



**First Annual Silent Auction
October 20-24, 2010
San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
San Diego, California**



What is the Silent Auction?

The Silent Auction is a weeklong event held in conjunction with the DRI Annual Meeting. This year, proceeds from sales of Silent Auction items directly benefit the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE). Donations from individuals, law firms, SLDOS, and DRI Committees will make the Silent Auction a success.

What types of items are in the Silent Auction?

Donations to the Silent Auction come in all shapes, forms and sizes. We will have items such as vacation homes, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, art, wine, gift baskets and autographed items from famous individuals. Some items already secured for the auction include a music weekend for six (6) in Boone, North Carolina; a day of sailing on Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana; a portrait of your favorite pet; and First Nations artwork from Canada.

How can my law firm/organization benefit from donating an item?

In addition to acknowledgment of your donation in several places including the NFJE and DRI websites, announcements in *The Voice* and *For The Defense* blog and event catalog at the Annual Meeting, your law firm/organization will have high visibility at the DRI Annual Meeting where approximately 1,200 individual and corporate attendees will be made aware of your donation.

Is my donation tax deductible?

All donations to the Silent Auction are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor regarding specific tax laws. You will receive a letter following the DRI Annual Meeting that will serve as your donation receipt.

Where do I begin?

Complete the Silent Auction Donation Form and return it to the NFJE Offices on or before Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Within one week after the Donation Form is received, a confirmation will be sent, and your donation will be uploaded to the Silent Auction inventory on the NFJE and DRI websites. Send your Donation Form early for maximum exposure!

Do I need to deliver my donation?

No, simply ship your item directly to the NFJE Office. All donations must be received no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

I have further questions.

If you have questions or concerns about the Silent Auction, contact Sarah Ford, NFJE Director of Operations & Planning, at 312-698-6280 or nfje@nfje.net.