



# GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION

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November 7, 2008

Dear Gate City Members:

Thank you for electing me to serve as your President for 2009, the Gate City Bar Association's 61st year of existence. The Association's 60th year has been remarkable, and the membership has witnessed a historic event that our founders, through their hard work and dedication in the 1940s, helped make possible – the election of our nation's first African-American President!

President-Elect Barack Obama represents the realization of many dreams, and his promise of change has inspired a generation of young people to believe in the potential of the American Dream. Through hard work, dedication and conviction all goals are achievable.

Our theme for 2009 is: ***“Leadership Through Service – Using Our Talents To Change Our Community.”*** I have enclosed our 2009 Membership Application, and I encourage you to renew your membership and to bring in new members, as we ride the wave of change to make an impact in the metropolitan Atlanta area. I am currently working with my Long Range Planning Committee to finalize our 2009 Calendar of Events, which will include three joint events with the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. The first joint Gate City/GABWA event will be a collective effort on a Habitat House, representing a community service project during the month of May 2009. The second joint Gate City/GABWA event will be a mayoral candidate forum, representing a political service project during the month of September 2009. The third joint Gate City/GABWA event will be a Holiday Party, representing a social function during the month of December 2009.

It is my desire to make 2009 a memorable and outstanding year for our Association. Of course, that is not possible without the support and sponsorship of our membership and friends. The installation of the 2009 Officers is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2009, a week after Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th President of the United States. I hope that our membership will descend on Washington D.C. to witness this historic event.

Additionally, we will present our Black History Month Program in February 2009; present a pro-bono themed seminar in March 2009; present an elder-care



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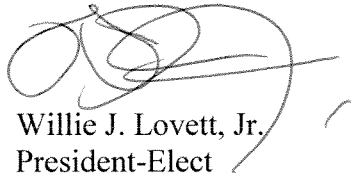
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advanced directives themed seminar in April 2009; hold a reception for our own Rodney Moore, President of the National Bar Association in May 2009; conduct the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp, which introduces talented high school students to the practice of law, from June 5-26, 2009; present a financial empowerment seminar in July 2009; present Gate City's Inaugural Leadership Skills Development Program in August 2009; host our annual Judicial Reception in September 2009; host a community law fair in October 2009; and induct new members into the Gate City Hall of Fame in November 2009. At the end of 2009, our theme, "***Leadership Through Service – Using Our Talents To Change Our Community,***" will be realized by our work and our actions.

We will provide additional social events and CLE opportunities throughout the year, and I will update you as these plans develop. Of course, the first step in this exciting journey is to renew our memberships. The second step is to set aside some time to be involved, whether through sponsorship, ownership, support or attendance. The final step in this journey is to roll up our sleeves and use this ambitious agenda to change our community.

Our founders would be proud; our mission will be fulfilled; our community will be changed. Thank you in advance for making 2009 a successful year.

Sincerely,



Willie J. Lovett, Jr.  
President-Elect

Membership Form Attached



**2009 THE GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GA Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Other Post-Secondary Schools \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to Georgia Bar \_\_\_\_\_ Other states admitted to \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Legal Practice:  Private  Public Interest  Real Estate  
 Bankruptcy  Criminal Law  Domestic Relations  
 General Corporate  Estate and Probate  Workman's Compensation  
 PI/Malpractice  Employment  Sports and Entertainment Law  
 Government  Municipal finance/Bonds  
 Other: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ \$75 Regular Bar Admission      \_\_\_\_ \$25 Associate (Law Grad)      \_\_\_\_ \$10 Law Student  
 \_\_\_\_ Contribution to the Gate City Bar Association Foundation  
 \_\_\_\_ \$50 Public Interest Lawyers and Lawyers Admitted to their First Bar for Three Years or Less  
 \_\_\_\_ Other contributions to Gate City Bar Association

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S) OR SECTION(S)

<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Section (Judges only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal Section (Paralegals only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Election Protection/Voter Registration
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Legal Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Hall of Fame Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Fundraising and Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Liaison and Judicial Nominating
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Constitution and By-Laws	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Lawyers Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Mentoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Social & Holiday Party
<input type="checkbox"/> First Year Assoc. Summit	<input type="checkbox"/> Benham Law Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Law School Outreach Retreat
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Program Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Ad Hoc Committee

Send your application with a check payable to:

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