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#### 147<sup>th</sup> SESSION CONVENES

The 147<sup>th</sup> Session of the North Carolina General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Among items on the General Assembly's agenda for the 2007-2008 Session are budget and tax issues, mental health system reforms, a landfill moratorium and public school construction bonds.

#### PROFILE OF 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Representatives:

- 68 Democrats, 52 Republicans
- 16 Freshmen Legislators
- 22 Lawyer Legislators

Senate:

- 31 Democrats, 19 Republicans
- 4 Freshmen Legislators
- 17 Lawyer Legislators

#### LAWYER LEGISLATORS IN THE NCGA

Among the 39 lawyers serving in the North Carolina General Assembly, 4 of those have been elected or re-elected to leadership positions.

In the Senate, Senator Tony Rand of Cumberland County was again elected Majority Leader and Senator Phil Berger of Rockingham County retained his role as Minority Leader.

In the House of Representatives, Representative Joe Hackney of Orange County was elected Speaker and Representative Paul Stam of Wake County was elected Minority Leader.

#### DEVELOPING ISSUES IN THE NCGA

Please click the links below to read the entire story.

[Proposed tax on legal services is floated](#)

#### 2007 NCBA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association met on January 18<sup>th</sup> and approved the Legislative Agenda for the 2007 Session of the General Assembly. Please click the link below to access the Agenda.

[2007 NCBA Legislative Agenda](#)

#### BILL TRACKING

The Office of Governmental Affairs will be reviewing, on a continuing basis, all legislation that is introduced during the 2007 Session and will be referring such legislation to the appropriate sections and committee of the NCBA for further review. Please click the link below to view the legislation currently being tracked by the OGA.

[Bill Tracking Chart](#)

#### ABA

The *ABA Washington Letter*, provided by the ABA Office of Governmental Affairs, provides up-to-date information to the legal profession on federal legislative issues. Please click the link below to access the 2006 Annual Legislative Chart.

[Washington Letter Annual Legislative Chart](#)

#### INSIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please [click here](#) for a link to the House and Senate calendars, which are updated daily with committee meeting notices and agendas.