

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS BAR ASSOCIATION

FROM: Lynn Foster, Chair, Legislation Committee

RE: Legislative Advocacy Network - Special Contacts

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To promote effective representation of the Association and its members on legislative matters, a Legislative Advocacy Network has been implemented. The Network includes "special contacts" comprised of lawyers across the state who have established relationships with their Representatives or Senators and who are willing to make an extra effort to communicate with those members regarding matters of interest to the Association and its members. Our goal is to have at least one lawyer for each member of the General Assembly. **If you are willing to participate in this important endeavor, please e-mail, call or write either one of us.**

1. Do you have to live in the same district as the legislator? No. While it would be helpful, the primary importance is that there be an established relationship between the lawyer and legislator.

2. Do you need to have access to e-mail? Not necessarily, but it would be helpful. We use an electronic messaging system for rapid communications with Association members and between Association members and legislators. As a "special contact" you may be called upon to make a personal contact.

3. By participating in the Network, will the you become a "lobbyist" for reporting purposes? No. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-402(11), a lobbyist is one who is paid or expends \$400 or more in a calendar quarter for lobbying purposes. The Network members are volunteers, and they should not expend money for the cause.

Contact either one of us, or fax this form to us with your suggestions:

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