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News

Bars Show Support for Pakistani Lawyers

Attempting to send a clear message to a nation 7,000 miles away, the ABA and other bars across the country have vigorously campaigned to support the lawyers and judges being detained by Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf.

In its most public display of support for the lawyers, the ABA staged a rally November 14 in Washington, DC. An estimated 600-700 lawyers participated, marching past the Supreme Court and demanding an end to martial law in Pakistan.

Other bars have held and are planning similar marches. The Division for Bar Services has posted a [Web page](#) tracking state and local bar response.

The ABA is raising awareness of the crisis through an [online toolkit](#). The toolkit includes a letter to Musharraf from ABA President Bill Neukom, and audio and video interviews from the November 14 rally. Also featured is an [online petition from the lawyers of America](#). More than 10,000 supporters have signed the petition, which will be presented to the Pakistani Embassy in Washington.

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Awards

ABA Honors Texas Bar "Partner"

The ABA's Division for Public Education has presented its 2007 Isidore Starr Award to the State Bar of Texas' Jan Miller. Miller, the bar's Law-Related Education director, was honored for her work on several educational programs for teachers and students. Said Victoria Hughes, president of the Bill of Rights Institute, which Miller helped to develop a seminar series for Texas teachers: "There is no better friend or partner in the field of civic education."

Former Bar Presidents Corner Diversity Awards

Three former bar presidents are among winners of the ABA's Spirit of Excellence Awards, which honor lawyers and judges who promote diversity in the legal profession.

Past presidents Lawrence Baca (National Native American Bar), Christopher Arriola (Santa Clara County Bar and California La Raza Lawyers Association), and Mia Yamamoto (Japanese American Bar Association) will join four other honorees at the association's 2008 Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles.

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Access Award

The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services is seeking nominees for its 2008 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access. The award, to be presented at the association's midyear meeting in Los Angeles, recognizes innovation in the delivery of legal services to those with moderate incomes.

The nomination deadline is **Monday, December 10**. For details and the online nomination form, click [here](#). For further details, contact [Will Hornsby](#).

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Resources

YouTube Reaches Out to Nonprofits

YouTube has launched a program for 501(c)(3) organizations. Members receive a "Nonprofit channel" that includes a "donate" button in their videos. Click [here](#) for more.

ABA Report on Legal Profession

The 2006 "Pulse of the Legal Profession," an ABA-commissioned survey report on the legal profession, is now available from the ABA's Division for Market Research. The report was featured in the [October issue](#) of the ABA Journal. Contact Kathy Genens at (312) 988-5343, genensk@staff.abanet.org.

Judicial Intern Opportunity Program

The ABA Section of Litigation is accepting applications for a minority internship program. Called the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, it places minorities in summer jobs with state and federal judges. Last year the program placed 167 of 400 applicants. For details, click [here](#) or contact [Gail Howard](#).

CPR Offers Help Implementing New Model Code

The ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Policy Implementation Committee consults on-site with state and court-appointed committees reviewing the recently-adopted ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct. For more on the program, contact [John Holtaway](#) or click [here](#).

CPR Consulting Services

The ABA Center for Professional Responsibility is offering consulting services to bar associations and other law-related organizations. For details, click [here](#). (PDF document.)

New Standards for Domestic Violence Victims

The ABA is distributing and helping bars implement standards it recently adopted for lawyers representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. A PDF version of the standards can be downloaded [here](#). Hard and Braille copies, as well as information on adoption and implementation, can be requested by writing the [Commission on Domestic Violence](#).

Materials from 07 Judiciary Conference

The Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary has posted materials from its 2007 conference, [The Debate Over Judicial Elections and State Court Judicial Selection](#).

New Resources on CPR Transition Planning Site

The Center for Professional Responsibility has updated its [Web section](#) on planning for lawyer retirement, death, or disability. The updated section now features several resources from state bars.

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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.

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Upcoming Meetings

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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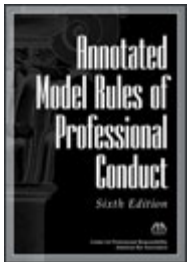
Past Due

When was *your* bar's last dues increase? On average, unified bars last increased their dues 4.6 years ago (28% increase), voluntary bars 3.4 years ago (16%), large locals 2.5 years ago (13%), and small locals 4 years ago (17%). [Order the Dues Survey](#).

[ABA Journal Blawg Directory](#)

Love legal blogs? This directory, part of the recent makeover of the Journal's [Web site](#), categorizes 1,500 of them. Search by specialty, author type, or even region.

- Michael Ward



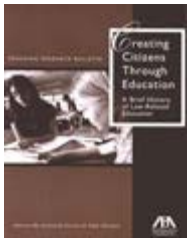
Annotated Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Sixth Edition

\$124.95

Published by the Center for Professional Responsibility

Product code 5610175

The ABA's definitive single-volume resource for information about lawyer ethics



Creating Citizens Through Education

\$4.95

Published by the Division for Public Education

Product code 2350237

A history of law-related education; honoring those educators and lawyers who have nurtured and supported the field of law-related education



Commission on Civic Education and Separation of Powers - Resource Toolkit

\$9.95

Published by the Division for Public Education

Product code 2350238

Strategies and sample documents for effectively communicating the importance of separation of powers and judicial independence, advocating for civic learning, and facilitating interbranch dialogue



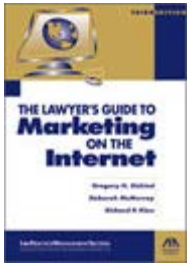
International Mergers and Acquisitions Due Diligence

\$275.95

Published by the Section of Business Law

Product code 5070488

An overview of considerations that lawyers need to know for planning and conducting mergers and acquisitions



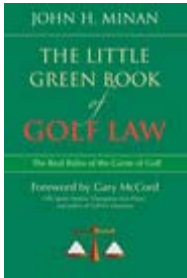
Lawyer's Guide to Marketing on the Internet, 3rd Edition

\$74.95

Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110585

Practical strategies and innovations to help you participate in decisions about your Web marketing effort



The Little Green Book of Golf Law

\$17.95

Published by the John H. Minan

Product code 1610058

John H. Minan writes on how violating "the law" of golf -- as opposed to the rules that govern the game -- can have serious consequences. You don't have to be a lawyer to enjoy this book, which combines two great passions: law and golf.

NATIONAL BARS

ABA

Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity

- **Cie Armstead** is the new director.
- **Jesús Negrón** is the center's new Technology and Marketing Coordinator. Negrón will maintain, promote, and update online access to the center's diversity activities, including its database of diversity programs and "Pipeline Diversity Directory."

STATE BARS

Indiana State Bar

- **Carissa Long** is the new assistant director of communications.
- **Alaina Byers** is the new community outreach coordinator and local bar liaison.

CA – San Joaquin County Bar Association

- **David Baird** is the new executive director, replacing Melody Tolmie.

IL – Will County Bar Association

- **Sheila McCarthy** is the bar's new executive secretary and sole staff member.

**LOCAL
BARS**

