How the ABA Works and How You Can Make the ABA Work For You

2019 SOC Fall Leadership Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Friday, September 13, 2019 – 10:30am to 11:30am

Panelists:
- Alpha M. Brady, ABA Senior Executive Director and Chief Governance Officer
- Amy Eggert, ABA Chief of Staff and Senior Manager for the Center for Member Practice Groups
- William W. Horton, Delegate, ABA Health Law Section

Moderator:
- Thomas L. Rosenberg, Immediate Past Chair, ABA Forum on Construction Law

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Structure of the American Bar Association
Pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws

ABA Membership
369,726

House of Delegates
566 Members

Officers and Board of Governors
49 Members

Committees of the Board of Governors
Executive Committee
Executive Compensation Committee
Board Responsibility and Orientation
Non-Dues Revenue
Operations and Communications
Program, Evaluation and Planning Committee
Finance Committee
Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces

House Committees
Advisory Committee to the Chair
Credentials and Admissions
Delegate Involvement
Drafting Policies & Procedures
Issues of Concern to the Legal Profession
Nominating Committee
Resolution & Impact Review
Rules & Calendar
Select Committee
Scope & Correlation of Work
Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee
Technology & Communications
Tellers
Conference Groups

Standing Committees (38)
Advisory Committees

Special Committees and Commissions (27)
Advisory Committees
Steering Committees
Task Forces and Boards

Sections (22)
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Forums (6)
ABA Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is authorized by the Constitution to act on behalf of the Association between meetings of the House of Delegates, not inconsistently with any action taken by the House.

About the Board Members

The Board is currently comprised of 43 members including 19 district representatives, 18 members-at-large, and the following 6 officers who serve as ex officio: President, President-Elect, Chair of the House; Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. See the Full Board and read their bios.
Board of Governors - Districts

ABA Leadership

States comprising the Districts represented by the members of the Board of Governors are as follows:

District 1: Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire
District 2: Michigan, Massachusetts
District 3: New Jersey, Pennsylvania
District 4: Virginia, District of Columbia
District 5: Kentucky, Alabama, North Carolina
District 6: Georgia, Maryland
District 7: Ohio, Illinois
District 8: Florida, Texas
District 9: Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin
District 10: Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota
District 11: Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma
District 12: Tennessee, Kansas, Louisiana
District 13: Montana, Alaska, New Mexico, Puerto Rico
District 14: California
District 15: New York
District 16: Delaware, Mississippi, West Virginia, Arkansas
District 17: Utah, Hawaii, Nevada, Idaho
District 18: Washington, Indiana, Connecticut
District 19: Iowa, Oregon, South Carolina
**Review of Representative Rotation on the ABA Board of Governors and the ABA Nominating Committee**

The current rotation on the Board of Governors was approved by the Section Officers Conference (SOC) on October 2, 2015:

**At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in:**

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*As a result of the 2015 ABA Decennial Review, the number of section members-at-large on the Board of Governors increased from six (6) to nine (9). At the 2015 ABA Annual Meeting, an amendment was made to §26.1 (c) of the ABA Bylaws to include the following language regarding terms and election: “In 2016, one section member-at-large shall be elected for a one-year term, one section member-at-large shall be elected for a two-year term, and one section member-at-large shall be elected for a three-year term. At the end of those respective terms, and in each succeeding third year, a section member-at-large shall be elected for a term of three Association years.” Section, Division, and Forum Chairs voted to conduct a drawing for the 1- and 2-year partial terms. The results of the drawing were:*

^The Criminal Justice Section will serve a one-year partial term, which will begin at the conclusion of the 2016 ABA Annual Meeting.

#The Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law will serve a two-year term, which will begin at the conclusion of the 2016 ABA Annual Meeting.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Judy Perry Martinez  President
Patricia Lee Refo  President-elect
William R. Bay  Chair of the House of Delegates
Mary L. Smith  Secretary
Michelle A. Behnke  Treasurer
Kevin L. Shepherd  Chair, Finance
Lynne B. Barr  Chair, Member Services
Hon. Frank J. Bailey  Chair, Profession, Public Service and Diversity

FINANCE
(22) Kevin L. Shepherd  Chair/Treasurer-elect
(20) Michelle A. Behnke  Treasurer
(20) Robert M. Carlson  Immediate Past President
(20) Allen C. Goolsby
(20) W. Anthony Jenkins
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(21) Michele Wong Krause
(22) Christine Hayes Hickey
(22) James Holmes
(20) Michaela Posner
(22) Laura Sharp
**Meeting Sites and Deadline Dates for 2019-2020 Meetings of the Board of Governors**

Listed below are the dates and sites for the remainder of 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Board of Governors and Board Committee meetings. Also listed are deadline dates for the submission of items to be included in the Board and Committee agendas.

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**House of Delegates Deadlines**

Listed below are the deadline dates for submission of Resolutions with Reports and Informational Reports to the House of Delegates for the 2019 Annual Meeting and the 2020 Midyear and Annual Meetings.

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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS
HISPANIC COMMISSION
COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY
LEGAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY
COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION

COUNCIL FOR RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE
COALITION ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC JUSTICE
2019-2022

Board of Governors Liaison Assignments List

Mark H. Alcott
Tort Trial and Insurance Practice
Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs

Lynn M. Allingham
Section of Intellectual Property Law
Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight

Hon. Frank J. Bailey
National Conference of Federal Trial Judges
Forum on Franchising
Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law

Lynne B. Barr
Senior Lawyers Division
Diversity and Inclusion Center
Commission on Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts

William Bay
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

Michelle A. Behnke
American Bar Association Retirement Fund
Standing Committee on Audit

Tom Bolt
Section of Environment Energy Resources
(JD) National Conference Specialized Court Judges
Standing Committee on Law Library of Congress
Council of The Fund for Justice and Education

David L. Brown
(JD) Appellate Judges Conference
Standing Committee on Gun Violence
Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability

Michael H. Byowitz
Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
Standing Committee on Membership
Death Penalty Due Process Review Project

David W. Clark
Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Standing Committee on Public Education
Robert M. Carlson
Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services

Lee A. DeHihns
Section of Dispute Resolution
Center for Human Rights
Standing Committee on Group and Prepaid Legal Services

Andrew J. Demetriou
(JD) National Conference of State Trial Judges
Section of Science and Technology
Coordination Council – Center for Professional Responsibility

Michael W. Drumke
Section of Labor and Employment Law
Standing Committee on Election Law

James M. Durant III
Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law
Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness

Charles E. English, Jr.
Forum on Construction Law
Section of State and Local Government Law

H. Russell Frisby, Jr.
Innovation Center
Section on Infrastructure and Regulated Industries

Bonnie E. Fought
Section of Business Law
Commission on Immigration

Patrick G. Goetzinger
Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Services
Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service
Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence

Rew Goodenow
Section of Antitrust Law
Standing Committee on Professionalism

Allen C. Goolsby
Section of Taxation
National Conference of Lawyers and Certified Public Accountants
Cybersecurity Legal Task Force
Sheena R. Hamilton  
Section of Public Contract Law  
Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel

Christine Hays Hickey  
Law Student Division  
Center on Children and the Law  
(JD) National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary

Susan M. Holden  
Law Practice Division  
Standing Committee on Law and National Security  
Standing Committee on the American Justice System

W. Anthony Jenkins  
Commission on Youth at Risk  
Council on Racial/Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline  
Special Committee on Death Penalty Representation

James Holmes  
(JD) Lawyers Conference  
Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel  
Standing Committee on Paralegals

Hon. Eileen A. Kato  
Section of International Law  
Special Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity  
Standing Committee on Client Protection

Frank H. Langrock  
Section of Criminal Justice  
Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants  
Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services

Myles V. Lynk  
Government and Public-Sector Lawyers Division  
Special Committee on Rule of Law Initiatives

Lynn Fontaine Newsom  
Judicial Division  
Standing Committee on Specialization  
Commission on American Jury

Randall D. Noel  
Section of Litigation  
Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education
C. Edward Rawl, Jr.
Young Lawyers Division
Standing Committee on Technology and Information Systems

Michaela Posner
Law Student Division

Beverly J. Quail
Commission on Disability Rights
Commission on Women in the Profession

Laura Sharp
Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries
Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division

Kevin L. Shepherd
American Bar Association Retirement Fund
Standing Committee on Audit

Charles J. Vigil
Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Standing Committee on Professional Discipline

Howard T. Wall, III
Section on Health Law
Commission on Law and Aging
Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice

William Weisenberg
Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs
Section of Family Law
Coalition for Racial and Ethnic Justice

Stephen Wermiel
Forum on Communications Law
Standing Committee on Gavel Awards
Forum on Air and Space Law

Michele Wong Krause
Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
Commission on Homelessness and Poverty
Commission on Hispanic Rights and Responsibilities
2019-2020 List of Committees

ABA Board of Governors' Committees

19th Amendment, Commission on the
ABA Fund for Justice and Education
ABA Representatives and Observers to the United Nations Committee
Building Public Trust in the American Justice System, Working Group on Cybersecurity Legal Task Force
Editorial Board ABA/BNA Lawyers’ Manual on Professional Conduct
Future of Legal Education, Commission on the
Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession Task Force
Innovation Governing Council, Center for
  Innovation Governing Council, Advisory Committee
Legal Opportunity Scholarship Committee
Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fundraising Committee
Unaccompanied Minor Immigrants, Working Group on

Standing Committees

Amicus Curiae Briefs
Armed Forces Law
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Bar Activities and Services
Constitution and Bylaws
Continuing Legal Education
Delivery of Legal Services
Disaster Response and Preparedness
Election Law
  Election Law Advisory Commission
Ethics and Professional Responsibility
  Ethics and Professional Responsibility Judges' Advisory Committee
Federal Judiciary
Gavel Awards
Group and Prepaid Legal Services
Gun Violence
  Gun Violence Advisory Committee
International Trade in Legal Services Task Force
Law and National Security
  Law and National Security Advisory Committee
Law Library of Congress
Law Library of Congress Advisory Committee
Lawyer Referral and Information Service
Lawyers' Professional Liability
Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
Legal Assistance for Military Personnel
Meetings and Travel
Membership
National Conference of Lawyers and Certified Public Accountants
Paralegals
   Paralegals Approval Commission
Pro Bono and Public Service
Professional Regulation
Professionalism
Public Education
   Public Education, Advisory Commission
Publishing Oversight
Public Protection in the Provision of Legal Services
Specialization
Technology and Information Systems

Special Committees

Africa Law Initiative Council
American Jury, Commission on the [Chair Only]
Annual Meeting Program Planning
Asia Law Initiative Council
Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative
Death Penalty Representation
Disability Rights, Commission on
Diversity and Inclusion Center [Chair Only]
Domestic and Sexual Violence, Commission on
Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities
Homelessness and Poverty, Commission on
Human Rights, Center for
   Human Rights Advisory Council
Immigration, Commission on
   Immigration Advisory Committee
Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts, Commission on
Latin America and Caribbean Law Initiative Council
Law and Aging, Commission on
Lawyer Assistance Programs, Commission on
   Lawyer Assistance Programs Advisory Commission
Middle East and North Africa Law Initiative
Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, Council for
Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, Commission on
Racial and Ethnic Justice, Coalition on Rule of Law Initiative
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Commission on Women in the Profession, Commission on Youth at Risk, Commission on Youth at Risk Advisory Commission

Section Committee

Death Penalty Due Process Review Project
(Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice)
2019-2020 Presidential Nominations FAQ

Does my ABA profile impact my ability to effectively participate in the appointments process?

All participants must verify that their myABA profile is up to date with current contact information, demographic, and practice area details prior to getting started with the appointments process. It is important that you fill in gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability information since the Appointments Committee will want to have this information. Visit myABA to update your profile.

Before I begin the nomination process, where can I find information about the various committees?

Committee information is located at List of Committees on this webpage. Click on a specific committee to view its webpage or jurisdictional statement.

Do I need to know if the committee of interest is a Standing, Special, Board of Governors or a Section Committee?

Yes. In the nominations system, committees are grouped as follows: 1) Board of Governors Committees; 2) Special Committees and Commissions; 3) Standing Committees; or 4) Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice Committee. Before proceeding to the committee application, please refer to the List of Committees to determine the entity under which your committee falls.

What are the terms on special committees, commissions and task forces?

Terms on special committees are one year with the possibility of continuing for two additional years. As such, each year you will need to complete an application if you have only served one or two years. Presidents-elect stick tightly to the “three-year-and out” rule on all committees so that other talented people have an opportunity to serve.

I am an ABA member and I want to nominate someone else for a Presidential Committee Appointment. How do I find their name in the application system?

From the online nomination process, nominators will be able to search for existing ABA members as well as non-members who have a customer record. Visit the Step-by-Step Guide for more information. Please note: Before nominating someone else, please make sure they are willing to serve.
What nomination options do I have as a non-member? Or what if I am a member interested in nominating a non-member?

Non-members interested in applying for an appointment or members interested in nominating non-members, please contact Danielle Norwood for instructions, Danielle.norwood@americanbar.org. You will not be able to complete an application through the normal process at this time. Please note that you must be an active ABA member to serve on Presidential Committees. The only exception is for service on Commissions. You may join the ABA at any time by visiting https://www.americanbar.org/auth/register.

Where do I list current and/or previous service on a Presidential Committee or in an ABA Section?

Participants should provide additional detail within the statement of interest field located within the on-line nominations form. Please use this field to highlight your ABA service.

Is there a time limit to complete a nomination?

Once you begin the process, you will have approximately 30 minutes to complete your nomination. If this timeframe is exceeded the system may time out and cause errors. Prior to proceeding, we suggest that you draft your statement of interest in a word processing application and paste it into the area provided.

Are you requiring a resume or other supplemental material within my application?

No. In fact, we ask that you do not attach a resume or supplemental materials since the Appointments Committee will only review the statement of interest area on the nominations form. Please highlight relevant prior experience, bar service, all known prior presidential appointments, and prior service on the committee for which you are applying or nominating someone for. Please also include information on civic service in the community outside the organized bar, if relevant. Any attachments to nominations within the process will not be considered within the review.

If I am applying for more than one committee, is there a way to convey priority interest?

Please use your Statement of Interest to indicate rank order of preference if you are applying for a position on more than one committee.
How will I know if my nomination is submitted successfully?

You will be brought to a “Thank You” page to indicate your submission was successful. Shortly afterward, you should also receive an email confirmation. If you nominated someone else, please forward a copy of the email confirmation to your nominee for his/her records.