

Miscellaneous *Memo*

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PEOPLE

American Bar Association

- **Brian Myers, MLS**, Division for Bar Services information coordinator, has left the division to take a position at the Wilmette Public Library, in Wilmette, a Chicago suburb.
- **Molly Kilmer Flood** has been hired as the division's new information coordinator. Molly most recently worked as a research specialist in the ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center. Her first day will be April 18. She can be reached at kilmerm@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-5362.
- **Jocelyn Brown** has been hired as the administrative assistant for the division's Bar Information and Management (BIM) unit. Jocelyn primarily supports the division's Field Service and Consulting Services program and Information Clearinghouse. She can be reached at jobrown@staff.abanet.org, (312) 988-5349.
- **Robin Rone** and **Seth Andersen** have joined the Office of the ABA President, as special assistants to the president. During the 2004-05 bar year, Robin is working with President Robert J. Grey Jr., and Seth is working with President-Elect Michael S. Greco and Immediate Past President Dennis W. Archer. Robin can be reached at roner@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-5137. Seth can be reached at anderses@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-6179.

Chester County Bar Association (PA)

- **Wendy Hoffman** is the bar's new executive director. She can be reached at (610) 692-1889 or whoffman@chescobar.org.

Boston Bar Association (MA)

- **Richard M. Page Jr.** is the bar's new executive director. He can be reached at (617) 778-1916 or rpage@bostonbar.org.

Brooklyn Bar Association (NY)

- Executive Director **Avery Eli Okin** has been chosen to receive the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project Annual Award.

NEWS

Deadline To Register for CA In-House Counsel Program

Non-California attorneys employed in California as in-house counsel must register by May 15, 2005 with the State Bar of California's In-House Counsel Program, in accordance with California Rule of Court Rule 965.

The program allows non-California attorneys employed as in-house or corporate counsel to practice law in California on a limited basis. Registrants are not required to pass the California Bar Exam and will not become members of the state bar.

Application forms, instructions, and fee information are available on the state bar's Web site at www.calbar.ca.gov. For more information about the program or assistance with the application process, contact the Office of Certification at (415) 538-2325 or mjp@calbar.ca.gov.

State Bar of Arizona Web Site Nominated for Webby Awards

The International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences has nominated the State Bar of Arizona's Web site, www.azbar.org, for two of its prestigious Webby awards. The bar is competing against four nominees in the Best Law Web Site and Best Association Web Site categories. Winners will be announced May 3 and honored June 6 at the Ninth Annual Webby Awards in New York City.

State Bar of Wisconsin Upgrades Web Site

The State Bar of Wisconsin has redesigned its Web site. The new site, at www.wisbar.org, includes CLE credit tracking, improved site navigation and design, enhanced search capabilities, and several other new and improved features.

Missouri Bar Launches Loan Assistance Program

The Missouri Bar and The Missouri Bar Foundation have partnered to create the Missouri Bar Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). The program will grant forgivable loans to applicants who choose qualifying public service. The bar will present the first awards next September at its annual meeting.

For more on the program, contact Stephen M. Murrell, Esq, Missouri Bar legislative counsel, at smurrell@mobar.org, or (573) 638-2240

AWARDS

Nonprofit Innovation Award

Amazon.com is accepting applications for its Nonprofit Innovation Award, which recognizes and rewards nonprofit organizations that take innovative approaches to improve their communities or the world.

Ten finalists will be profiled on their own Amazon.com pages, where customers will be invited to vote for their favorites by making monetary donations. The organization that receives the largest amount of customer contributions by the deadline will receive the award, along with a matching grant of up to \$1 million from Amazon.com. For more information or to apply, visit www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/browse/-/13786331/ref%3Damb%5Fleft-2%5F181894%5F1/102-5871896-3115360.

PUBLICATIONS

2005 ABA Awards & Grants Listing

Edited by Michael Ward

Published by the ABA Division for Bar Services

Price: \$12.95

To order: visit the ABA online bookstore at www.abanet.org/abastore, or call the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and ask for product code 1710126

The exhaustive, exclusive guide to all 111 awards, grants, and contests sponsored by the American Bar Association. Listings include nomination/entry requirements, award histories, contact information, and more.

2005 State and Local Bar Association Membership Dues and Mandatory Fees Survey

Edited by Joanne O'Reilly

Published by the ABA Division for Bar Services

Price: \$24.95

To order: visit the ABA online bookstore at www.abanet.org/abastore, or call the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and ask for product code 1710123

A complete listing of the dues and mandatory fees of every state bar association and more than 120 local bars. Includes information on member benefits, non-dues income sources, and dues collection methods.

Best Projects of 2004

Edited by Michael Ward

Published by the ABA Division for Bar Services and the National Conference of Bar Presidents

Price: \$12.95

To order: visit the ABA online bookstore at www.abanet.org/abastore, or call the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and ask for product code 1710125

Categorized synopses of fifty-five innovative programs by bar associations nationwide, begun or significantly improved in 2004. Each program listing includes a summary, details, cost, impact assessment, and contact person.

Note: each of the above publications is also available for immediate download at www.abanet.org/barserv/pubs/epubs.html.

Are You Ready? What Lawyers Need to Know About Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery

Produced by the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law and ABA-CLE

Price: \$35

Available in late April

To order: contact Holly Hickey at (312) 988-6193 or hickeyh@staff.abanet.org

A seventy-minute, documentary-style video that addresses key legal issues in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The video brings together lawyers and other disaster response experts from around the nation, who describe simply and effectively how lawyers can help prepare for the effects of natural and man-made disasters. The program package includes the program on DVD or videotape, and a 98-page coursebook.

Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers

Published by the ABA Commission on Law and Aging and the American Psychological Association

Price: \$25

To order: visit www.abanet.org/aging or email abaaging@abanet.org

Lawyers face a growing challenge as 'baby boomers' reach their 60s and the octogenarian population swells: older clients with diminished decision-making capacity. Such clients may make questionable decisions troubling to their lawyers, who judge capacity whether or not they intend to. Even the notion that the client has changed or referring a client for a formal professional evaluation represents a preliminary assessment of capacity.

Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers presents a practical system for addressing problems of client capacity, in some cases with help from a clinician. The handbook represents a unique collaboration of lawyers and psychologists, and offers effective ideas to help attorneys confront the challenges of working with older clients with diminished capacity.

Legal Ethics: The Lawyer's Desk Book on Professional Responsibility 2005-2006 ed.

By Ronald D. Rotunda and John S. Dzienkowski

Published by West and the ABA

Price: \$73

To order: visit west.thomson.com/product/17503733/product.asp or call (800) 344-5009

This revision reflects new developments in the ABA Model Rules, case law, and the literature regarding legal ethics. It presents and analyzes changes made to the Model Rules by the efforts of the Ethics 2000 Commission, the Commission on Multijurisdictional Practice, and the Task Force on Corporate Responsibility. Includes the reporter's notes on the 2002 revision of the ABA Model Rules.

Legal Services Now

The April 2005 edition of Legal Services Now, newsletter of the ABA's Division for Legal Services, is now online, at www.abanet.org/legalservices/sclaid/lisn.html.

Miles to Go: Progress of Minorities in the Legal Profession

Published by the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession

Price: \$20 (\$18 for ABA members)

To order: visit the ABA online bookstore at www.abanet.org/abastore, or call the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and ask for product code 4520014

This biannual report, first released in 1998, tracks the progress of minorities in the legal profession. It provides a current, comprehensive picture of the national representation of minority lawyers in law school and major employment settings – research critical to assessing the profession's progress toward its goal of full and equal participation, and the impact of the attack on affirmative action.

Walking the Talk - Creating a Law Firm Culture Where Women Succeed

Published by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession

Price: \$40

To order: call (312) 988-5715 or email abacwp1@abanet.org

This 100-page binder is a comprehensive compilation of the latest best practices and action items for recruitment, retention, development, and advancement of women in law firms, and includes assessment and measurement tools to aid in effecting change and evaluating progress in gender diversity. Released in collaboration with the 2004 Managing Partner and General Counsel Leadership Summit in New York.

RESOURCES

Resume Reviews for Bar Associations

The ABA Career Resource Center is offering a resume review revenue sharing opportunity for bar associations: offer your members a limited-time discount (\$30 off the public rate) on ABA Resume Reviews, and for each member who uses the service, the center will return \$20 of the sale price to your bar.

The specially priced reviews are \$95 and conducted by a Legal Career Counselor from the ABA Career Resource Center, who confidentially critiques resumes' visual presentation, accuracy, organization, persuasive quality, and overall presentation. Participants are graded in each area, and given comments and suggestions for increasing their resumes' effectiveness.

If your bar is interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact the ABA Career Resource Center at careers@abanet.org or (312) 988-6215.

Here to Help: The ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center

The ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center is the starting point for attorneys seeking to implement and understand technology. It offers bar associations and foundations several services to help them better serve their members through technology, including technology consultation and research, writing for bar association publications, Web site evaluation, CLE, and LTRC Surveys.

For more information about the resources, services, and products LTRC offers bar associations and their members, visit the LTRC Web site at www.lawtechnology.org, call (312) 988-5053, or e-mail ltrc@abanet.org.

An Invitation to State and Local Bar Tax Sections

The ABA Section of Taxation partnered in November 2004 with the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Dallas Bar Association to conduct successful CLE programs in their respective cities. The programs were part of a new ABA Tax Section effort called "Tax CLE on the Road," which the section hopes to present in collaboration with state and local bar tax groups in cities across the country in late 2005 and beyond.

If your bar is interested in joining with the ABA on presenting national tax CLE to your market, contact Anne Dunn at dunna@staff.abanet.org or (202) 662-8681.

MEETINGS

2005 BAR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SUMMARY)

MARCH 11-13, 2005

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO MARRIOTT

CHICAGO, IL

The 2005 BLI focused on the techniques and skills needed to be an effective bar association steward, and addressed the four core challenges facing bar leaders today: leadership, governance, finance, and communications.

Leadership expert Michael Brandwein began and ended the regular program with energetic plenaries on successful leadership. Association management expert Dadie Perlov explored the relationships among key governance players and led a case study discussion that explored timely, bar-related concerns. Communications expert Michael Sheehan led two sessions in which he revealed the secrets of effective message management and public speaking. ABA President Robert Grey Jr. and ABA President-elect Michael Greco also spoke, sharing their goals and visions for the profession.

For more on this year's BLI, including handouts and comments from attendees, and the date for next year's meeting, visit www.abanet.org/barserv/bli.html.

PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE ABA TASK FORCE ON ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

APRIL 21, 2005

2 P.M. – 5 P.M.

THE WALDORF – ASTORIA HOTEL

NEW YORK, NY

The task force invites comments on the attorney-client privilege and its exceptions, information with specific examples regarding circumstances in which challenges to the privilege are being asserted by regulatory agencies and others, and recommendations on how to balance the purposes of the privilege with competing objectives.

For more information on the hearings, contact Sue Daly at suedaly@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-6244. To learn more about the task force, visit www.abanet.org/buslaw/attorneyclient.

***ABA 31ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
21ST NATIONAL FORUM ON CLIENT PROTECTION***

JUNE 1 - 4, 2005

CHICAGO, IL

The *conference* is the largest gathering of legal ethics practitioners in the country. It includes 16 sessions on a variety of topics and draws over 300 attendees, including legal scholars, judges, bar counsel, and practitioners.

The *forum* is the only national informational and educational program for professionals in the area of client protection. It is an open arena for an informal exchange of ideas and a platform for colleagues in the client protection field to foster ideas and share their experiences.

To register or view the conference schedule, visit www.abanet.org/cpr/prconf.html. To register or view the forum schedule, visit to www.abanet.org/cpr/cp-programs.html.

SPRING CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 10, 2005

BALTIMORE, MD

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

This annual forum draws lawyers, scientists, economists, government regulators, policymakers, academics, and advocates to debate emerging and pressing issues in environmental law and policy.

The theme of this year's conference is "Financial Institutions, Corporate Stewardship, and Sustainable Development: Drivers for the Evolution of U.S. Environmental Laws and Practice." It is designed to stimulate broad discussion about the development of U.S. environmental statutes and regulations, and will focus on drivers for change.

For details and a brochure, visit www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental or contact Hannah Yu at yuh@staff.abanet.org or (202) 662-1694.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE MINORITY LAWYER

JUNE 22-23, 2005

SEATTLE, WA

The conference, sponsored by the ABA Section of Business Law and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and cosponsored by major bar associations for lawyers of color, will offer practical training sessions and CLE programs for minority business lawyers, litigators, and government lawyers.

The conference will feature practical advice on improving techniques—such as prospering while promoting diversity, and marketing yourself in your current environment—and updates on current legal issues. Paula E. Boggs, executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Starbucks Corporation, is the keynote speaker.

For more information contact Nhu Ly at lynhu@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-6710. For the conference brochure, visit www.abanet.org/buslaw/2005minoritylawyer/home.shtml.

15TH ANNUAL MARGARET BRENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON

AUGUST 7, 2005

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

CHICAGO, IL

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

The Margaret Brent award recognizes women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their field. This year's honorees are

- **Loretta Collins Argrett**, mediator and ethics consultant, former Howard University Law professor and first African American to serve as Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice;
- **Mary B. Cranston**, chair of Pillsbury Winthrop and the first woman to lead an AM LAW 100 law firm;
- **Carolyn Dineen King**, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the first woman chair of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States;
- **Judith L. Lichtman**, immediate past president and senior advisor of the National Partnership for Women and Families; and
- **Mary Ann McMorro**w, chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and the first woman to head any branch of government in Illinois.

Attendees may pay tribute to the honorees or other women lawyers by purchasing reserved tables (each table seats 10) or special tributes in the commemorative awards program book. Reserved tables are \$1500 and full-page ads are \$1000.

For more information, contact the commission at (312) 988-5715 or visit www.abanet.org/women.

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