**AGENDA**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS**

**2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

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**Monday, July 2, 2012**

**Milan Room, Tower Mezzanine**

**Hilton Anatole Hotel**

**Dallas, Texas**

1:00 p.m. WELCOME AND MEETING LOGISTICS

 Scott LaBarre, President, NABL, Denver, Colorado

1:05 p.m. SECURING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION:

 An International Treaty Proposal for the Blind and Print Disabled

 Justin Hughes, Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, United States Department of Commerce, Washington DC; Scott LaBarre, NFB Delegate to the World Intellectual Property Organization, Denver, Colorado

1:50 p.m. LAW STUDENTS WHO ARE BLIND: How Best to Insure

 the Best Possible Education and Acquire Appropriate Accommodations

 Timothy Elder, Esq., Moderator, Second Vice President, NABL, Baltimore, Maryland; Matthias Niska, 2012 Graduate University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Tai Blass-Tomasi, Second Year Law Student, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; Deepa Goraya, 2012 Graduate, University of Michigan School of Law, Los Angeles, California

2:35 p.m. FAIR WAGES FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES:

 Is There Any Way to Get Them Under Current Law

 Charles Brown, Director of Volunteer Lawyer Services, American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults, Baltimore, Maryland

3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:10 p.m. AN UPDATE ON THE CASES AGAINST THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS

 Daniel F. Goldstein, Esq., Partner, Brown, Goldstein, and Levy, Baltimore, Maryland

3:35 p.m. AN OVERVIEW OF LITIGATION PURSUED BY THE NFB: How and Why We Do It

 Mehgan Sidhu, General Counsel, National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland

4:05 p.m. PRACTICING LAW AS A BLIND LAWYER:

 How Do They Do It

 Ronza Othman, Moderator, First Vice President, NABL, Baltimore, MD; Denise Avant, Office of the Public Defender, Chicago, Illinois; Michael Nunez, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkley, California; Mildred Ann Rivera- Rau, Esq., Acting Branch Chief, Branch I, Agency Oversight Division, Federal Sector Programs, Office of Federal Operations, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington DC

4:45 p.m.  HOW NABL IS CHANGING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE:

 A Discussion of ABA Resolutions, NABL List Serves, and NABL CLE Programming

 Discussion Facilitated by NABL Officers and Board

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. ANNUAL NABL RECEPTION (ticketed event)

 Join us for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres as we celebrate

 the progress of our organization. Network and meet

 your fellow blind attorneys and legal professionals.