

# World City Bar Leaders Conference

## *International Mobility of Attorneys*

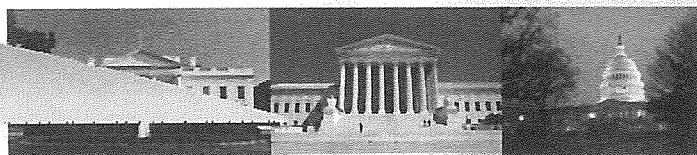
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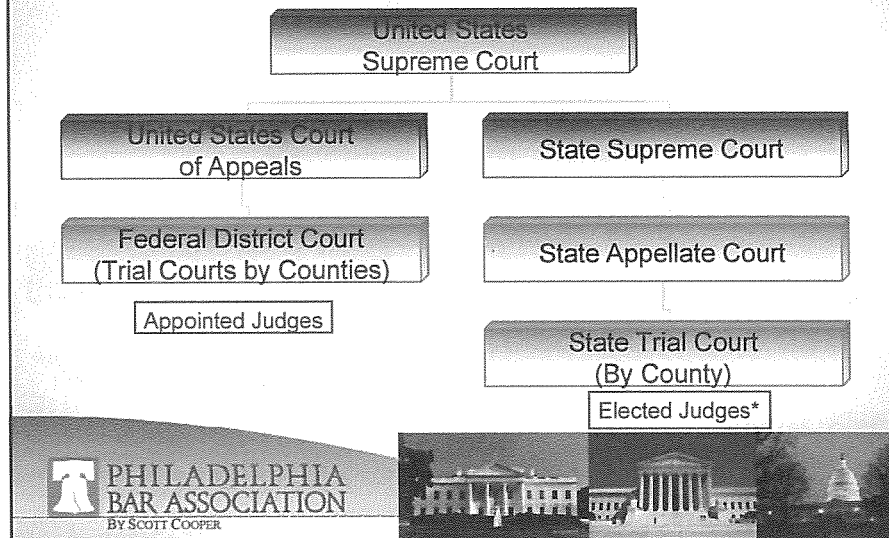
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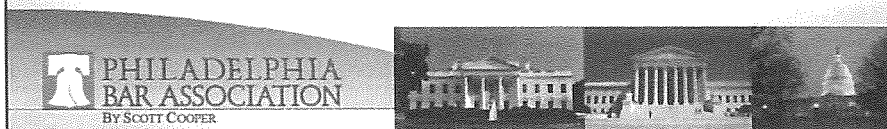


## Separate Sovereign US Federal and State Courts



## Largest Issues Affecting Attorney Mobility

- Attorney advertising
- Confidentiality
- Discovery issues
- Definition of “practicing law”
- Business structure issues



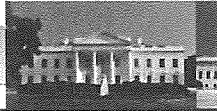
# Alternative Business Structures

- Currently, only attorneys may own a law firm in the United States
- Only exception is the District of Columbia
- Debate is whether minority ownership is acceptable
- No proposals suggest US Firms may provide any service other than legal services



Continuation of 5/16/2010  
From: David J. Cooper, Esq.  
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The Meeting Committee in 4/16/2010 Minutes for 1/16/2010 has made a preliminary report of the work it completed in the Committee's First Open Meeting. The Committee has reviewed the ABA's 2009 Report on Alternative Business Structures and has concluded that the structure of a certified minority-owned law firm is a viable alternative to the current structure of a law firm. The Committee has also reviewed the ABA's 2009 Report on Alternative Business Structures and has concluded that the structure of a certified minority-owned law firm is a viable alternative to the current structure of a law firm. The Committee has also reviewed the ABA's 2009 Report on Alternative Business Structures and has concluded that the structure of a certified minority-owned law firm is a viable alternative to the current structure of a law firm.



# Conclusion and for Further Discussions

- State Regulatory System and Absence of Single Regulator Likely to Continue
- ABA Inactive Review Process, But Conservative Changes All that Are Likely
- Internet and Social Media Challenging Geographic Issues

