



FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

NEVADA CHAPTER

Cordially Invites You To The

2007 ANNUAL DINNER

WHEN: Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.
(Following the 2007 District Conference)

WHERE: The Orleans Hotel & Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada (Room: Salon G)

GUEST SPEAKER: J. GORDON COONEY, JR.

J. Gordon Cooney, Jr. is a partner in the Litigation Practice of Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP and Managing Partner of the Philadelphia office. Mr. Cooney's practice encompasses a variety of commercial and civil litigation, with particular emphasis on class actions in both state and federal courts, including consumer, product liability, ERISA, deceptive trade practice, toxic tort, RICO and securities class actions.



Beginning in 1988, Mr. Cooney represented John Thompson, a man who was wrongly convicted in 1985 of both the murder of a New Orleans hotel executive and an unrelated armed carjacking which was used by the prosecutors in the murder case. As a result of the convictions, Mr. Thompson was sentenced to death by electrocution in the murder case, and 50 years in prison without parole in the carjacking case. Over the course of 15 years of post-conviction proceedings, Mr. Cooney and the Morgan Lewis team uncovered concealed blood evidence in the carjacking case, which proved that Mr. Thompson was not the carjacker, as well as witnesses, documents and critical information that had been hidden from the defense in the murder case. Ultimately, after the carjacking conviction was vacated based on the blood evidence, a Louisiana appellate court ordered a new trial in the murder case. In May 2003, Mr. Cooney, fellow Morgan Lewis partner Michael Banks, and New Orleans lawyer Robert Glass retried the murder case. The jury deliberated just 35 minutes before finding Mr. Thompson not guilty of the murder. Mr. Thompson was released from custody after 18 years of imprisonment, and has been totally exonerated of any involvement in those crimes. In February 2007, Mr. Cooney and the Morgan Lewis team secured a \$14 million jury verdict in favor of Mr. Thompson and against the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office on Mr. Thompson's federal civil rights claims.

Touchstone Pictures is planning to do a movie about Mr. Cooney and the other attorneys representing Mr. Thompson, for their pro bono representation and the work they did to uncover evidence that ultimately led to Mr. Thompson's exoneration.

Cost: \$40.00 per person / \$400.00 per table (Note: A table includes dinner for 10 as well as firm recognition at the event.)

Reservations: This event is open to all FBA members and non-members. **All reservations must be received by April 2, 2007.** Please mail the attached reservation form together with a check made payable to the *Federal Bar Association, Nevada Chapter* to: Gavin C. Jangard, Chapter President, c/o Holland & Hart LLP, 3763 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169. (Note: You will be contacted if your reservations cannot be accepted.)

Information: Please contact Lorie Januskevicius at: (702) 669-4632 or ljanuskevicius@hollandhart.com with any questions.



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Please make your check payable to the *Federal Bar Association, Nevada Chapter*.
Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments.

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S): _____

EMPLOYER: _____

DAYTIME TEL. NO. _____

E-MAIL: _____

Entrée Selection (check one):

(Note: For firms purchasing a table, please specify the choice of entrée for all 10 attendees by placing numbers in the boxes. If no choice is made, you will receive Chicken Wellington.)

Filet Mignon

(Broiled Filet Mignon Merlot Reduction)

Chicken Wellington

(Pastry Wrapped Breast of Chicken with Mushrooms)

Grilled Salmon

(Grilled Salmon Fillet with Lemon Butter)

(Note: All dinner entrées come with fresh vegetables, potatoes, fresh dinner rolls and butter, House Tossed Salad w/ranch or vinaigrette dressing, and New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce. Included beverage choices are: coffee, decaffeinated coffee, water, tea and iced tea. A Cash Bar is available for other beverages such as: fountain drinks, juices, bottled beers and premium mixed drinks.)

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