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SENATE PASSES BUDGET

The NC Senate and House of Representatives have each passed their proposed budgets for the 2007-2009 biennium and conferees are now meeting to discuss the differences in the spending plans. For a detailed comparison of the Senate and House budgets for the courts, please click the link below. The OGA urges members of the NCBA to support the Senate proposal, which provides nearly \$38 million in expansion funds for the courts versus the House proposal of only \$4 million.

[Comparison of Senate and House Budget Highlights](#)

NCBA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE

Two of the NCBA section sponsored legislative proposals have passed the Senate and the House and are currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Please click on the links below to view the text of those bills.

[Senate Bill 947, Uniform Trust Code Changes](#)
[House Bill 485, Info. on Lawful Abandonment](#)

Please check future editions of the *Governmental Affairs Update* for updates on the status of all NCBA legislative proposals.

NCBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

The NCBA Executive Committee met last week and considered action requests from the Office of Governmental Affairs. The following link provides you with a report of the action taken and the Executive Committee's recommendations to the Board of Governors.

[June 2007 Executive Committee Action Report](#)

DEVELOPING ISSUES IN THE NCGA

Stay up-to-date with developing news from the General Assembly.

Eminent Domain Constitutional Amendment

House Bill 878, [Eminent Domain](#), would let North Carolina voters decide whether to change the state constitution to ensure that government could condemn private property only for public use. The proposed constitutional amendment, which has passed the House, would bar eminent domain for private economic development. The bill awaits consideration by the Senate. If passed by the General Assembly, it could go to the voters as early as this fall.

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ABA Washington Letter

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 June issue.

[June 2007 Washington Letter](#)

GAVEL TO GAVEL

Provided by the National Center for State Courts, *Gavel to Gavel* is a national overview of trends in legislative activity as it relates to the courts. Please click the link below to access the latest edition.

[Gavel to Gavel](#)