



People

National Bars

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Norman Reimer is the new executive director. Reimer is a former president of the New York County Lawyers' Association.

State Bars

Arkansas Bar

Executive Director **Don Hollingsworth** will retire July 1, 2007, after more than ten years in the position.

State Bar of Nevada

Kim Farmer is the new executive director.

Local Bars

San Bernardino County Bar Association

Claire Furness is the new executive director.

Maricopa County Bar (AZ)

Bar veteran **Allen Kimbrough** is the new executive director.

Pima County Bar Association (AZ)

Susan Trentham, Ph.D. is the new executive director.

McHenry County Bar Association (IL)

Amy Adams has resigned as executive director.

Louisville Bar Association (KY)

Bill Schneider has been named interim executive director.

Onondaga County Bar (NY)

Christine Gray has replaced **Helen Druce** as executive director.

News

BLI Early Registration Deadline Approaches

Early registration for the 2007 BLI ends this **Friday, January 12**. Read the [program outline](#), then [register](#) to get the \$50 early bird discount.

ABA Committee Backs Legal Services Rule

The ABA's Standing Committee on Client Protection has filed a resolution recommending the association adopt a new rule on legal practice in the wake of a major disaster. The rule addresses pro bono legal services by out-of-state lawyers in areas affected by a major disaster, and out-of-state practice by lawyers whose practices are disrupted by a disaster. The ABA's policy-making House of

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Freakonomics](#) | You've read the book, now read the blog. *Freakonomics* authors Stephen J. Dubner and Steven D. Levitt have taken their insights on the dismal science to the blogosphere, delivering analysis that often turns conventional wisdom on its head.

Elizabeth Derrico

BAI FACT

87% of state bars and **44%** of local bars produce electronic newsletters (separate from print publications). **87%** of state bars and **64%** of local bars also post their print publications on their Web site.

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

The January 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](#)

Miami, FL | Hyatt Regency Miami
Contact: [Beverly Curd](#)

News, cont'd

Delegates will vote on the rule this February at its 2007 Midyear Meeting in Miami.

ABA Commission Issues Final Report on Judicial Code

The ABA's Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct has filed its final Report with Recommendations to the association's House of Delegates for consideration at the Midyear Meeting in Miami. The full report is [here](#).

ABA Committee Tackles Conditional Admission

A subcommittee of the ABA Committee on Lawyer Assistance Programs is drafting a model rule addressing conditional bar admission based on mental treatment history. The committee plans to send its final draft by April to all ABA entities for sponsorship.

Mathis Takes Stand on Judicial Pay Increases

ABA President Karen Mathis has written an op-ed supporting judicial pay increases. Read it [here](#).

Specter Moves Forward with Attorney-Client Bill

Senator Arlen Specter has reintroduced his "Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act" as S. 186. In statements released [December 7](#) and [December 12](#) of 2006, ABA President Karen Mathis expressed the association's support for the legislation, describing it in the former as "critically important to our nation's economic and legal health." For more on the ABA's position on the act and preservation of the attorney-client privilege, click [here](#).

Awards

Pro Bono Publico Awards

The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service is now accepting nominations for its 2007 Pro Bono Publico Awards. Five awards will be presented to lawyers and institutions in the legal profession that have shown outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. The committee is encouraging nominations of women lawyers and lawyers of color.

The nomination deadline is **Friday, February 9, 2007**. The awards will be presented during the ABA Annual Meeting on August 13 in San Francisco. For more on the awards, including the nomination form, click [here](#).

Environmental Law Award

The ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources are accepting nominations for the 2007 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy. This year's award will focus on contributions and creative approaches to environmental law and policy in the areas of global climate change and renewable energy. It will be presented to one person and one organization at the ABA 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Click [here](#) for more on the award, including nomination materials. The nomination deadline is **Friday, March 30, 2007**.

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'

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

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 **Friday, March 30, 2007**. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

Harrison Tweed Award

The ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association are now accepting nominations for the 2007 Harrison Tweed Award. The award, created in 1956, recognizes state and local bar associations that create or expand programs that increase legal services access for the poor.

The award will be presented in August at the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, for projects that provided significant services between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007. The nomination deadline is **Monday, April 2, 2007**. For more on the award, click [here](#) or call Janice Jones at (312) 988-5767.

Resources

Directory of Bar Senior Lawyer Groups

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division is revising its online *Directory of Senior Lawyers Groups*. The directory lists bar association senior lawyer group contact information, activities, publications, and services. Click [here](#) for the current directory in PDF form. To update your bar's listing, call (312) 988-5565. The updated directory will be published in January.

Electronic Discovery Resource Page

The ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center has created a [resource page on electronic discovery](#). The page includes link to articles, vendors, publications, and Web sites.

Free Monthly Tips on Client Development and Leadership

Colorado-based [David Freeman Consulting Group](#) is offering free [client development](#) and [leadership](#) "Tips of the Month" for bars to include in their member communications. To be added to the monthly tip distribution list, contact David Freeman at dfreeman@davidfreemanconsulting.com or (303) 448-0757.

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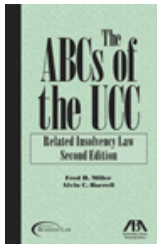
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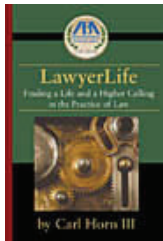
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