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News

ABA Petitions Bars to Promote Healthcare Directive

The ABA's Commission on Law and Aging is working with bar associations and other organizations to promote National Healthcare Decisions Day, April 16. The effort encourages people to execute an advance healthcare directive, which only 29% of Americans have. More than 100 organizations have joined the effort. For more about participating, visit the [NHDD Web site](#).

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Awards

Bars Dominate Law Day Awards

The New York State, Houston, and Palm Beach County bar associations, along with Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, have been announced as winners of the ABA's 2007 Outstanding Law Day Activity Awards. The organizations will be honored at the ABA's 2008 Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles.

The nomination period is now open for the 2008 award. For more, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Gov't Lawyer Awards

The nomination period is open for the Jefferson Fordham Awards, which honor outstanding state and local government lawyers and law offices. The nomination deadline is **March 7**. The awards will be presented at the ABA's 2008 Annual Meeting in New York City. For more on the awards, click [here](#) or e-mail Tamara Askew at askewt@staff.abanet.org.

Nomination Period Opens for Professionalism Award

The Standing Committee on Professionalism is accepting nominations for the E. Smythe Gambrell Awards, which recognize projects that enhance lawyer professionalism. Bar associations and other law-related organizations are eligible. Up to three winners will receive the \$3,500 award, to be presented during the ABA's 2008 Annual Meeting in New York City.

The nomination deadline is **March 31**. For more on the award, including entry forms, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Services Award

The ABA is accepting nominations for the 2008 Harrison Tweed Award, which recognizes bar association projects and programs that increase legal services access for the poor. The award will be presented in August at the ABA Annual Meeting in New York, for work done between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

The nomination deadline is **April 1**. For more on the award, click [here](#) or contact Tamaara Piquion at Tamaara.Piquion@americanbar.org, (312) 988-5767.

For Your Members

Nomination Period Opens for ATJ Award

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the 2008 John H. Pickering Award of Achievement. The award honors lawyers or judges who improve access to justice. The deadline for nominations is **February 15**. For more on the award, including the nomination form, click [here](#).

YLD Seeks Applicants for Subgrants

The ABA YLD is seeking applicants for its subgrant program. The program awards up to \$2,000 to young lawyer organizations to develop public service projects, and up to \$500 for bar leadership and member services projects. The application deadline is **March 15**. For more on the program, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Child Advocacy Award

The ABA's Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its Child Advocacy Award, which honors lawyers and judges who perform distinguished service on behalf of children. One award will be presented to a young lawyer, and one to a non-young lawyer. The nomination deadline is **April 30**. For more information, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Law Student Essay Contest

The ABA's Family Law section is accepting nominations for its Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest. The deadline is **May 15**. For details, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Young Lawyer Award

The ABA's Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its 2008 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The nomination deadline is **August 28**. For more on the award, click [here](#).

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Resources

Law Day Planning Guide

The ABA's Division for Public Education has released its 2008 Law Day Planning Guide and Resource Catalog. The guide is available for free download at the [Law Day Web site](#). Free hard copies will be mailed upon request.

BASF Report on Gay Lawyer Issues

The Bar Association of San Francisco has released a report on issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender lawyers. The report, available for free download on the bar's [Web site](#), includes best practices and other recommendations for legal employers.

Foreclosure Assistance Program Seeks Funding

The Institute for Foreclosure Legal Assistance (IFLA) is soliciting proposals from non-profit organizations to fund legal programs for homeowners facing foreclosure. The institute has posted a [budget worksheet](#), [sustainability planning worksheet](#), and [application](#) for interested organizations. To apply for the program, e-mail the application to

grants@naca.net, or fax it to (202) 452-0099.

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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

2/8/08

[Fourth Annual Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement](#)

Los Angeles | Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

Contact: [Georgia Vagenas](#)

2/9/08

[ABA YLD Assembly](#)

Los Angeles | The Beverly Hilton

Contact: [Renee Lugo](#)

2/21 - 2/22/08

[2008 DirectWomen Board Institute](#)

New York, NY

Waldorf-Astoria
Contact: [Sue Daly](#)

3/5 - 3/7/08

[22nd Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime](#)

Miami | Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay
Contact: [Carol Rose](#)

3/13 - 3/15/08

[Bar Leadership Institute](#)
Chicago | Downtown Marriott
Contact: [Beverley Ware](#)

3/13 - 3/15/08

[ABA TECHSHOW 2008](#)
Chicago | Hilton Chicago
Contact: [Jasamyn Benedict](#)

4/4/08

[2008 Spring Conference](#)
Charleston, SC | Francis Marion Hotel
Contact: [Carol Rose](#)

4/16 - 4/19/08

[ABA YLD Spring Conference](#)
Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency
Contact: [Renee Lugo](#)

4/19/08

[ABA YLD Diversity Summit](#)
Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency
Contact: [Tracy Kaempf](#)

4/30 - 5/3/08

[Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present and Future -- Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together](#)

Chicago | Marriott Downtown
Contact: [Carrie Asalon](#)

5/28 - 5/31/08

[National Conference on Professional Responsibility](#)
Boston | Seaport Hotel
Contact: [John Holtaway](#)

5/30 - 5/31/08

[24th National Forum on Client Protection](#)
Boston | Seaport Hotel
Contact: [John Holtaway](#)

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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Doing the Waive

More than half of voluntary state bars offer a reduced dues level or waiver based on the members' financial resources. Twenty-three percent of unified state bars, 33% of large locals (2,000 or more members), and 17% of small locals (under 2,000 members) offer similar discounts. [Order the Dues Survey](#).

Idealawgs

An insightful blog relevant to anyone interested in the challenges facing the legal profession. The book reviews and recommendations are particularly worth a gander.

- *Elizabeth Derrico*



The 101 Practice Series: Breaking Down The Basics

\$29.95

Published by the Young Lawyers Division

Product code 2050203

Examines the fundamental aspects of law practice. Ideal for new lawyers or law students



ABA Standards for Criminal Justice, Third Edition: DNA Evidence

\$39.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090114

Contains "black letter" standards relating to DNA evidence



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 more effective legal counsel and strategic guidance to small business clients



Civic Education Toolkit

\$9.95

Published by the Division for Public Education

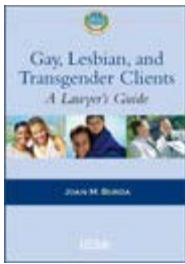
Product code 2350238

Strategies and sample documents for effectively communicating the importance of separation of powers and judicial independence

Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Clients: A Lawyer's Guide

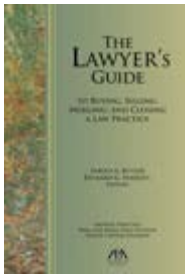
\$89.95

Published by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division



Product code 5150317

An introduction to the legal issues of lesbian, gay, and transgender persons



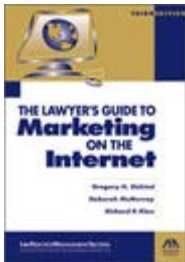
The Lawyer's Guide to Buying, Selling, Merging, and Closing a Law Practice

\$99.95

Published by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division, Senior Lawyers Division

Product code 5150315

A valuable resource on things to consider before and during the process



The Lawyer's Guide to Marketing on the Internet, Third Edition

\$84.95

Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110585

Practical online strategies and the latest innovations to help you immediately participate in your firm's Web marketing effort



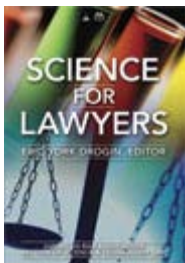
Mortgage Crisis: What the Truth in Lending Act Can Do For Borrowers (Online course)

\$119

Published by the ABA Center for CLE, Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law

Product code CET07PBPI

Analyzes the Truth in Lending Act and discusses the best ways to use it to assist clients



Science for Lawyers

\$129.95

Published by the Section of Science and Technology Law

Product code 5450051

Explains and discusses 13 applied scientific disciplines in jargon-free language specifically geared toward lawyers



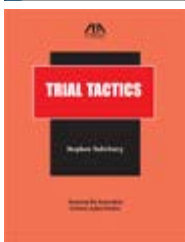
Subprime in Prime Time: What Business Lawyers Need to Know About the Subprime Mortgage Crisis (Online course)

\$119

Published by the Section of Business Law, ABA Center for CLE

Product code CET07SPTI

This primer defines subprime market and lending, and explains the legal implications of the current subprime mortgage crisis



Trial Tactics

\$49.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090111

A compilation of high profile criminal cases, practice tips, legal analyses, and cautions that prepares defense counsel, prosecutors, and judges for trial

NATIONAL BARS

American Bar Association

Division for Bar Services/NABE

- **Craig Johnson** has been hired as NABE's new staff director. Craig joins NABE from the ABA's Division for

Public Education.

- **Tondanisha Nevels** is NABE's new membership coordinator.

Hispanic National Bar Association

- Executive Director **Antonio Arocho** has left the bar.

STATE BARS

New Jersey State Bar Association

- **Angela Scheck** is the new executive director.

West Virginia State Bar

- **Anita R. Casey**, a lawyer, is the new executive director. Click [here](#) for the press release announcing the hiring.

LOCAL BARS

CA - San Diego County Bar Association

- **Ellen Miller** is the new executive director.

TN - Nashville Bar Association

- **Gigi A. Woodruff** is the new executive director.

WA - King County Bar Association

- **Andrew Prazuch** is the new executive director.

