



People

National Bars

Hispanic National Bar Association

Antonio "Tony" Arocho is the new executive director.

State Bars

District of Columbia Bar

Assistant executive director **Charlie Lorenzetti** has resigned after 20 years with the bar.

The Florida Bar

Summer Hall has replaced **Toyca Williams** as director of Bar Services.

State Bar of Michigan

Janet Welch has been named interim executive director.

Anne M. Vrooman is the new director of Research and Development.

State Bar of Pennsylvania

Michelle Shuker is the new director of County Bar Services.

State Bar of Wisconsin

Lisa Roys is the new Public Affairs director.

Bill Connors is the new Continuing Legal Education director.

Jan Wood has replaced **Betty Braden** as Member Services director. Wood had been the bar's Member Services manager.

Local Bars

Northwest Suburban Bar (IL)

M. Lise Jinno is the new executive director.

News

ABA Releases Proposed Revisions to Model Judicial Code

An ABA commission has released its final proposal to revise the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The proposal, three years in the making, features more explicit guidelines for judicial conduct, especially during election years. Mark Harrison, chair of the commission that created the proposal, says it "provides guidance...about how we select judges, how courts function...and our expectations of how judges must preserve the independence, impartiality, and integrity of the bench."

The complete proposal is online [here](#). It will be presented to the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates at its midyear meeting in February.

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Lifehacker](#)

Take control of both your real and virtual life with this fun and helpful blog, which dispenses how-to advice on everything from managing email and iTunes playlists to cleaning your closet and, of course, making a boomerang.

- *Elizabeth Derrico*

BAI FACT

15% of states mandate reporting of pro bono hours by attorneys. **78%** of state bars and **25%** of local bars have aspirational goals for the number of pro bono hours attorneys should provide annually.

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

The November edition of [Legal Services Now](#), newsletter of the ABA Division for Legal Services, is now online.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1/29 – 1/30/07

[Consumer Protection Conference](#)

Washington, DC | Georgetown University Law Center
Contact: [Patricia Harris](#)

2/6 – 2/8/07

[National Association of Bar Executives Midyear Meeting](#)

Miami, FL | Hyatt Regency
Contact: [Maria Johnson](#)

2/8 – 2/10/07

[National Conference of Bar Presidents Midyear Meeting](#)

Miami, FL | Hyatt Regency

2/8 – 2/10/07

[National Conference of Bar Foundations Midyear Meeting](#)

Miami, FL | Hyatt Regency

2/12/07

[ABA Center for Human Rights Annual Luncheon](#)

San Francisco, CA

News, cont'd

BLI 07 to Get Early Start

The ABA Division for Bar Services has announced that, in a change from recent years, its next Bar Leadership Institute (BLI) will begin in the morning instead of starting with lunch. The [2007 BLI](#) will start Thursday, March 15, with a continental breakfast followed by opening remarks and programming. Associate Director Pamela Robinson, who manages the conference, says that though the changes will mean earlier arrivals for attendees, "the added time on Thursday will allow for greater choices...and more opportunities for participant discussion and exchange."

More than 300 bar officers and executives are expected to attend the BLI, to be held March 15-17 at the Downtown Marriott in Chicago. Executive directors and presidents-elect will receive a notice later this month with registration and hotel information.

Awards

Past Bar Presidents Among Winners of ABA Diversity Award

Former bar presidents Art Jaramillo (State Bar of New Mexico), Paulette Brown (National Bar Association), and Paul Lee (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) are among seven winners of the ABA's Spirit of Excellence Awards, which recognize lawyers who promote racial diversity in the profession.

The three will be honored at a ceremony at the ABA 2007 Midyear Meeting in San Francisco, along with Wal-Mart Vice President and General Counsel Thomas Mars, former Transportation Secretary William Coleman Jr., former Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice William Richardson, and former U.S. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Joseph Hatchett.

For more about the awards, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Gambrell Awards

The ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism is accepting nominations for its 2007 E. Smythe Gambrell Awards. The awards recognize projects sponsored by bar associations and other law-related organizations that increase lawyers' understanding of professionalism, including those that help lawyers build practice management skills.

Up to three winners will receive the \$3,500 award, which will be presented at the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The application deadline is **March 30, 2007**. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

Nominations Being Accepted for Literacy Award

The ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse is accepting nominations for the Scripps Howard Foundation-American Bar Association Distinguished Service to Literacy Award. The award honors a program, bar association, or lawyer that has made exceptional efforts to address literacy, truancy, and substance abuse in a community. It includes a \$5,000 stipend for a literacy program chosen by the recipient.

Nominations for the award are due **December 1, 2006**. For more information, contact Valerie A. Adelson at (202) 662-1784, adelsonv@staff.abanet.org.

Nomination Period Opens for 2007 Brent Awards

The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is accepting nominations for the 17th Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards. The awards will be presented at a luncheon on Sunday, August 5, 2007 during the

UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/11 – 4/14/07

[Section of Litigation Annual Conference](#)

San Antonio, TX | Marriott Rivercenter

Contact: [Emily O'Keefe](#)

9/13 – 9/15/07

[West Virginia Bar Association's 121st Annual Meeting](#)

The Homestead | Hot Springs, VA

10/11 – 10/13/07

2007 New England Bar Meeting
Bartlett, NH | Grand Summit
Resort Hotel

Contact: [Denice DeStefano](#)

Awards, cont'd

ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

The nomination deadline is **Monday, November 27, 2006**. To nominate a candidate already nominated in a previous year, send only a letter noting the re-nomination and updated supporting material.

Nomination Period Opens for Judicial Internships

The ABA Section of Litigation is accepting applications for its summer 2007 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP). The program places minority and financially disadvantaged attorneys as interns for federal and state judges and encourages them to seek judicial clerkships after graduating law school. Interns receive a \$1,500 stipend and work at least six weeks full-time. More than 500 students have participated.

The program application deadline is **January 12, 2007**. Click [here](#) for more.

Resources

ABA Creates Free Legal Services Directory

The ABA Commission on Immigration has published an online national [directory](#) of free and low-cost immigration legal service providers. The directory is part of the commission's effort to increase pro bono access for poor immigrants and asylum seekers. A hard copy version is expected later this year. To add unlisted organizations, contact the commission at (202) 662-1005 or immcenter@abanet.org.

ABA Publishes Guides for Public

The ABA Division for Public Education has collaborated with publishing giant Random House to produce a series of legal guides to major life events. The books are written in lay terms and cover events such as marriage, home renovation, applying for a job, and retirement. All books in the series are available in the [ABA Web store](#) and bookstores nationwide.

Free copies of each book are available for review in local and state bar journals. Contact Katie Fraser at fraserk@staff.abanet.org. See this issue's "Publications" section for the most recently released guides.

ABA Launches Fast-Track Program For Women Lawyers

ABA President and business lawyer Karen Mathis is launching a program to increase the number of women lawyers in U.S. corporations. The program, DirectWomen, will center on an annual, invitation-only conference. Nomination forms for the conference will be available in mid-November. For additional information, contact Sue Daly at (312) 988-6244, suedaly@staff.abanet.org, or go to www.directwomen.org.

Publications

Each publication listed, unless otherwise noted, can be ordered from the [ABA Web store](#), or by calling the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and referencing its product code. Click any cover to be taken to that publication's Web store page.



Best of Best Projects

Publisher: Division for Bar Services

Price: \$18

Order: www.abanet.org/barserv/bebop.html

Features

- 32 of the best bar projects from the past 20 years
- Diverse selection of bars
- Inside information on how each program was created
- Practical advice to help you adapt them to your bar

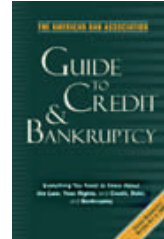
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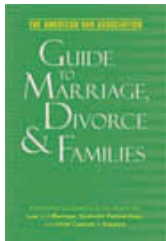
Manual of Legislative Techniques

Publisher: NABE Government Relations Section
Order: Contact Rita Aguilar (aguilarr@staff.abanet.org)



ABA Guide to Credit & Bankruptcy

Publisher: Division for Public Education
Price: \$16.95
Product code: 2350044



ABA Guide to Marriage, Divorce, & Families

Publisher: Division for Public Education
Price: \$16.95
Product code: 2350223



ABA Guide to Workplace Law

Publisher: Division for Public Education
Price: \$16.95
Product code: 2350225



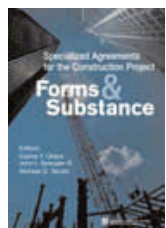
ABA Legal Guide for Americans Over 50

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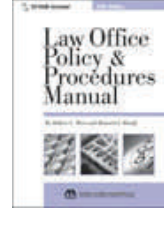
ABA Legal Guide to Home Renovation

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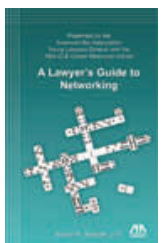
Forms and Substance: Specialized Agreements for the Construction Project

Publisher: Forum on the Construction Industry
Price: \$229
Product code: 5570098



Law Office Policy & Procedures Manual, 5th Edition

Publisher: Law Practice Management Section
Price: \$129.95
Product code: 5110565



A Lawyer's Guide to Networking

By Susan R. Sneider
Publisher: Career Resource Center/Young Lawyers Division
Price: \$29.95
Product code: CEV06LGNB



Leapholes

By James Grippando
Publisher: Criminal Justice Section
Price: \$15.95
Product code: 5090104



Model Joint Venture Agreement with Commentary

Publisher: Section of Business Law
Price: \$179.95
Product code: 5070492PBD



The Negotiator's Fieldbook

Publisher: Section of Dispute Resolution
Price: \$79.95
Product code: 4740062

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the Legal Profession
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