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Bates Participates in ABA Bar Leadership Institute

CHICAGO—Joining more than 300 other emerging leaders of lawyer organizations from across the country at the American Bar Association’s Bar Leadership Institute (BLI), March 12-14 was Melanie Bates of Washington, DC, President-Elect of the Greater Washington Area, Women Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC).

The BLI takes place annually in Chicago. It offers incoming officials of local and state bars, special focus lawyer organizations and bar foundations the opportunity to confer with ABA officials, bar leader colleagues, executive staff and other experts on the operation of such associations.

Bates joined ABA President James R. Silkenat of New York, NY, and ABA President-Elect William C. Hubbard of Columbia, SC, in sessions on bar leadership, governance and communications.

Various ABA entities briefed the participants on resources available from the ABA for local, state, national, and specialty bar associations and foundations.

The BLI is sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services and the ABA Division for Bar Services as part of the association’s long-standing goal of fostering partnerships with state and local bars and related organizations. Collaborating ABA entities included the Communications and Media Relations Division.

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