

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
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The American Bar Association convened for its 71st Midyear Meeting at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Orlando, Florida on February 8-9, 2010. An event of particular importance to Hawaii was the honoring of our own Larry Okinaga, who received the Hod Greeley Award from the ABA's Coalition of Justice at the Judicial Division Welcome Breakfast on Friday, February 5.

The [Daily Journal](#) of the actions of the House of Delegates can be found on the [House of Delegate's](#) website. The [Select Committee Report](#) is a more comprehensive summary of all of the activities of the House.

Following a comprehensive dues pricing study, which included a survey of 9,000 lawyers of both members and non-members and upon recommendation from the Standing Committee on Membership, the House revised part of the ABA's dues pricing structure, in an effort to attract more solo practitioners, government lawyers, judges and legal services attorneys. The House also agreed to consider other pricing incentives for other dues categories in an effort to not just retain, but attract a larger percentage of our profession. Over the course of time, it is hoped that increased membership will produce an increased overall dues revenue that will allow the Association to continue its many important services and initiatives and to remain a valued resource and strong advocate for lawyers, judges and the public for years ahead.

The ABA continues to work to offer additional benefits of use to its members both on the job and off. It has partnered with several major companies that offer ABA member advantages including HP, Office Depot, Mozy, Paychex, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Sprint, Toshiba, Chase Bank, Xerox and UPS which is offering a discount on secure computer backup to ABA members. To see information on the many discounts that are available, please visit [Member Advantage](#).

Also, a service of the ABA Governmental Affairs Offices is providing up-to-date information on federal legislative issues to national, state and local bar leaders. The publication is produced exclusively in electronic form and the latest version can be viewed [here](#).

I hope you will be able to join us at the ABA's Annual Meeting to be held in San Francisco, California August 5-10, 2010. Click [here](#) for details and to register.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, or I can be of assistance helping you navigate the many programs and benefits of our Association, please [email](#) me or call me at 808/237-5545.

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