

## Mandatory Registration for Authorized House Counsel

Since October 2006, we have been accepting applications for the new authorized house counsel rule (Rule IX of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar*). This rule applies to lawyers who are not admitted to practice in Alabama, but are serving as house counsel to businesses located in Alabama. This is a mandatory registration and the **deadline for compliance is October 27, 2007.**

Please help us by contacting any house counsel you know and informing them about this rule.

A copy of Rule IX, the registration form and instructions are available on the bar's Web site, [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org). For more information contact the bar's membership department at (334) 269-1515.

## Local Bar Award of Achievement

The Alabama State Bar Local Bar Award of Achievement recognizes local bar associations for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Awards will be presented during the Alabama State Bar's 2007 Annual Meeting, July 18-21, at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear.

Local bar associations compete for these awards based on their size—large, medium or small.

The following criteria will be used to judge the contestants for each category:

- The degree of participation by the individual bar in advancing programs to benefit the community;
- The quality and extent of the impact of the bar's participation on the citizens in that community; and
- The degree of enhancements to the bar's image in the community.

To be considered for this award, local bar associations must complete and submit an award application by June 1, 2007. For an application, contact Ed Patterson, ASB director of programs, at (800) 354-6154 or (334) 269-1515, or download one from the ASB Web site, [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org). ■

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