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Indiana State Bar Association announces Morris Dees as keynote speaker

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 2, 2014) – The Indiana State Bar Association today announced that Morris Dees, co-founder and chief trial attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), will be the keynote speaker at its 118th Annual Meeting Oct. 8-10 in Indianapolis. In the decades since its founding, the SPLC has shut down some of the nation’s most dangerous white supremacist groups by winning multimillion-dollar jury verdicts on behalf of their victims.

In 1981, the SPLC created the Intelligence Project in response to a resurgence in racist activity, which is dedicated to monitoring hate groups and extremist activity in the United States. Though the Project’s original purpose was to gather information about the Ku Klux Klan, it evolved into much more. Today, the Project monitors hate crimes and domestic hate groups, making it an acknowledged expert on the wide spectrum of U.S. hate activity. Since 1991, another priority at SPLC has been its Teaching Tolerance program, which equips educators with classroom tools and resources to promote acceptance and tolerance.

Dees will speak at the luncheon scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing (8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN 46240). Individual tickets are available for \$58.00, *or* tables of 10 can be reserved. The registration brochure will be available in the July/August issue of *Res Gestae*. For more information, please visit annualmeeting.inbar.org.

Magna Carta Facsimile Traveling Exhibit & Rule of Law CLE

This year, the ISBA is hosting the American Bar Association Magna Carta Facsimile Traveling Exhibit curated by the Law Library of Congress at the Indiana Statehouse during its fall meeting. In anticipation of the document’s 800th anniversary, the exhibit will feature spectacular images on free-standing banners that will tell the story of the Magna Carta and its catalyst role in promoting the rule of law. *Please note:* This exhibit is open to the public from Sept. 30 to Oct. 9. For more information about the exhibit, visit ambar.org/lawlibrary.

As a result, the ISBA Annual Meeting is expanding to three days, adding panels and topics about the Magna Carta and the rule of law. In addition to Dees keynote luncheon presentation, and in conjunction with the exhibit, the State Bar’s fall meeting will include a two-hour CLE program on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Indiana Statehouse (Indiana Supreme Courtroom) about the significant impact the Magna Carta has had on the culture in which we have been raised, both from an American and British perspective, and the rule of law around the world and here at home. Panelists will include Garrison Sergeant Major Billy Mott, Ceremonial Warrant Officer, London; Jon Laramore, Faegre Baker Daniels; Hon. John D. Tinder, U.S. Court of Appeals of the Seventh Circuit; Carol Seaman, Vice President, Cook Group; Past ABA President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson, Frost Brown Todd; Hon. Steven H. David, Indiana Supreme Court; and ISBA President Jim Dimos, Frost Brown Todd.

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

- The Magna Carta & Rule of Law CLE at Indiana Statehouse | Wed., Oct. 8 | 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Awards Luncheon | Wed., Oct. 8 | 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Rule of Law Luncheon & Keynote Speaker Morris Dees | Thurs., Oct. 9 | noon to 2 p.m.
- House of Delegates Meeting | Fri., Oct. 10 | 9 a.m. to noon
- Assembly Luncheon | Fri., Oct. 10 | noon to 1:30 p.m.

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