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January 22, 2008

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We are also pleased to welcome Tom Boller, Director of Governmental Affairs, who will address our membership this Thursday as well. Mr. Boller will give our membership a brief overview on State Bar Issues for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Ethics Credit will be available for this presentation.

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This year's Annual North Fulton Bar Association Holiday Party was held at the Roswell River Landing on Thursday, December 13, 2007. A huge thank-you to all of our members who donated a huge number of toys to the North Fulton Community Charities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It was a great time and we appreciate all of the hard work that went into the party.

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Rob Speer was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1958 and has lived in and around Atlanta all of his life. He graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1989. Rob has been a practicing attorney for over 18 years and his magical office is in Woodstock, Georgia. He has had magic as a hobby for most of his life and he uses magic to help his clients feel better about their situation and to enrich his practice. Rob Speer was granted the trademark for The Magic Lawyer® from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in January of 2007. He doesn't charge for his magic and just likes to have fun and try and cheer people up.

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March 14, 2008

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your membership!**

**2008-09 North Fulton
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North Fulton Bar Association Membership renewals are due March 21st! Please do not forget to renew your membership and pay dues in time to be included in the Directory and on our website. We will continue accepting payment through March 21st.

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Rita Payne will speak to our membership this Thursday and will highlight:

- (1) Guaranteed ways to become involved in a fee dispute with your client
- (2) Tips on avoiding fee disputes
- (3) Information that can be included in your retainer contract regarding fee arbitration

We look forward to seeing you there.

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On April 24th, the North Fulton Bar Association will have its regular meeting and will present our first President's Award to a member or person who has performed outstanding service to the North Fulton Bar Association or to the North Fulton community. The award will not

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Rita Payne has also offered to give members of the North Fulton Bar Association tours of the Bar Center. This is a great opportunity and I would encourage anyone who is a member of the bar to take a tour. (Ask to see the bullet proof windows and firing range while you are there!) Ms. Payne is available at (404) 527-8751.

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2008-2009 North Fulton Bar Association Board Vote

The Board of the North Fulton Bar Association has prepared the following slate of recommended candidates for the Board of the North Fulton Bar Association for 2008-2009. This slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at our April monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008. President- Joseph Alonso President Elect- Charles Gabriel Treasurer- Elyse Aussenberg Secretary- Janis Rosser Director- Michael Bishop Director- Ronald Dobelstein Director- John Hipes Director- Thomas Salata

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October Meeting

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6:30 P.M. - SOCIAL TIME

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AT THE 5 SEASONS BREWING

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NFBA Secretary Jan Rosser

Secretary of the North Fulton Bar Association, Jan Rosser, is the subject of our first Board profile. She is a sole practitioner and has resided and practiced law in Roswell since 1997.

Jan was born in Atlanta; grew up in Miami; graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Criminal Justice; and received her Juris Doctorate from Emory University in 1980.

She spent the early part of her career in corporate law, retiring from BellSouth Corporation (now AT&T) in 1997 to

open her own practice. While at BellSouth she served as General Counsel for Stephens Graphics, (who printed and produced the phone directories) and BellSouth Financial, a telephone leasing company.

Jan specializes in Creditor's Rights, and has particular expertise in commercial collections; guaranties and Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments as well as post judgment collections. She authored "Corporate Subpoena Compliance," which appeared in the April, 1997 edition of the Georgia Bar Journal. Jan co-chairs the Creditors' Rights Section of the Georgia Bar; and not only serves as Secretary of the NFBA, but also the Small Firm/Solo Practitioner Section of the Atlanta Bar Association; is a sustaining Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia and a member of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. She served as President of the East Roswell Rotary Club.

Jan has two children, her daughter is an obstetrician-gynecologist practicing at Albert Einstein Hospital in New York, and her son, Lt. Colonel Paul Rosser, has recently deployed with his battalion to Iraq. Her hobbies, include work, work, cooking, travel and work.

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Annual Holiday Party!

The North Fulton Bar Association will be hosting its Annual Holiday Party on December 11th at the Roswell River Landing located at 245 Azalea Drive, Roswell, GA 30076. This will be a wonderful evening of music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and holiday cheer. The Party will start at 7:00. Members are free and guests are \$20.00. Please RSVP by December 5th via email RSVP@ABigToDoEvent.com ; If you would like to participate, please bring one unwrapped toy donation for North Fulton Community Charities.

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NFBA Board Member Ron Dobelstein

Ron Dobelstein serves on the Board as a Director and with Chuck Gabriel, Elyse Aussenberg, and Forrest Clinard has put forth great effort to organize the North Fulton Bar Association's Holiday Party scheduled for December 11th.

Ron is married and has two children and four grandchildren, all living in the Atlanta area. He's is from Trumbull, Connecticut and went to undergraduate school at Hofstra University, where he met his wife Claudia. After a stint in the Army at the Pentagon, he went to Law School at the University of Miami with the intent of returning to the northeast after graduation. He got sand in his shoes and decided to stay in Miami, where he had a general civil practice, focusing on construction litigation. He became an arbitrator/mediator panelist with the American Arbitration Association for Construction/Commercial matters and sat on a grievance panel for the Florida Bar. He was the President of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association and was active in the Leukemia Society and Hofstra Alumni.

Ron's daughter moved to Atlanta to marry. When she became pregnant in 1998, Ron's wife decided that she had to move to Atlanta - and invited Ron to come. At that time, Ron's son moved to Atlanta after working in the Northeast. Ron took the Georgia Bar exam (Florida has reciprocity with no one) and was admitted in 1998. The years 1999- 2003 were transition years, with active practices in both locations. As his Georgia practice grew, he began winding down his Florida practice and closed the Florida office in 2003.

His practice is still a general civil practice. Construction law is a smaller, but growing part of the practice, and he still retains some Florida clients. He is still a panelist with the American Arbitration Association and is certified in Georgia as a mediator and Arbitrator.

He has a cabin in North Carolina and enjoys weekends with the family and outdoor activities up there as well as all the grandchildren's sport and social activities.

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