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News

2008 Law Day Theme Chosen

The ABA Division of Public Education has announced *The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity* as the theme for Law Day 2008, the 50th anniversary of the celebration. The theme will emphasize the law's daily effect on Americans. Click [here](#) for more on Law Day 2008, including the brochure.

ABA Looks to Spread Disaster Rule

The ABA is petitioning states to implement its [Model Court Rule on Provision of Legal Services Following Determination of Major Disaster](#), adopted in February 2007. The rule allows out-of-state lawyers to provide pro bono to citizens in disaster-stricken states, and for lawyers from such states to practice temporarily in other states. The rule was prompted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which devastated parts of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi in summer 2005, disrupting those states' legal systems.

For a chart of states that have already adopted and are considering adopting the rule, click [here](#). For questions about the rule, contact [John Holtaway](#).

ABA HOD Approves Disaster Principles

At its 2007 Annual Meeting last month, the ABA House of Delegates adopted its Section of Litigation's *Principles for the Rule of Law in Times of Calamity*, 12 axioms to guide the justice system during a disaster. To read the principles with commentary, click [here](#).

New Study Addresses Aging Lawyers

The National Organization of Bar Counsel and the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers have released a joint study and report examining the effectiveness of traditional attorney discipline on aging lawyers. The [85-page PDF report](#) includes recommended 'best practices,' most of them bar-association focused, to protect the public while preserving the dignity of age-impaired lawyers. For a summary of the report's recommendations, read the news release linked to from the [NOBC home page](#).

Cleveland Bars Plan Merger

Crain's Cleveland Business reports that the boards of the Cleveland Bar Association and Cuyahoga County Bar Association have voted to unify. The memberships of both groups still must approve the agreement.

ABA Launches Initiative for Immigrants

The ABA is launching a pro bono immigration pilot project in San Diego. The project will train volunteer attorneys and law students to assist detained and non-detained immigrants and asylum seekers. The project also aims to educate potential victims of "notarios," predators prevalent in San Diego who fraudulently offer legal assistance to immigrants.

For more on the project, contact [Irena Lieberman](#).

ABA Groups Come to Rescue of Legal Victims

The ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection, in partnership with the ABA Commission on Law and Aging, is establishing a pilot program for defrauded legal clients. The program will assign retired lawyers to clients victimized by dishonest lawyers. The retired lawyers will work pro bono to help the clients recover legal fees and resolve their original legal matter.

Texas Bar Gets Personal

The State Bar of Texas has launched [TexasBarCircle](#), a social networking site for members.

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Awards

KCBA Wins Silver Gavel

Seattle's King County Bar Association has been awarded the ABA's 2007 Silver Gavel Award in the New Media category. The bar was honored for [www.votingforjudges.org](#), which provides information on Washington State judicial candidates. Other winners included The Boston Globe, National Public Radio, and Court TV. For more on the awards, including a complete list of winners, click [here](#).

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Resources

ABA Commission Helps States Adapt Health Care Guide

The Commission on Law and Aging is helping state bar associations adapt its Health Care Proxy Guide for their states. Maryland, North Dakota, and New Hampshire have already adapted the guide. For more information, contact [Erica](#)

[Wood](#).

Revamped ABA Journal Web Site

The ABA Journal has re-launched its Web site, [www.abajournal.com](#). The enhanced site is free to ABA members and non-members and includes a daily e-mail newsletter, continuously updated legal news stories, a blawg (or, legal blog) directory, and journal articles dating back to 1995.

Guide to Building a Web Site

The Legal Technology Resource Center has released a new, free guide for legal organizations looking to build (or rebuild) their Web sites. The guide, FYI: Starting a Web Site, provides a broad overview of the process of building a Web site and step-by-step instructions.

Public Ed Division Offers Free Constitution Day Posters

The ABA Division of Public Education is offering free posters promoting Constitution Day on September 17. Bar

associations can order the posters to distribute to area schools, many of which are required to hold Constitution Day programs. To order, send a message to [Colleen Danz](#) noting the number needed. For more on this year's Constitution Day, click [here](#).

Web Tools for the Technologically Challenged

[Site-tation](#), newsletter of the ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center, covers Web sites and Web tools, technology news, and anything that relates to law practice technology. Subscribe via RSS to get the news as it happens, or to get a monthly compilation newsletter.

For Your Members

Criminal Justice Updates

The Criminal Justice Section provides legislative updates on major legislation such as prisoner reentry, federal sentencing guidelines, indigent defense funding, court security, and juvenile justice. For the latest update, click [here](#).

Career Resource Podcasts

The ABA [Career Resource Podcast](#) features career tips from national leaders in the legal profession. Released the first Thursday of each month, each edition provides advice to help lawyers distinguish themselves professionally.

Wills for Heroes

The ABA Young Lawyers Division has announced it has chosen the *Wills for Heroes*® program as its public service project for 2007-08. The program provides free wills, healthcare, and financial powers of attorney to emergency "first responders" – firefighters, police officers, and other public safety personnel – and their partners. During the year the YLD will encourage its affiliates and members to promote the program to first responders in their area. For more on the program, including how to implement one, click [here](#).

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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 publication cover to open its Web store page.

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Blog of the Month

Dues Survey Fact

Legal Services Now

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

Clearinghouse Item of the Month

[Campaigning for an Independent Judiciary](#)

Author: *The Schapiro Group*

Entity: *State Bar of Georgia*

This report on effective judicial independence campaigns contains the results of a scientific survey of 400 Georgia voters.

Upcoming Meetings

10/3 - 10/5/07

[Running for Office](#)

ABA Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
Cambridge/Boston, MA
Harvard Law School
Contact: [Nicole Martinez](#)

10/4 - 10/6/07

ABA YLD Fall Conference
Charlotte, NC
Charlotte Marriott City Center
Contact: [Cindy Galvan](#)

10/6/07

[Young Bar Leader Summit](#)

ABA Young Lawyers Division
Charlotte, NC
Charlotte Marriott City Center
Contact: yld@americanbar.org

10/10 - 10/13/07

NABE Communications Section Workshop
Philadelphia, PA
Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia
Contact: [Mark Tarasiewicz](#)

11/2/07

[ABA Criminal Justice Section Fall Conference](#) Washington, D.C.
George Washington University, Marvin Center
Contact: [Robert Snoddy](#)

11/7 - 11/9/07

[Women in Law Leadership Academy](#)

Chicago, IL
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
Contact: [ABA Commission on Women](#)

11/8 - 11/9/07

[LPM Law Firm Marketing Strategies Conference](#)

Washington, DC
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Contact: [Jasamyn Benedict](#)

11/14 - 11/16/07

NABE Government Relations Section
State Legislative Workshop
Raleigh, NC
Contacts: [Rita Aguilar](#), [Jill Werner](#)

2/21 - 2/22/08

[2008 DirectWomen Board Institute](#)
New York, NY
Waldorf-Astoria
Contact: [Sue Daly](#)

6/6/08

[Annual Spring Conference: Climate Change Part 2](#)
Baltimore, MD
University of Maryland School of Law
Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

10/21 - 10/23/08

[ABA Money Laundering Enforcement Conference](#)
Washington, D.C.
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Contact: [Robert Snoddy](#)

For an expanded list of upcoming, bar-related meetings, visit our [Calendar of Key Meetings](#).

Comments?

Questions or comments about The Bridge? Send a letter to the [editor](#).

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Non-plussed

Of the four bar types, large local bars (2000+ members) average the highest percentage of non-dues revenue, with 57%. Small local bars are second with 45% non-dues revenue, followed by voluntary (43%) and unified (38%) state bars. The most common NDR sources are investment income, CLE fees, and mailing list sales. [Order the Dues Survey](#).

Overlawyered

Think of it as a chronicle of the seemingly endless legal proceedings along the lines of McDonald's infamous "hot coffee" case. Not the work of some crank, this blog is penned by think tank denizen Walter K. Olson of the Manhattan Institute.

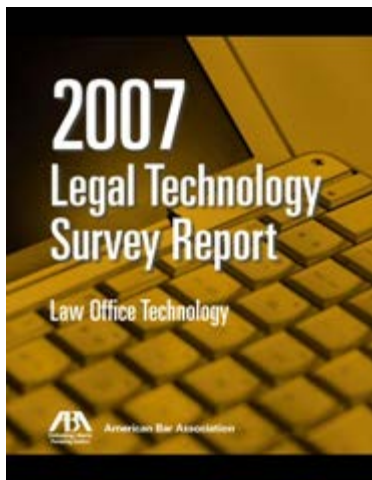
- *Elizabeth Derrico*

2007 ABA Legal Technology Survey Report

\$2000

*Published by the Legal Technology Resource Center
Product code 2680068P*

A comprehensive look at how the legal profession uses technology. Divided into five volumes, available individually or as a set.



ABA Criminal Justice Standards, Third Edition: Pretrial Release

\$35.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090110

Contains the "black letter" ABA Criminal Justice Standards on Pretrial Release approved by the House of Delegates in 2002, the history and a discussion of the rationale for each standard, and updated references to relevant case law, legislation, literature, and research

The Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work-Product Doctrine, Fifth Edition

\$195

Published by the Section of Litigation

Product code 5310363

A comprehensive overview of the current law of the attorney-client and work-product immunities. Includes case illustrations, contextual examples, and practical tips

Advising the Small Business: Forms and Advice for the Legal Practitioner

\$79.95

Published by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

Product code 5150311

Helps lawyers provide effective legal counsel and guidance to small business clients

Compendium of Professional Responsibility Rules and Standards, 2008 Edition

\$39.95

Published by the The Center for Professional Responsibility

Product code 2150021

Gathers for immediate reference the essential legal ethics materials needed by legal professionals and students

Corporate Director's Guidebook, Fifth Edition

\$49.95

Published by the Section of Business Law

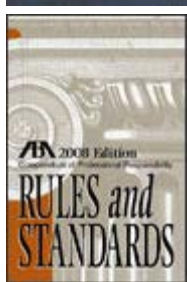
Product code 5070576

The premier authority on the director's role and the board's functions.

The Citizenship Flowchart

\$49.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section





Product code 5090108

An easy-to-understand flowchart that takes the reader through the complex and sometimes conflicting steps to determining citizenship

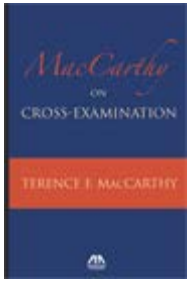
MacCarthy on Cross-Examination

\$129.95

By Terence F. MacCarthy

Product code 1610163

Learn how to look good on cross, even when the witness is not cooperating



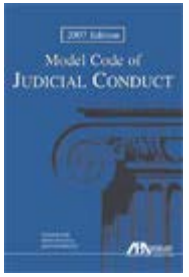
Model Code of Judicial Conduct, 2007 Edition

\$19.95

Published by the The Center for Professional Responsibility

Product code 2150020

Establishes standards for ethical conduct of judges and judicial candidates



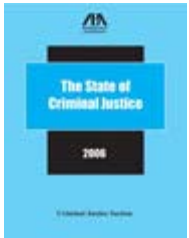
The State of Criminal Justice 2006

\$29.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090106

Essays from authors across the criminal justice field on topics from cybercrime to juvenile justice to DNA



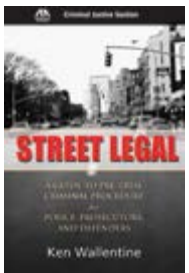
Street Legal: A Guide to Pre-trial Criminal Procedure for Police, Prosecutors, and Defenders

\$79.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090107

Guidance on pre-trial criminal procedure of all sorts



NATIONAL BARS

ABA

- **Robert W. Snoddy** has joined the Criminal Justice Section as outreach coordinator. Snoddy's primary duties include working with state and local bars and criminal law-related organizations. He formerly worked in the ABA's Division for Media Relations and Communication Services.

STATE BARS

Arkansas Bar Association

- **Tasha R. Henderson** has been hired as the bar's new associate executive director. She replaces Karen Hutchins, who became executive director in July.

FL - Collier County Bar Association

- **Lisa Mead** is the new executive director, replacing Dinah Leach.

GA - DeKalb Bar Association

- **Aubrey Jones** is the new executive director.

LOCAL
BARS

KY - Northern Kentucky Bar

- **Julie Jones** is the new executive director.
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MD - Prince George's County Bar Association

- **Georgia J. Perry** is the new executive director.
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MI - Washtenaw County Bar

- **Kyeena Slater** has replaced Judith K. Van Amburg as executive director.
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NM - Albuquerque Bar Association

- **Martha Domme** is the new executive director.
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OH - Cincinnati Bar Association

- **Julie Kemble Borths** is the bar's new communications director, replacing Carol Branch.

