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News

Ohio's Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Bars Unite

After years of attempts to unify but decades of disagreement, the bars of Ohio's largest county and second-largest city are finally one. The Cleveland Bar Association and Cuyahoga County Bar Association approved a merger to create the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. The new bar is headquartered in downtown Cleveland.

D. Larkin Chenault, former executive director of the Cleveland Bar, was named to the same position with the metro bar. Other staff were likewise taken from the merged bars. Chenault called the merger "a huge accomplishment" that "represents...serious, creative overcoming of deep-seated political resistance."

The foundations of the two merged bars are also considering merging.

ABA Seeks Bar "Protection"

The ABA is asking for bar association support for a program to prevent voter disenfranchisement during the 2008 election. The program, [Election Protection](#), monitors polling places and performs several other duties to make sure all votes are counted. The association wants bar help in working with local legal committees, staffing the program's national hotline, and preparing materials for voters.

Election Protection was started after the 2000 general election, when millions of voters were reported disenfranchised. The hotline received more than 200,000 calls during the 2004 general election.

For more on the program, click [here](#) or contact Rachel Patrick at Rachel.Patrick@americanbar.org or (312) 988-5408.

YLD Seeks Policy-Makers

The YLD Assembly, which sets policy for the ABA's Young Lawyers Division, is seeking delegates to its 2008 meeting. Assembly delegates will debate and vote on resolutions presented.

The Assembly will convene during the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City. For more on the Assembly, including 2008 forms and deadlines, click [here](#).

ABA-UN Project Seeks Volunteers

The International Legal Resource Center is seeking legal professionals to help create legal reform in developing countries. Volunteers work pro bono both in the US and abroad, supporting projects such as assessing existing laws and helping form new laws.

The center, housed in the ABA's Section of International Law, is a partnership of the ABA and the United Nations Development Programme, or UNDP. It has more than 1,300 volunteers from 90 countries.

For more on the center, including the volunteer application, click [here](#) or e-mail [Andrea Vesa](#) or [Jacqueline Gichinga](#).

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Awards

Application Period Opens for Outstanding Activity Awards

The Division for Public Education is accepting applications for its 2008 Law Day Outstanding Activity Awards. The awards honor creative and successful Law Day programs. The application deadline is **Friday, June 13**. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

For Your Members

Application Period Open for Leadership Development Program

The Law Practice Management Section is accepting applications for its Leadership Development Program for young lawyers. Participants attend section meetings, work with section leaders, and serve on committees that determine the section's direction.

The program takes two applicants each year to serve two-year terms. Click [here](#) to apply for the 08-09 term. The application deadline is **Sunday, June 1**.

Application Period Opens for Awards of Achievement

The Young Lawyers' Division is accepting applications for its 2008 Awards of Achievement. The awards recognize bar and public service projects sponsored by YLD affiliates. The application deadline is **Friday, June 13**. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

Application Period Opens for YLD Scholarship Program

The Young Lawyers' Division is accepting applications for the ABA YLD Scholarship Program. The program encourages lawyers to join and participate in the division. The application deadline is **Sunday, June 15**. For more on the scholarship, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

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

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Resources

Free ABA Journal Widget

The ABA Journal has created a free "widget" for legal organization Web pages and blogs. The widget – a few lines of Web code – creates a box with headlines from the Journal's Web site, [abajournal.com](#). The box is updated continuously on business days and includes a date and time stamp for each article. For more on the widget, click [here](#) or e-mail [Molly McDonough](#).

Free LRE E-Newsletter

The Division for Public Education publishes a free e-newsletter on law-related education. Called *Law Matters*, it reports on new developments, ideas, programs, and resources in the field of public education. To sign up, click [here](#).

Two New Domestic Violence Resources for Lawyers, Judges

The Commission on Domestic Violence has released two publications to help judges and lawyers handle domestic violence cases and clients: *Domestic Violence Judicial Checklist*, a list of items for judges to consider when handling such cases; and *Comprehensive Issue Spotting*, a questionnaire to give lawyers a complete picture of their clients' situation and legal needs.

To download a free PDF of either publication, click [here](#). To order hard copies of *Spotting*, [e-mail the commission](#).

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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 Technology Corner

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

5/18 - 5/24/08

[Trial Advocacy Institute](#)

Denver, CO | JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek

Contact: [Alissa Brugger](#)

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

[36th National Spring Conference on the Environment: "Climate Change II"](#)

Baltimore, MD | University of Maryland School of Law

Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

6/8 - 6/9/08

[Annual SLD U.S. Supreme Court Trip](#)

Washington, DC

Contact: [Angela Boykin](#)

6/26 - 6/27/08

[National Conference for the Minority Lawyer](#)

San Jose, CA | Dolce Hayes Mansion

Contact: [Nhu Ly](#)

6/27 - 6/28/08

[NABE Small Bar Conference](#)

Sacramento, CA | Embassy Suites-Riverfront Promenade

Contact: [Yvonne McGhee](#)

8/5 - 8/8/08

[NABE Annual Meeting](#)

New York City | Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

Contact: [Tondanisha Nevels](#)

8/7 - 8/9/08

[NCBP Annual Meeting](#)

New York City | Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

Contact: [Tondanisha Nevels](#)

8/7 - 8/9/08

[NCBF Annual Meeting](#)

New York City | Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

Contact: [Roseanne Lucianek](#)

8/7 - 8/9/08

[ABA YLD Annual Meeting](#)

New York City | Marriott Marquis

Contact: [Renee Lugo](#)

9/23 - 9/27/08

[ABA International Law Section](#)

[2008 Brussels Fall Meeting](#)

Brussels, Belgium | The Hilton Brussels

Contact: [Mary Jordan Mullinax](#)

10/2 - 10/4/08

[ABA YLD Fall Conference](#)

San Diego, CA | Westin Gaslamp Quarter

Contact: [Renee Lugo](#)

10/15 - 10/18/08

[2008 National Lawyer Referral Workshop](#)

Garden Grove, CA | Crowne Plaza Resort Anaheim

Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)

10/17 - 10/19/08

[ABA Women Rainmakers Mid-Career Workshop](#)

Tucson, AZ | Westin La Paloma

Contact: [Jasamyn Benedict](#)

10/21 - 10/23/08

[ABA Money Laundering Enforcement Conference](#)

Washington, D.C. | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Contact: [Robert Snoddy](#)

10/21 - 10/24/08

[National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs](#)

Little Rock, AR | The Peabody Hotel

Contact: [Janice Jones](#)

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

House of Delegates Reports

[Proposed Model Rule for Registration of In-House Counsel](#)

Comments?

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

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[Cast\(ing\) Away](#)

In this second edition of Legal Technology Corner, LTRC Research Specialist Tonya Johnson gives the lowdown on podcasting.

Young & Attractive

There are more bar programs to attract young lawyers – 75 – than to attract any other kind of member. Almost all described their program as very or somewhat successful. [Order the Dues Survey.](#)

[Diary of a Reluctant Blogger](#)

If you don't know Twitter from a teeter-totter, this blog from Gen X professional Maddie Grant is for you. Grant links you in to the brave new world of social media and explains how to use it in your association.

- Elizabeth Derrico



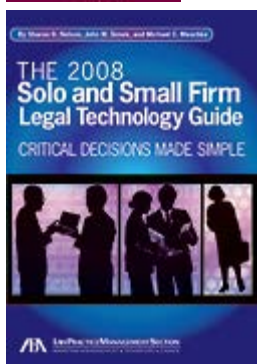
The 101 Practice Series: Breaking Down The Basics

\$29.95

Published by the Young Lawyers Division

Product code 2050203

Covers the fundamental aspects of law practice; ideal for new lawyers or law students



The 2008 Solo and Small Firm Legal Technology Guide

\$79.95

Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110657P

Written to help solo and small firm lawyers find the best legal technology for their dollar



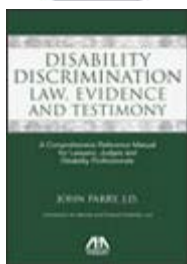
Apple iPod classic - Commercial Real Estate Essentials CLE Edition (80GB/Black)

\$499

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

Product code CEPDCRE2080CB

The latest generation iPod nano, preloaded with all six programs in popular Essential Issues in Commercial Real Estate Law Series.



Disability Discrimination Law, Evidence and Testimony: A Comprehensive Reference Manual for Lawyers, Judges and Disability Professionals

\$105

Published by the Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law

Product code 4410202

Explains and analyzes key aspects of disability discrimination law from several different perspectives



The Ethical Negotiator (DVD-ROM)

\$139

Published by the Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, ABA Center for CLE

Product code CECIP08TENDROM

This DVD-ROM discusses the ethics of negotiation. (Will not play in a home entertainment type DVD player.)



Insights Magazine

\$14.99

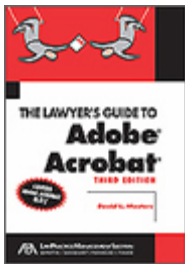
Published by the Division for Public Education

Product code 2350245P

An award-winning print and online magazine covering current legal topics. For a limited time, subscription includes the following free issues: Youth, Rights, and the Constitution; The Rule Of Law; Women, Law, and Social Change: A Global View, and; A Colorblind Constitution? Then, Now, In 25 Years.

The Lawyer's Guide to Adobe Acrobat, 3rd Edition

\$79.95



Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110588

Focuses on how lawyers can benefit from using Adobe Acrobat 8 to create PDF files.



The Lawyer's Guide to Collaboration Tools and Technologies: Smart Ways to Work Together

\$89.95

Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110589

Explains how to use technology you already have and the latest "Web 2.0" resources and other tech tools, like Google Docs, Microsoft Office and SharePoint, and Adobe Acrobat, to work more effectively in a law practice



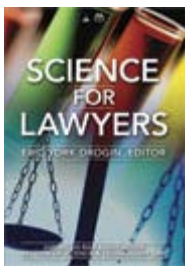
Residence Options for Older and Disabled Clients

\$89.95

Published by the Senior Lawyers Division

Product code 5460044

A comprehensive guide to the different types of housing available for the elderly and disabled



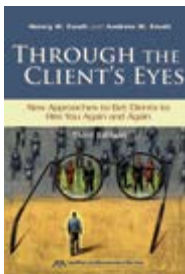
Science for Lawyers

\$129.95

Published by the Section of Science and Technology Law

Product code 5450051

Explores the definitions, practice and professional roles of 13 scientific disciplines



Through the Client's Eyes: New Approaches to Get Clients to Hire You Again and Again, Third Edition

\$89.95

Published by the Law Practice Management Section

Product code 5110592

Learn how to better cultivate your existing client relationships without compromising your own interests



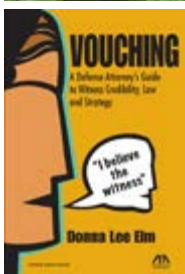
Toxic Mold Litigation, Second Edition

\$125

Published by the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Product code 5190397

A practical reference for lawyers and non-lawyers who have felt the impact of mold on commercial and residential real estate



Vouching

\$89.95

Published by the Criminal Justice Section

Product code 5090112

The topic of vouching covered from every angle, backed up with relevant case citations

NATIONAL BARS

American Bar Association

Center for Professional Responsibility

- **Selina Thomas** is the center's new associate client protection counsel. She comes to the ABA from the Illinois State Bar Association, where she had served as assistant counsel since 2001.

Division for Bar Services

- **Tiffany Simpson** is the new administrative assistant for the division's administration unit. She replaces Tondanisha Nevels, who became membership coordinator for the National Association of Bar Executives.

STATE BARS

North Carolina Bar Association

- **David A. Bohm** has been named assistant executive director. Click [here](#) for the press release announcing the hiring.

LOCAL BARS

MD - Bar Association of Montgomery County

- **Julie Petersen** is the new executive director. She replaces Beverly Mondin, who retired after 29 years with the bar.

PA - Philadelphia Bar Foundation

- **Gene Sirni** has been named the foundation's executive director. He succeeds Maureen Mingey, who left to take a position at Comcast Corporation.

