

Miscellaneous *Memo*

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PEOPLE

ABA Division for Bar Services

- **Dan Rubin**, former Miscellaneous Memo editor and information research specialist, has left the division after three years, to attend law school at Chicago's Loyola University School of Law.
- **Michael Ward** has replaced Dan as the division's information research specialist. You can reach Michael at wardm@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-5356.
- **Kimberly Vann**, DBS leadership services coordinator, has been given a new title, to reflect her increased role in publishing the affiliate groups' publications. Kim's title is now communications coordinator, leadership services.
- **Jill Werner** is now the liaison to the National Conference of Bar Foundations, in addition to her role as liaison to the National Association of Bar Executives. To reflect her expanded duties, Jill's title is now staff director, association management services.

Arlington County Bar Association (VA)

- **Mary D. Evans** is the bar's new executive director.

Los Angeles County Bar (CA)

- Executive Director **Rich Walch** will retire this January, after more than 20 years in the position.

New York Bar Foundation

- **Rosanne Van Heertum** is the foundation's new director of development.

Travis County Bar Association (TX)

- The bar has changed its name to *the Austin Bar Association*.

Westchester County Bar Association (NY)

- The bar's email addresses have changed: the former address suffix, "@bestweb.net," is now "@wcbany.org."

NEWS

ABA Adopts New Model Court Rule on Insurance Disclosure

On August 9, 2004, the American Bar Association House of Delegates adopted the ABA Model Court Rule on Insurance Disclosure. Twelve jurisdictions have already addressed the rule, which requires lawyers to disclose on their annual registration statements whether they maintain professional liability insurance.

The rule further suggests that

- ◆ the information submitted by lawyers be made available by means designated by your court. (For example, in Virginia, information regarding a lawyer's professional liability insurance can be accessed on the state bar's Web site.)
- ◆ the bar or lawyer regulatory agency educate the public about the nature of legal malpractice insurance to address concern that the public would not understand that "claims made" policies do not cover dishonesty or other intentional acts, and that such a policy may no longer be in force when a claim is made.

For more information, contact John Holtaway, ABA client protection counsel, at (312) 988-5298 or jholtaway@staff.abanet.org, or visit www.abanet.org/cpr/client.html.

AWARDS

Jury Project Subgrants

The ABA Judicial Division's Judges Network is initiating a subgrant program that will focus on joint bench/bar/court administration projects that improve or promote the American jury system. Subgrants of up to \$1000 will be awarded at the 2005 ABA Midyear Meeting, February 8 - 15 in Salt Lake City, UT. Projects must be completed prior to the 2005 ABA Annual Meeting, August 2 - 9 in Chicago, IL.

Details about the subgrant program and the application form are at www.abanet.org/jd/judgesnetwork/home.html. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

For more information, contact Paula Nessel at (312) 988-5450 or paulanessel@staff.abanet.org.

PUBLICATIONS

All publications listed below can be ordered by calling the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221, or visiting the ABA Web store at www.abanet.org/abastore.

America's Lawyer-Presidents: From Law Office to Oval Office

Edited by Norman Gross

Product Code 1610036

For bulk discount information, contact Amelia Stone at (312) 988-6085 or Donna Shear at (847) 492-8111.

Regular Price: \$39.95, ABA Member Price: \$24.00

Twenty-five of America's forty-three presidents have been lawyers. This book sheds light on the legal backgrounds of each of these chief executives and describes how their experiences as lawyers impacted and shaped their presidencies. A companion exhibit is currently on display at the ABA Museum of Law in Chicago, 321 N. Clark Street.

The release of the book includes several activity options for bar associations:

- ◆ For review copies, contact Laura Leichum at (847) 492-5315.
- ◆ For articles on general topic or about "favorite son(s)," contact Norman Gross at (312) 988-5730.
- ◆ For the online media kit, downloadable images, and other information, visit www.abanews.org.
- ◆ To plan presentations before bar groups, law schools, and the general public, contact Norman Gross.

Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct

Published by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility and Judicial Division

Product Code 2150005

Regular Price: \$98.00, ABA Member Price: \$88.20, Entity Member Price: \$73.50

This book presents an authoritative and practical analysis of the judicial ethics rules and the cases, ethics opinions and other legal authorities essential to understanding them. The book follows the successful style of the *Annotated Model Rules of Professional Conduct*.

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples

By Joan M. Burda

Paperback, 199 pages plus CD-ROM

Product Code 5150294

Regular price: \$59.00, General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section members: \$45.00

The legal landscape concerning same-sex relationships is changing. It is vital for lawyers to stay on top of these changes.

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples, a new book published by the ABA's General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm Section, introduces estate-planning lawyers to the issues faced by lesbian and gay clients. The book includes a CD-ROM with forms and documents that lesbian and gay clients need to prepare a complete estate plan.

LawyerLife: Finding A Life and a Higher Calling in the Practice of Law

By Judge Carl Horn III

Published by the American Bar Association, ABA Publishing

6x9, 175 pages

Product Code 1610024

Bulk Discount Pricing Available

Regular Price: \$30.00, ABA Member Price: \$25.00

Judge Horn is Chief Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and a frequent writer and speaker on quality-of-life issues for lawyers. He is available to speak at bar seminars, continuing legal education courses, and meetings on issues of importance to the profession.

Review copies, reviews, and endorsements of *LawyerLife* are available to any bar association, upon request.

For more information, please contact Adrienne Cook at (312) 988-6058 or cooka@staff.abanet.org.

The Legal Assistant's Practical Guide to Professional Responsibility (2nd Edition)

Published by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility

Product Code 2150006

Regular Price: \$34.95, Entity Member Price: \$26.20

This easy to read book reviews ethics issues relevant to a law firm's non-lawyer employees and offers guidance that can be adapted to practice in any jurisdiction. Subjects include the unauthorized practice of law, what a lawyer cannot delegate to a legal assistant, competence and diligence in a legal assistant's work, confidentiality, conflicts, client funds and property, advertising, legal fees, and employee compensation.

The book is updated to reference the most current Model Rules of Professional Conduct as they affect law firm employees and ultimately their supervising lawyers. Each chapter ends with a practical summary of key issues.

The Shadow of Justice

By Milton Hirsch

Published by the American Bar Association, ABA Publishing

5 1/4 x 8, 205 pages

Product Code 5090097

Regular Price: \$14.00, ABA Criminal Justice Section members: \$12.00

Shadow, written by noted Miami criminal defense lawyer Milton Hirsch, is the first work of fiction published by the ABA. It unveils a realistic, unvarnished glimpse of a Miami murder and drug case. Said Carl Hiaasen, author of *Sick Puppy* and *Basket Case*, "From the glitter to the grit, nobody knows [Miami] better than Milt Hirsch."

Hirsch, a past president of the Miami chapter of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, is available to speak at bar meetings. His talk, "Me and My Shadow," outlines how he handled his mid-life crisis by writing this book.

To arrange speaking engagements or acquire a review copy, please contact Barbara Leff at (312) 988-6116 or leffb@staff.abanet.org

RESOURCES

Strengthen Your Assistance Programs with the ABA's Career Resource Center

Did you know that your assistance programs can benefit from the work of the ABA Career Resource Center? The Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) worked with the center this September to deliver relevant career programming.

The OAAP invited attorneys from the state to attend a half-day seminar led by Center Director Kathy Morris and titled "Taking Control of Your Career."

The program consisted of three segments on career management and two networking breaks. Each registrant received a copy of the ABA Career Resource Center publication *Objection Overruled: Overcoming Obstacles in the Lawyer Job Search*, as well as specially created handouts on setting and attaining career goals.

Barbara S. Fishleder, OAAP Executive Director, said of the program, "Your presentation was clear, interesting, and motivating."

If your assistance-providing unit would be interested in staging such an event to provide inspiration and information, and to showcase the local legal community, please contact the center at (312) 988-6215 or careers@abanet.org. The center will assist in the planning and preparation, and take an active part in the seminar itself.

ABA Women & Minority Speaker Clearinghouse

ABA-CLE maintains an online clearinghouse database for minority and women CLE faculty to provide referrals to ABA entities for capable speakers in many areas of law and practice. Participating as a CLE speaker provides involvement in today's important legal issues, interaction with other expert faculty, valuable networking opportunities, and visibility as a national speaker.

For more information and to submit your speaker profile, go to www.abanet.org/cle/mcle/clearinghouse/landing_page.cfm.

MEETINGS

Visit our [Calendar of Key Meetings](#) for a list of upcoming bar conferences.