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### MDP and MJP Update

Although the ABA House of Delegates rejected the recommendations of the Commission on Multidisciplinary Practice, many states continue to study the issue and in some cases, draft rules for consideration by their highest court. Arizona, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming are among the jurisdictions where proposals for rule changes may be forthcoming. The ABA Center for Professional Responsibility continues to monitor this activity and post updates on its Web site at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/multicom.html>.

The ABA Commission on Multijurisdictional Practice is also continuing to hold open hearings, the next being scheduled for the 2001 ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago on Friday, August 3. The meeting will be held at the Swissotel, 323 East Wacker Drive, Grand Ballroom III from 9:00 a.m - 12:00 a.m. Persons wishing to testify should submit a written statement by July 20th. Forms for written testimony can be found at [http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mjp-notice\\_chicago.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mjp-notice_chicago.html). Earlier written submissions and transcripts of prior hearings are posted at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mjp-home.html>.

### Ethics 2000

The Ethics 2000 Commission will present its final report with recommendations to the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. It is expected that the debate will continue at the Midyear Meeting in Philadelphia. The Commission's report, along with

written testimony and minutes from past meetings, is posted at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/ethics2k.html>.

## Professionalism

The ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism has completed its Guide to Professionalism Commissions and posted them at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/profcommissions.html>. This guide presents practical information on the programs and activities, structure and organization, and funding of ten current commissions, along with a contact list.

The Spring issue of *The Professional Lawyer* (Volume 12, Issue Number 3) includes articles on the professionalism crisis, communications with represented persons, Ethics 2000, and lawyer-client arbitration agreements. Further information about the magazine is posted at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/proflaw.html>.

## Get the Scoop from Media Relations

Click on the ABA Division for Media Relations and Communication Services Web page (<http://www.abanet.org/media/home.html>) to learn more about noteworthy legal topics and decisions made by the American Bar Association.

## What's Going on in Washington, D.C.?

Keep track of the latest news in legislative and governmental advocacy by logging on to the ABA's Governmental Affairs Office's Web site (<http://www.abanet.org/poladv/home.html>).

## Bar Association Reports

Beginning with the next issue of *Miscellaneous Memo*, we would like to provide information on recent bar association reports and topics of interest to bar leaders along with a link to the report on the bar's Web site (if available online). We hope that this new feature will assist other bars dealing with similar issues. Of course, we need your help! Please send a short description of any recent reports released by your bar and the Web site link to Dan Rubin at [drubin@staff.abanet.org](mailto:drubin@staff.abanet.org). To make into the next *Miscellaneous Memo*, reports need to be submitted by August 17th. Please contact Dan at 312/988-5356 with any questions.

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## People

### Kudos!

Thank you! The ABA Division for Bar Services would like to acknowledge the participation of five dedicated individuals who recently served as members of Bar Association Operational Survey teams. These leaders in the bar association community generously shared their time and expertise with bar associations seeking to improve their operational processes.

The division sincerely thanks:

- Mary Howerton, Executive Director, Mecklenburg County Bar
- Kathie Bifaro, Executive Director, Bar Association of Erie County
- Joyce Hastings, Director of Communications, State Bar of Wisconsin
- Allan Head, Executive Director, North Carolina Bar Association

- Bill Schneider, Executive Director, Louisville Bar Foundation (formerly, Executive Director, Louisville Bar Association)

## **State Bar Association Changes:**

### **Bar Association of the District of Columbia**

- **Cindy White**, a former executive director of the St. Petersburg Bar Association (FL), is the new executive director.

### **Kansas Bar Association**

- **Michelle Wilson** has resigned her position as communications director.

### **Kentucky Bar Association**

- **Sharon Parrent** is retiring as the director of administration on August 31st. **Melissa Blackwell** will assume Parrent's responsibilities.
- **Kimberly Smith** has resigned as communications director.

### **State Bar of Nevada**

- Another **Kimberly Smith** has resigned. Smith was the bar's information and design coordinator. She will also be pursuing her own freelance communications business based in Ohio. Her replacement is **Stephanie McGhee**.

### **Ohio State Bar Association**

- **Rick Slee**, is the new assistant director of continuing legal education. He is an attorney who has previously practiced in a law firm and in the legal department of the Ohio School Board Association.
- **Colleen Buggy**, is the new director of membership services. She previously worked in the bar's publications department.

### **South Carolina Bar**

- **Wendy Jones**, director of public relations, is leaving the bar at the end of June and will be the director of communications at Brevard College in North Carolina.

### **State Bar of Texas**

- **Ginger Banks**, director of member services, is retiring after 25 years of service at the State Bar of Texas. Ms. Banks will officially leave her duties at the end of July

### **West Virginia Bar Association**

- **Pryce M. Haynes II** is the new executive director, replacing Jonathan Adler. The West Virginia Bar Association can be contacted at its new number, 304-522-2652 or [director@wvbarassociation.org](mailto:director@wvbarassociation.org).

## **Local Bar Association Staff Changes:**

### **San Mateo County Bar Association (CA)**

- **John Digiacinto** has replaced **John McInerney** as executive director.

### **The Chicago Bar Association (IL)**

- **Sharon Koubek**, formerly the director of the Young Lawyers Section, has been promoted to director of marketing.

### **Boston Bar Foundation (MA)**

- **Steven F. Smith** is the new director of development.

### **Washtenaw County Bar Association(MI)**

- **Alisande Cutler** has resigned as executive director to begin a new career in community association management at a condominium development for older faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Michigan.

### **Monroe County Bar Association (NY)**

- **Beth Keigher** has resigned as executive director.

### **Stark County Bar Association (OH)**

- **Tina M. McCort** became the new executive director on June 1. Robin Rostonski was the previous executive director.

### **Toledo Bar Association (OH)**

- **Trish Branam** is the new executive director.

### **Allegheny County Bar Association (PA)**

- **David Blaner** is the new executive director. David formerly served as the bar's deputy executive director.

### **Nashville Bar Association (TN)**

- **Nikki Gray** is the new communications assistant.

### **Alexandria Bar Association (VA)**

- **Charles K. Unger** is the new executive director.

### **Milwaukee Bar Association (OH)**

- **James R. Paetsch** is the new executive director.

## **Other People News**

- **Gil Campbell**, who recently retired as executive director of the Tennessee Bar Association, is the new executive director of the Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society.

### **Northern Marianas Islands Bar Association**

- **Remedio "Remy" Sablan** is the new executive director.

### **Legal Services Corporation**

- **John McKay**, who became Legal Services Corporation ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/lscn.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lscn.html)) president in May 1997 left his post at the end of June to pursue the position of U.S. Attorney in Seattle. **John N. Erlenborn** succeeds McKay as interim president until President Bush selects, and the Senate confirms, a new LSC Board of Directors responsible for choosing a permanent LSC president. Erlenborn is the current vice-chair of the LSC board and is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School.

### **American Bar Association**

- **Daniel Rubin** joined the Division for Bar Services on July 9th as our new information research specialist. He can be reached at 312/988-5356, e-mail: [drubin@staff.abanet.org](mailto:drubin@staff.abanet.org).
- **Marcia Kladder** has rejoined both NABE and the ABA staff after a two-year hiatus spent as an independent communications consultant. Marcia is now the associate director of the ABA Justice Center and can be reached at 312/988-5722, e-mail: [kladderm@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kladderm@staff.abanet.org).
- **David Tolbert** is the new executive director of the ABA Central and Eastern European

Law Initiative. He formerly served as general counsel with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands.

## *Awards*

### **Grants Awarded to Immigration Projects**

The ABA Division for Bar Services has compiled a listing of the ABA awards and grants available. Visit (<http://www.abanet.org/barserv>) to see if there is an award for which your association may be eligible.

### **Awards and Grants Listing Online**

The ABA Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants to projects that provide legal services to newcomers to the United States, including detained immigrant and refugee children. The grants are part of a nationwide effort to undertake comprehensive free or reduced-fee representation programs for the vulnerable constituency of immigrant and refugee children detained separately from their family members by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as well as new U.S. immigrants in need of legal services. For more information and a list of awardees, see the news release at <http://www.abanet.org/media/jun01/immigrantgrants.html>.

### **Michigan ED to Receive Professionalism Award**

John T. Berry, executive director of the State Bar of Michigan, will receive the ABA's 2001 Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award on August 3rd at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

For more information see the news release at [www.abanet.org/media/jun01/2001franck.html](http://www.abanet.org/media/jun01/2001franck.html).

### **2001 GP Link Awards Awarded to Kentucky Bar Leader**

Olu A. Stevens, president-elect of the Louisville Bar Foundation, will receive the ABA's 2001 GP Link Award which focuses on general practice, solo and small firm achievement. The North Carolina Bar Association Solo and Small Firm Section and The Missouri Bar Solo and Small Firm Committee will also receive the 2001 GP Link Project Award Award on August 2nd at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

For more information about the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/genpractice/home.html>.

### **Northwestern School Of Law Of Lewis And Clark College To Receive Achievement Award In Environmental Law And Policy**

The Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR is the recipient of the 2001 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy. The school will receive the honor at a ceremony and reception at the ABA Museum of Law on Monday, August 6, 2001, during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Established by the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law in 2000, this award recognizes individuals, organizations or programs that have distinguished themselves in environmental law and policy, and contributed significant leadership in improving the substance, process or understanding of environmental protection and sustainable development.

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## *Projects*

### **Museum of Law Seeks Exhibit Materials**

Museum of Law Seeks Exhibit Materials From John Adams to Bill Clinton, twenty-five lawyers have served in our nation's highest office as President of the United States. In order to educate the public on how former presidents' law careers helped shape both the person and the country, the ABA Museum of Law is planning an exhibit, along with a companion mass-market book and television documentary, on America's Lawyer-Presidents. The target date for these activities is Spring 2003.

State and local bar executives are encouraged to contact Museum Director Norman Gross with any information about lawyer-presidents from their states and communities, including sources of documents and memorabilia and referrals to scholars, articles, and other resources. Norman can be contacted at 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611, phone: 312/988-5730, e-mail: [grossn@staff.abanet.org](mailto:grossn@staff.abanet.org)

### **Lawyer Assistance Program Survey Mailed**

The Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP) has mailed the 2001 Survey of State and Local Lawyer Assistance Programs questionnaire to 100 lawyer assistance program (LAP) directors and committee chairs in the United States and Canada. The results will provide up-to-date information on LAPs and will help to integrate confidential, effective, and appropriate help into the legal culture. The role of CoLAP in coordination with the state and local LAPs is to provide education, prevention, and assistance efforts to help lawyers better understand and deal with addictions and mental health problems. The Survey will be completed by Fall 2001 in time for the distribution at the 14th National Workshop for Lawyer Assistance Programs. The last survey was printed in 1997. For more information, contact Donna Spilis at 312/988-5359, e-mail: [spilisd@staff.abanet.org](mailto:spilisd@staff.abanet.org)

### **The INS Detention Standards Implementation Initiative**

Detention of immigrants has been a hot topic in the country as the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that detainees cannot be held indefinitely without a hearing. On the forefront of this debate, the ABA Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project has undertaken the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Detention Standards Implementation Initiative. The Initiative is an innovative national effort by the organized bar to contribute to the consistent implementation of the standards which govern legal access issues at all INS and other facilities detaining immigrants and asylum seekers. Under the auspices of the ABA's Immigration Project, Initiative participants will visit and ascertain facility compliance under the Standards and produce an official report for the ABA to share with the INS to reinforce facility compliance.

The ABA's Immigration Project is recruiting large law firms and bar associations to participate on a pro bono basis in special delegations to tour, inspect and report on detention facility compliance with the Standards with an emphasis on the legal access standards.

Through participation in the INS Detention Standards Implementation Initiative, the organized bar and attorneys can help guarantee access to counsel and fair treatment for immigration detainees. For further information on how your state or local bar can participate in the Initiative, please contact Christopher Nugent at 202/662-1008, e-mail: [nugentc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:nugentc@staff.abanet.org)

## **Judicial Outreach Projects Sought**

The Judges Network, a web-based effort to harness successful judicial outreach efforts and dedicated to encouraging judicial involvement in community programs, is asking state and local bars to help build the network by providing links to program materials, resources, and project descriptions. If you have an outreach project that either incorporates judges or is suitable for adaptation by judges, please contact us. The Judges Network is looking for specific links to program materials and other online resources. If you'd like a link to your project to appear on the Judges Network Web site, please contact: Marcia Kladder, ABA Justice Center at 312/988-5722, e-mail: [kladderm@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kladderm@staff.abanet.org). Visit the Judges Network at [www.abanet.org/jd/judgesnetwork.html](http://www.abanet.org/jd/judgesnetwork.html)

## **Section of Business Law Seeks Ambassadors**

The Section of Business Law is seeking candidates for its Ambassadors Program class of 2002. The primary goal of the program is to increase the participation of lawyers of color in the substantive work of the Section and to help them progress into future leadership positions within the Section. The program is also designed to enhance the image of the Section among members of the national bar organizations for lawyers of color in order to increase membership of lawyers of color in the Section. To be considered for selection as a Business Law Ambassador, one must be an active member of a national bar organization for lawyers of color who has demonstrated a significant interest in an area of business law that coincides with the work of a substantive committee of the Section. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply by expressing their interest in a letter to the president of the national bar organization in which they are affiliated that describes their substantive areas of interest as a business lawyer. A copy of that letter should be forwarded to Joanne Travis, ABA Section of Business Law, 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611, by September 15, 2001, phone: 312/988-5680, e-mail: [travisj@staff.abanet.org](mailto:travisj@staff.abanet.org)

## **New ABA Task Force on E-commerce and ADR**

With the phenomenal growth of Internet sales, both consumers and businesses dealing with other businesses now find themselves faced with the problem of where to turn to get help solving their online commercial disputes. One way to avoid these issues would be through the use of alternative dispute resolution. The ABA sections of Business Law, Dispute Resolution, Litigation, International Law and Practice, and Intellectual Property have formed a new task force on E-Commerce and ADR, which is charged with drafting workable guidelines and standards that can be used by parties to online transactions and online dispute resolution providers. For more information about the task force, contact Gina Viola Brown, Coordinator of ADR Research, Policy Analysis, and Law School Programs, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, 740 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, phone: 202/662-1677, e-mail: [browng@staff.abanet.org](mailto:browng@staff.abanet.org)

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# **ABA Annual Meeting Event Highlights**

## **Minority Lawyers' Forum**

The Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession is hosting its 2nd Annual Minority Lawyer Forums on August 3, 2001 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 N. Michigan Ave., in conjunction with the ABA Annual Meeting. This series of forums is designed to facilitate greater camaraderie and coordination of efforts among minority bars and among ABA lawyers of color. These forums will also provide the lawyers of color attending the ABA Annual Meeting, as well as those in the host city, an opportunity to explore ways to work together and advance common interests of minority lawyers.

The second half of the day features the joint session "Multicultural Issues in the Legal Profession," which will be held from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the Marriott's Lakeview Room on the second floor. Representatives from national minority bars will serve as panelists to address common concerns and explore strategies to advance opportunities for all lawyers of color throughout the profession.

Finally, the day will conclude with a reception celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Commission. The event will be held at the Marriott's Grand Ballroom Salon 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Commission at 312/988-5643 or [www.abanet.org/minorities](http://www.abanet.org/minorities).

## **The Role of State and Local Bar Associations in Judicial Retention Elections**

The ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence is sponsoring a panel discussion at the Annual Meeting that will focus on the role of state and local bar associations in public education and awareness efforts, especially during retention election years. Panelists will discuss the public awareness program model pioneered by the Tennessee Bar Association and the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence in 1998, which included widely distributed printed materials, radio public service announcements, web-based information, and a speaker's bureau. The program will consider the challenges of mounting effective public awareness campaigns, using the 2002 retention elections in Florida as an example.

Edward W. Madeira Jr., will moderate the panel discussion. Speakers include: Justice Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., of the Tennessee Supreme Court; Terrence M. Burns, incoming president of the Chicago Bar Association; Retired Justice Ann Covington of the Missouri Supreme Court; Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, president of the U.S. League of Women Voters; Allan F. Ramsaur, executive director of the Tennessee Bar Association; and Terrence Russell, incoming president of The Florida Bar.

The program will be held on Saturday, August 4, from 3:45pm-5:00pm, in the Water Tower Room, Concourse Level, West Tower of the Hyatt Regency. For more information, please contact Seth Andersen at 312/988-5124, e-mail: [anderses@staff.abanet.org](mailto:anderses@staff.abanet.org).

## **National Children's Immigration Summit**

The ABA Section of Litigation Children's Law Committee will sponsor two programs at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Call to Action: Young Refugees Without Justice in America will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2001 from 3:45pm-5:15pm. This program will focus on the approximately 5,000 children who arrive in the U.S. each year without a guardian or appropriate documentation and are then taken into custody by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. A reception will directly follow the program to honor the nine

recipients of ABA grants awarded through the Immigration and Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project to support legal representation for children detained at Immigration and Naturalization Service facilities around the country.

On Sunday, August 5, 2001, the Children's Law Committee will sponsor the *Immigration Summit for the Training of Pro Bono Attorneys in the Representation of Unaccompanied Minors* which will be held at Northwestern University School of Law, 350 E. Superior, Rubloff Room 140, from 8:30am-3:00pm. This summit will train lawyers who are interested in volunteering to represent unaccompanied children in administrative deportation hearings before Department of Justice Immigration Judges. The training will focus on immigration law and remedies pertaining to children in INS custody, psychosocial and ethical issues affecting this population and special trial advocacy considerations for INS hearings. All interested attorneys are encouraged to attend. Lawyers from sites with INS detention centers are especially needed: Chicago, San Diego, Miami, El Paso, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Spokane, Los Angeles, Houston, San Francisco, and Atlanta. CLE credit will be offered.

For more information, contact Catherine Krebs at 202/547-3060, e-mail: [catherinekrebs@prodigy.net](mailto:catherinekrebs@prodigy.net).

### **National Judicial Outreach**

The Lawyers Conference Courts and Community Committee of the ABA Judicial Division invites your attendance Sunday, August 5th from 9:30-11:30am at a presentation of The Judges Network: National Judicial Outreach in Your Hometown. The program will take place during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus Hall A, Ballroom Level, East Tower. The program will focus on the need for judicial participation in efforts to promote trust and confidence in the justice system.

## **Future Events**

### **14th Annual National Workshop for Lawyer Assistance Programs**

The ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs will sponsor its annual workshop September 18 - 21, at the Albuquerque Marriott in New Mexico. The workshop gives attendees the chance to learn how to structure, maintain and expand a lawyer assistance program. Experts will provide practical advice on avoiding LAP director burnout, understanding the importance of attorney support groups, and involving women and minorities in counseling and treatment.

New this year will be an all-day, off-site retreat for LAP directors focusing on spiritual growth and connection with others. For more information, contact Donna Spilis at 312/988-5359, e-mail: [spilisd@staff.abanet.org](mailto:spilisd@staff.abanet.org)

### **Lawyer Referral Workshop**

The 2001 National Lawyer Referral Workshop will be held October 31-November 3, 2001 at the Argent Hotel in San Francisco, California. This year the workshop will feature a full day of programming specifically for California programs on Saturday, November 3, in addition to the normal Saturday morning sessions.

The workshop provides an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from across the country while enjoying one of America's premier cities. The Argent Hotel has easy access to San Francisco's best neighborhoods for arts, culture, entertainment, and shopping. Workshop brochures and registration information will be mailed in July.

## Past Events

### National Conference on Professional Responsibility

The ABA Center for Professional Responsibility's 27th annual National Conference on Professional Responsibility was held May 31-June 2 in Miami Beach, Florida. Among the topics discussed were:

- Law in the Dot Com World
- Honesty and Misrepresentation by Private and Government Lawyers
- Trial-related Ethics Issues
- The Ethics of Hourly Fees
- Ethical Guidelines for Settlement Negotiations
- Multiple and Intergenerational Representation Involving the Elderly and Their Families
- Conflicts of Interest in Patent Cases
- Appellate Ethics Issues and Global Ethics

A limited number of conference coursebooks are still available and may be ordered by contacting Brad Hoffman at 312/988-5305, e-mail: [ctprofresp@abanet.org](mailto:ctprofresp@abanet.org). The 2002 conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 30-June 1, 2002. Information on the conference will be posted at [www.abanet.org/cpr/prconf.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/prconf.html).

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## *Resources*

### SERVICES

#### Law Office Management Assistance Programs

Law office management assistance programs can be a popular and valuable service for bar associations. A planning guide for those bar executives and bar officers who wish to consider adding this member benefit has now been posted to the NABE ([www.nabenet.org](http://www.nabenet.org)) and Division for Bar Services ([www.abanet.org/barserv](http://www.abanet.org/barserv)) Web sites. The file is downloadable and also viewable online. Please feel free to distribute it to your officers, committees, and other volunteers.

#### Findlegalhelp.org Launched

A growing number of people are going online to seek legal help. To empower them to make informed decisions about addressing their legal needs on the Internet, the ABA has created [www.findlegalhelp.org](http://www.findlegalhelp.org).

The Web site offers valuable information on a variety of legal concerns, including how users can find a lawyer, obtain free legal help, work out disputes with a lawyer and decide if they can handle simple legal matters themselves.

The site contains information to help those with legal concerns find a lawyer through their local bar-sponsored lawyer referral services. Viewers can either go through the online lawyer referral directory or click through to iLawyer.com to arrange a consultation with a local lawyer. Viewers can also find a lawyer through for-profit online lawyer directories and services that match lawyers and clients listed at [www.findlegalhelp.org](http://www.findlegalhelp.org).

The site also contains information to help low-income people find free legal assistance from legal aid and pro bono programs and projects. A listing of special programs geared toward victims of domestic violence is also provided on the site, as are links to civil legal programs available to members of each branch of the military and their dependents. The Web site also contains a variety of resources designed to help people who choose to handle simple legal matters themselves. Included is information from local courts and nonprofit organizations that provide guidance and information about procedures and the use of necessary forms and documents.

## **ETHICSearch**

The Ethics Department of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility operates ETHICSearch, a research service that responds to inquiries about situations that pose ethics issues and is available to bar associations. If your bar association does not offer an ethics hotline, you are welcome to link to the ETHICSearch Web site or to offer this service to your membership.

What does ETHICSearch offer your bar association and membership?

- Experienced ABA ETHICSearch lawyers.
- Confidential ethics research that is typically free of charge.
- National scope, which can also be focused on the individual jurisdiction.
- Outsourcing to ETHICSearch lawyers thereby reducing the burden on your staff resources.
- Research lawyers who will provide citations to the authorities your member needs to understand the issues fully and resolve the problem. These authorities include:
  - Applicable ABA ethics rules.
  - Ethics opinions issued by the ABA as well as state and local bar opinions.
  - Other relevant research materials, e.g. caselaw, law review articles and treatise materials.

There is no charge for an initial consultation, or if the ETHICSearch lawyer can answer your member's question immediately. If additional research is needed or requested, an hourly rate will be charged.

- ABA members - \$45/hour
- Non-ABA members - \$60/hour

If you are interested in linking to the ETHICSearch home page, [www.abanet.org/cpr/ethicsearch/how.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/ethicsearch/how.html), or if you would like additional information about this service and how it can enhance the benefits you are currently offering your members, please contact Arthur Garwin at 312/988-5294, e-mail: [agarwin@staff.abanet.org](mailto:agarwin@staff.abanet.org) or Peter Geraghty at 312-988-5315, e-mail: [pgeraghty@staff.abanet.org](mailto:pgeraghty@staff.abanet.org)

## **Lawyer Assistance Available**

If you, a colleague, judge or law student you know is suffering from an addictive or compulsive disorder, stress, depression or other mental health problem, a service is available to you from the ABA. Just call the ABA Service Center at 800/285-2221 and ask for the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs. You will then be referred to the lawyer assistance program or committee in your area for completely confidential assistance. Or visit the Commission Web site at [www.abanet.org/cpr/colap/assistance.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/colap/assistance.html).

## **PUBLICATIONS & VIDEOS**

### *How to order:*

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To view all publication listings or order on-line, go to <http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/home.html>.

Please refer to the product code noted for each resource when ordering.

## **Minority Bar Online Directory**

The ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession is compiling a comprehensive listing of bar associations that service minority lawyers. The Commission is gathering this information from local, state, and regional minority bars, as well as minority committees within mainstream bars.

To submit your information visit the Commission's Web site, [www.abanet.org/minorities/barform.html](http://www.abanet.org/minorities/barform.html), and fill out the short Bar Contact Form. Or you can submit your association's data via e-mail. Just send the following information to [knappd@staff.abanet.org](mailto:knappd@staff.abanet.org):

- Name of association
- Association address · Type of bar association (national minority bar, local minority bar, state bar association, local bar association, or other association)
- Is the focus of this association on women?
- If this is a minority association, please indicate which group (All Minority Groups, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, Hispanic/Latino, Native Americans, Other)
- Bar association Web site address
- Bar association e-mail
- Calendar date of leadership terms

## **Standards on State Judicial Selection**

The Standards on State Judicial Selection, which apply to all selection systems, call for the use of credible, deliberative bodies to evaluate the qualifications of those seeking judicial office. The main innovation in the Standards is the model presented for Judicial Eligibility Commissions, which would bring elements of merit selection to elective systems. While the Standards reaffirm the ABA's longstanding support for merit selection as the preferred method of selection, they also offer a range of intermediate reforms to improve existing elective systems.

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