p.m. on February 5, 2005. A \$30.00 late fee will be applied if your dues are not received by this date.

**Also, don't forget to include your 2004 MCLE form with your bar dues.**

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS CHANGE FORMS

All requests for membership status change must be submitted **and** approved by the Admissions Committee before January 1, 2005.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Did your contact information change? If so, don't forget to submit your information to the NNBA.

### UPCOMING NNBA BAR EXAMINATION

Saturday, March 19, 2005 is the NNBA Bar Examination and Thursday, February 17, 2005 is the deadline to submit a complete packet.

### NNBA JUDICIAL EVALUATION FORMS

Please fill out the Judicial Evaluation Forms and return to the NNBA Office by **Friday, December 3, 2004.**

### NNBA COMMITTEE OPENING'S

If you are interested in joining any of one of the six NNBA Committees then please send a letter of interest to the NNBA by Friday, December 3, 2005. Presently, the Training Committee has

three openings.

### DNA BOARD APPOINTMENT

Any regular NNBA member interested in serving on the DNA People's Legal Services Inc. Board of Directors for a four year term should submit a letter of interest and resume to the NNBA office no later than Friday, **December 3, 2004.** The NNBA Thanks Mr. Martin Avery for serving in this position on behalf of the NNBA.



### TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW NNBA E-MAIL ADDRESS

[nnba@navajolaw.org](mailto:nnba@navajolaw.org)

**Did you know Membership Dues, and Status Change forms can be down loaded from our website at [www.navajolaw.org](http://www.navajolaw.org)**

### COMMENTS NEEDED:

#### REVISED TITLE 7 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE

The Navajo Nation Supreme Court invites comments from the NNBA Membership on the Court's intent to pass these rules *as-is* and on the content of these rules and amendments, revisions, or other changes might be done to make them more responsive to the Navajo people. Copies of the rules are available for review at the Navajo Supreme Court. Electronic copies are also available upon request. Written comments are due **Tuesday, November 30, 2004** to the Navajo Supreme Court, Post Office Box 520, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ) 86515. The Court will hold a public hearing concerning the revised rules in Window Rock in early December. Any questions concerning the rules should be directed to the Navajo Supreme Court at 928.871.6763.

### NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Gerry Harrison

### NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Jenny Becenti



*The NABA Officers, Board of Bar  
Commissioners and Executive Director wish you and  
your Family a Joyous Holiday Season!*