

**American Bar Association
Law Student Division
October 2009 Update**

**Entry Deadlines Quickly Approaching
2009-2010 Client Counseling Competition and
National Appellate Advocacy Competition**

Entry forms for the 2009-2010 competition season are still available. Please visit us at www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/home.html for details and eligibility requirements.

**Client Counseling Competition
Entry Deadline: October 23, 2009**

A competition promoting preventive law and counseling functions. [Tell me more](#)

**National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Entry Deadline: November 6, 2009**

A traditional moot court competition focusing on written and oral advocacy skills. [Tell me more](#)

Law Student Division Activities and Deadlines

Kaplan PMBR

Use Your ABA Membership to Receive Discounts of \$50 to \$100

Enrollment deadline to lock in your tuition: November 13, 2009

Law students can save up to \$100 on a full-service course or \$50 on the 3-Day Review Course. [Tell me more](#)

Attention 2010 Graduating Students

Bar/Bri Scholarship Deadline – November 30, 2009

Be sure to apply for your Bar/Bri scholarship today. The deadline for both the winter and summer courses is **November 30, 2009**. For eligibility requirements and an application, visit www.abanet.org/lsd/barbri.pdf.

2009-2010 Law Student Health Insurance

The ABA Law Student Division offers students an opportunity to purchase health insurance, including their spouse/domestic partner and/or children. Law students currently enrolled in the Division's health insurance plan may extend coverage for up to one year after graduation, provided there is no break in coverage and the student meets all eligibility requirements. *Note:* Insurance rates can be found on the enrollment form. [Tell me more](#)

ABA on Campus

ABA Day on Campus

Washington University School of Law (St. Louis, MO)

Multipurpose Rooms A-F, ABH

November 4, 2009 (2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Law students can receive advice on resumes, job interviews and effective networking skills during ABA Day on Campus at Washington University Law School in St. Louis.

- **Resume Review (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**
ABA attorneys experienced in hiring new lawyers will provide individual resume reviews to 1Ls. To participate, 1Ls should send an e-mail with their resume attached to [Washington University School of Law Career Services](#) and to [Jill Werner](#) at the American Bar Association.
- **Effective Interviewing and Networking Skills (4:10 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**
A panel of experienced lawyers will offer tips on effective interview and networking skills.
- **Networking Reception (5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) Crowder Courtyard**
Law students are invited to an ABA-sponsored reception to network with St. Louis-area lawyers.

ABA Day on Campus

Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)

November 18, 2009 (5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

A panel will discuss today's legal trends and how they will impact the practice of law in the future. The program will be followed by a networking reception. For more information, contact [Jill Werner](#) at the American Bar Association.

Taxation

Careers in Tax Law

The ABA Section of Taxation invites law students to join them for the following panels designed to introduce law students to legal careers in tax. Practicing tax lawyers representing private practice, the government, academia, big four accounting firms will share their stories of how they pursued their careers, pitfalls they may have encountered, and offer advice to students interested in pursuing a career in tax law. Q&A sessions conclude each panel followed by a networking reception. The following "Careers in Tax Law" panels have currently been scheduled:

- October 28 (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) Seton Hall/Rutgers-Newark Schools of Law
- October 29 (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Georgetown University Law Center
- November 5 (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) Golden Gate University Law School
- November 12 (12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.) University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- November 19 (3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Philadelphia Tax Conference

For more information about panels or to organize a *Careers in Tax*: program, visit the [ABA Section of Taxation website](#).

Science and Technology Law

Job Search Strategies for a Challenging Economy: Panel & Reception

Rutgers School of Law - Newark

November 10, 2009 (5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

RSVP to [Maria Gamboa](#) by Tuesday, November 2. [Visit the Section of Science and Technology on Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to learn about news and opportunities in science and technology law. [Tell me more](#)

Internships, Clerkships and Competitions

Children and the Law

Internship Opportunities

Internships with the ABA Center for Children and the Law are available during the school year and summer months offering the opportunity to work on significant research and projects that improve the lives of vulnerable children and youth. For more information, contact [Center Director, Howard Davidson](#). To receive Center updates and learn more about the Center's current projects, [visit the Center website](#).

COMING SOON: The ABA Center on Children and the Law Facebook page and online portal dedicated to informing current and prospective law students about hot issues in child welfare, research, career routes, internship placement opportunities, state resources, international opportunities, summer stipend information, post-graduate fellowships, workshops around the country, and a section routinely updated that spotlights child advocates (including judges and practitioners) in different arenas with interviews and insights on their experiences. For questions or to share items of interest with prospective child advocates, contact [Sunny Stevenson](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Center on Children and the Law.

Division for Public Services

2009 - 2010 Clerkships

See the [September issue of *Student Lawyer* magazine](#) for the Division for Public Service article. To be considered for a clerkship, applicants must be members in good standing (dues paid in full for the current bar year) of the ABA Law Student Division. For information about the following Public Service Clerkships and how to apply, please call 202/662-1691 or email the [ABA Division for Public Services](#).

- **Ten-week Spring/Summer Clerkship:** Open by competition, reviewed on a rolling basis and offering students entering their second or third year at an ABA-approved law school the opportunity to design and complete a legal research and writing project in substantive areas of Division concern. [Tell me more](#)
- **Fall/Winter Clerkship:** Typically involves conducting project research and writing; developing information for directories and other databases; coordinating survey development, distribution and results; or editing manuscripts for publication. Applicants may be undergraduate or law school students depending on project need. [Tell me more](#)

Taxation

Law Student Tax Challenge

Submission Deadline: November 13, 2009 (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

An alternative to traditional moot court competitions, the Law Student Tax Challenge asks two-person teams of students to solve a cutting-edge and complex business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. The competition offers motivated students a tremendous opportunity to learn more about tax law, interact with professionals in the world of tax, and earn credit while doing so. [Tell me more](#)

Entertainment and Sports Industries

12th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition

Submission deadline: January 4, 2010

Winners will be announced on January 22, 2010

Awards: First Place Winner \$5000; Four Semifinalists \$1,500 each

All winners receive: One GRAMMY Awards Show Ticket; Round Trip Airfare to the GRAMMY Awards in Los Angeles; Hotel Accommodations; and Ticket to The MusiCares Person of the Year Tribute Dinner

The ELI Essay Competition invites law students focusing on the entertainment practice to write a 3,000-word paper on a compelling legal topic facing the music industry today. The contest culminates with the winning student authors presenting their essays at the prestigious ELI luncheon on January 29, 2010. For competition rules and the ELI Writing Competition Workshops, visit the Entertainment Law Initiative page on [Facebook](#). From the Facebook homepage, search for "The Entertainment Law Initiative". Non-Facebook users should send an e-mail to eli@grammy.com for more information and instructions.

ABA Practice Entity Meetings

International Law

Fall Meeting

October 27-31, 2009 (Miami Beach)

This meeting is ideal for law students and young lawyers and features the first-ever Associates Boot Camp, as well as the traditional programming and networking opportunity. There are special discounted rates available for law students and young lawyers. The Associates Boot Camp is included in meeting registration fee; however, a special Boot Camp rate is available for those who wish to attend only that segment of the meeting. [Tell me more](#)

Environment, Energy, and Resources

Key Enforcement and Regulatory Developments in U.S. EPA Region 8

Law Student Volunteers Needed in Exchange for Free Admission

November 5-6, 2009 (Denver, CO)

Volunteer opportunities and reduced registration rates are available to law students who wish to attend the **Key Enforcement and Regulatory Developments in U.S. EPA Region 8** program. As a volunteer, your responsibilities will include assisting with some of the administrative tasks during event programming. Reduced rates are also available for law students who do not wish to volunteer. Contact [Julie Connell](#) for details. [Tell me more](#)

Antitrust Law

2009 Fall Forum

November 12-13, 2009

National Press Club (Washington, DC)

Take this opportunity to hear from the new U.S. leadership and senior international enforcers. The Fall Forum will feature a keynote address by FTC Commissioner, William E. Kovacic, as well as presentations by many other U.S. and international enforcers. [Tell me more](#)

Communications Law

Law Student Scholarship to Attend the Forum Annual Conference

January 28-30, 2010

Ocean Reef Club (Key Largo, FL)

Application Deadline: November 15, 2009

Each year, the American Bar Association Forum on Communications Law awards two or three full-ride scholarships to law students to attend the Forum Annual Conference. Hotel, airfare, ground transportation, and your registration fees (including meals) for both the Media Advocacy Workshop and the Forum Conference are all included in the scholarship. Of the three possible scholarships, one scholarship has been designated for an international student (a student who is a permanent resident of a country other than the U.S.), one for a minority student, and one scholarship will be awarded from the general pool of applicants. The scholarships are intended for those who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference. [Tell me more](#)

ABA Live Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts

Unpublished discounts to participate on ABA Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts are available to ABA Law Student Division members. For more information, [contact the ABA Center for CLE](#).

Young Lawyers Division

Anatomy of an Appeal, Part II: Persuasion

November 3, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Experienced appellate lawyers will teach you the nuances between trial and appellate court persuasion. The Judicial Division's Appellate Judges Conference is cosponsoring the Teleconference series. Contact [Lisa Gomes](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Judicial Division, for discounted rates available to ABA Law Student Division members.

[Tell me more](#)

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

General Practice 101: Avoiding Solo/Small Firm Ethical Traps

November 5, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Learn the basic concepts every lawyer needs to practice defensively, including practical approaches to avoiding and minimizing potential malpractice and conflicts of interest. Lawyers are often ill-prepared to protect themselves from would-be plaintiffs with often very predictable prospective claims. This program examines the California Rules of Professional Conduct and legal decisions that define the "Standard of Practice" as finite boundaries or "zones" within which lawyers can practice in relative safety. Take home practical tools you can use to avoid predictable and obvious obstacles. [Tell me more](#)

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General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

Networking Effectively and Ethically

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Everyone knows that networking is good for your legal career, but few attorneys make it a priority. This program focuses on how to build your network in a manner that feels comfortable for you. [Tell me more](#)

Senior Lawyees Division

Diminished Capacity: How to Recognize It and What To Do About It

December 3, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

This teleconference and integrated visual webcast will provide you with the tools to objectively make preliminary assessments of capacity and undue influence, while balancing the competing goals of preserving autonomy and protecting vulnerable individuals. Participants will have online access to *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. [Tell me more](#)

Business Law

Ethics Basics for Business Lawyers

December 5, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

The application of legal ethics rules to the business practice can be complex and bewildering even to experts. This program is designed to assist good business lawyers who have little time or inclination to study the ethics rules to spot issues and seek help where appropriate. [Tell me more](#)

Family Law

"The Love Bug" and Other Ethical Issues Arising from the Use of Technological Tools

December 9, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Panelists will address ethical issues that arise from the increasing use of technological tools by family law attorneys and litigants, including issues that arise from the use of spyware on computers, metadata, electronic surveillance, recording devices, and website advertising. [Tell me more](#)

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

The Six Systems Every Law Firm Owner Needs for More Freedom, More Money and More Happy Clients

December 10, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Alexis Martin Neeley will share the trials, tribulations and rewards of growing her practice from scratch into a million-dollar-a-year law business in just a few years. Every solo, small firm and family practitioner can also follow her proven blueprint for success that she developed and has now successfully taught to over 150 other lawyers. [Tell me more](#)

CLE Now!

[Free CLE](#) is now accessible to ABA Law Student Division members. Programs are digital downloads that you can access at your convenience. [Visit the ABA website](#) for a complete list of ABA CLE, including Live Teleconferences and Audio Web casts.

Other Items of Interest

Domestic Violence

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Conduct a used cell phone and accessories drive at your law school

Verizon will supply the collection boxes, posters and brochures about their program to refurbish and supply victims of domestic violence with working cell phones they can use to contact police and stay safe. [Tell me more about the Verizon Hopeline program](#) For more information about the Commission, contact [AnnMichelle Hart](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence.

Also, visit the [ABA Commission on Domestic Violence website](#) for information on their November 14 meeting in Washington, D.C. The Commission will be discussing legislative initiatives including how to adequately support the re-enactment of the VAWA Act (Violence Against Women's Act) which is due to expire in 2011.

Mental and Physical Disability Law

Now on Twitter

Be sure to follow the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disabilities Law on [Twitter](#) to get updates, links, and news that matters to you and your career!

Women in the Profession

Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award

Now Available Online - Video from the 2009 Awards Luncheon

Video introductions and acceptance remarks of the 2009 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award honorees. [View these videos \(and read the honorees' bios\)](#). If you wish to receive a DVD containing video footage of the entire luncheon (for a nominal \$5 charge for shipping/handling), please contact the [ABA Commission on Women in the Profession](#) or call the Commission at 312/988-5715.