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We met with Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Noreen Evans and Deputy Chief Counsel to the Committee Benjamin Palmer. Steve Raucher and Marc Staenberg shared with Senator Evans the BHBA's concern of the soon to be released Task Force report, and a lively discussion ensued. Steve Raucher will follow up with a letter to the Senator and the Deputy Chief Counsel expressing the BHBA's concerns.

Later we met with a long-time friend, Assembly Majority Policy Leader and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary Mike Feuer and Committee Staff Counsel Andrew Lew. Andrew engaged us in a discussion of bills we are supporting or for which we are looking for an author. Steve Raucher raised the Task Force issue with Mike Feuer, and that topic dominated the rest of our meeting.

We had a very candid conversation with Assembly Majority Floor Leader Charles M. Calderon, exchanging views on the relationship between the Legislature and the Judiciary, as well as the Task Force. Majority Leader Calderon was very interested in the BHBA's 57th An-

nual Supreme Court Luncheon and requested an invitation.

We had terrific and open meetings with Assembly Members Steve Knight, Mike Gatto, Steve Bradford and Bob Wieckowski, as well as staff members for Assembly Member Betsy Butler and Senator Fran Pavley.

Since Sacramento Day, our Delegation has been actively keeping members of the Legislature engaged in our agenda and promoting their positive reaction to it. We also have been assisting Assembly Member Wieckowski in developing his idea concerning municipal bankruptcies for the City of Vallejo, located in his District.

To assist in preparing for the 2012 Sacramento Day, we encourage BHBA



Left to right: Sacramento Day Delegates Bruce Sires, Steve Raucher, Howard Fredman, Marc Staenberg, Larry Jacobson and Jonathan Stein. Not pictured: Michael Sohigian

members to get involved in the legislative process by joining the Resolutions Committee, the Legislation Committee, or the legislative subcommittee of your substantive law section. If unable to join, volunteer and take the time to review bills which will affect your practice, and plan to join our Delegation to Sacramento in the Spring of 2012. **BB**