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## People

### National Bars

#### Hispanic National Bar Association

Marisel Morales is the new executive director.

#### National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Tina R. Matsuoka is the new executive director. Click [here](#) for a press release announcing the hiring.

### State Bars

#### State Bar of Arizona

John Phelps is the bar's new CEO/Executive Director. Phelps is a lawyer and veteran of the US Army. Click [here](#) for a press release announcing the hiring.

#### State Bar of Texas

Michelle Hunter is the bar's new executive director. She replaces John Edwards. Click [here](#) for a press release announcing the hiring.

#### State Bar of Wisconsin

Jan Wood has moved from member services director to marketing director; Mary Ruedinger is the new member services director.

### Local Bars

#### CA - The Lawyers' Club of San Francisco

Stacie Eiras is the new executive director.

#### FL - St. Petersburg Bar Association

D. Craig Collins is the new executive director, replacing Jennifer Lake (nee Strockbine).

#### IL - Lake County Bar Association

Christopher Boadt is the bar's new executive director.

#### IN - Evansville Bar Association

Executive Director Susan Helfrich has retired. Susan Vollmer is the bar's new executive director.

### BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Tommy Wells' Blog](#) So, what is it like to be president of the ABA? Find out by reading ABA President Tommy Wells' blog. Part travelogue, part journal, Tommy's blog helps you keep pace with the myriad of ABA activities with a warm and personal style.

- Elizabeth Derrico

### DUES SURVEY FACT

[Your Help Needed](#) | Bar Services is preparing its 2009 Dues Survey. Please help us complete it by completing the survey when it comes to your e-mail in early December.

[Order the 2008 Dues Survey.](#)

### CPR UPDATE

The second issue of [CPR Update](#), the Center for Professional Responsibility's newsletter for bar associations, is online [here](#). This issue features several new state model rules and center resources.

### LTRC CORNER

[The Perfect Search](#) | In this edition of Legal Technology Corner, LTRC Research Specialist Joshua Poje breaks down Google's Custom Search Engine.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

12/4 - 12/5/08

## MO - The Lawyers Association of Kansas City

Cory Unrein is the new executive director.

## NY - Westchester County Bar Association

William Egan is the new executive director.

## OH - Akron Bar Association

Donnie Long is the new executive director.

## OH - Lorain County Bar Association

Jeannie Motylewski is the new executive director.

## PA - Bucks County Bar Association

Deanna Mindler is the new executive director.

## PA - Philadelphia Bar Association

Martha Phan is the bar's new director of communications. She is the former director of creative services at Temple University.

## News

### FDIC Supports IOLTA

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has unanimously adopted several recommended modifications to the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program -- including providing unlimited insurance coverage for IOLTA funds. For ABA President Tommy Wells' statement on the development, click [here](#).

### 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](#). The [law info Web page](#) has resources for educating the public.

## Awards

### ABA Launches Grants Program to Help Poor Seniors

The ABA will be awarding up to ten grants of \$2,500 each to states with emeritus attorney pro bono practice rules. The grants will be used to develop new methods for recruiting emeritus pro bono attorneys to take indigent adult guardianship cases.

Click [here](#) for details on the project and the request for proposals. For a list of states with emeritus attorney pro bono practice rules, click [here](#).

### ABA Launches Pro Bono Project for Veterans

Several ABA groups have established a project that will award up to four \$5,000 grants to help states set up pro bono programs for veterans. The programs must operate through an existing emeritus attorney pro bono program. For more on the project, e-mail [efveteransproject@americanbar.org](mailto:efveteransproject@americanbar.org).

### 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 recognizes innovation in the delivery of legal services to those with moderate incomes. Bar associations are encouraged to enter.

The nomination deadline is December 15. For details and the online nomination form, click here. For further details, contact contact Tracy Loynachan at

### [Access to Justice Civil Symposium](#)

Atlanta

2/12 - 2/14/09

### [2009 ABA YLD Midyear Meeting](#)

Boston | The Westin Copley Place

Contact: [Bill Stanton](#)

4/2 - 4/5/09

### [State and Local Government Law](#)

### [2009 Spring Meeting](#)

St. Thomas, VI | Ritz-Carlton

Contact: [Marsha Boone](#)

4/14 - 4/18/09

### [ABA International: Spring Meeting 2009](#)

Washington, DC | The Fairmont

Washington DC

Contact: [Jenny Abreu](#)

May/June 2009

Global Environmental Structures:  
Thinking Past Gridlock to Create a  
Sustainable Future  
Vancouver, BC

Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

10/1 - 10/3/09

### [Law-Related Education](#)

### [Leadership Conference](#)

Chicago

Contact: [Tiffany Willey](#)

## HOD REPORTS

### Recommendation on Federal Role in Adult Guardianship

- [Memo](#)
- [Full report](#)

[loynachat@staff.abanet.org](mailto:loynachat@staff.abanet.org) or (312) 988-6185.

### **Nomination Period Opens for Pipeline Award**

The ABA Presidential Advisory Council on Diversity is accepting nominations for its inaugural Raymond P. and Sadie T. M. Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity. The award recognizes leadership in pipeline work by an individual or organization. The award will be presented at the ABA Midyear Meeting in February.

The submission deadline is January 9, 2009. For more information, and to obtain a nomination application, click [here](#).

### **For your members**

### **Nomination Period Opens for Judicial Administration Award**

The ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference is accepting nominations for the 2009 Robert Yegge Award for Outstanding Contribution in the field of Judicial Administration. For a nomination form and details click [here](#). The nomination deadline is Friday, January 30.

### **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. Nominations are due in February 2009. The awards will be presented at the ABA's 2008 Annual Meeting in New York City. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

### **Nomination Period Opens for Legal Achievement Award**

The nomination period is open for the John Pickering Achievement Award. The award recognizes lawyers and judges with outstanding legal ability and a distinguished record of service to the profession and their communities.

The deadline for nominations is February 27, 2009. Click [here](#) for instructions and the nomination form.

### **ABA to Honor Tech-savvy Judges**

The ABA Judicial Division National Conference of Specialized Court Judges is accepting nominations for three judicial awards: the Franklin Flaschner Award for outstanding judges; the Judicial Education Award, for high quality judicial training; and the William McMahan Award, given to a judge, court employee, or lawyer for innovative use of technology in the courts.

For more on all three awards, and to apply, click [here](#). The nomination deadline is Monday, March 31, 2009.

## **Resources**

### **Second Season of Service**

The ABA has revamped its Web site to help the more than 300,000 lawyers expected to retire within the next 15 years. The site, [www.SecondSeasonofService.org](http://www.SecondSeasonofService.org), has a search engine with volunteer opportunities nationwide, state-by-state pro bono licensing requirements, and a discussion board.

### **Ethics for Solos**

The Center for Professional Responsibility has a new [resource page for solo practitioners](#). The page has articles such as "Top 10 ethics traps," an ethics checklist for solo practitioners, and CLE programs.

### **Law Day 2009 Artwork Available**

The Division for Public Education has posted the [logo and other artwork](#) for Law Day 2009: A Legacy of Liberty - Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial. Bars can use the artwork in their Law Day promotions.

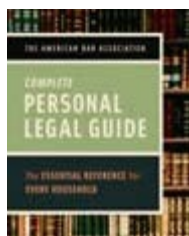
## ABA to Celebrate Pro Bono

The ABA's Center for Pro Bono has announced plans for its first-ever National Pro Bono Celebration. The event, scheduled for October 25-31, 2009, will "celebrate the difference lawyers make in communities" and be used to recruit and train pro bono volunteers. The committee has created a [Web site](#) for the event. Visitors can sign up for a mailing list and register to participate.

## 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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### **The ABA Complete Personal Legal Guide - The Essential Reference for Every Household**

**\$22.95**

Published by the Division for Public Education  
Product code 2350246

*Easy-to-digest, comprehensive legal information every household needs*



### **Apple iPod Touch Litigation Edition (16GB/Black)**

**\$399**

Published by the Center for CLE and Section of Litigation  
Product code CEPDLIT2016TA

*This 16GB iPod Touch comes preloaded with Litigation CLE Programs Preparing Witnesses (Video) and The Last Thirty Days Before Trial (Audio). Course materials for each program come on a USB Flash drive.*

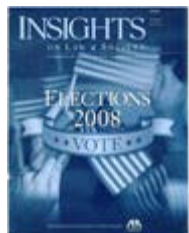


### **Constructing Core Competencies: Using Competency Models to Manage Firm Talent**

**\$49.95**

Published by the Career Resource Center  
Product code V05CCCB

*Lays the groundwork for creating a competency model, which can optimize associate development and build firm-wide performance*

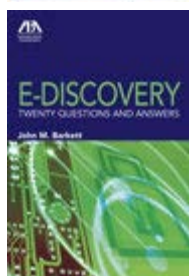


### **Insights on Law and Society, Vol. 9 No. 1: Elections 2008 - Fall 2008**

**\$10**

Published by the Division for Public Education  
Product code 49702000901

*This edition of Insights on Law & Society focuses on the 2008 elections.*



### **E-Discovery: Twenty Questions and Answers**

**\$69.95**

Published by the Section of Litigation  
Product code 5310377

*Examines recurring issues in the area of e-discovery in an accessible question and answer format*



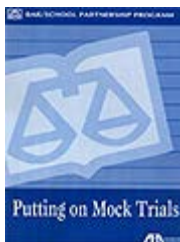
**Legal Ethics: The Lawyer's Deskbook on Professional Responsibility (2008-2009 Edition)**

**\$108**

Published by the Center for Professional Responsibility

Product code 1620400

*The comprehensive volume on professional ethics. Available for pre-order*



**Putting on Mock Trials**

**\$9.95**

Published by the Division for Public Education

Product code 2350206

*Information about mock trials, including their value as a learning tool in elementary and secondary classrooms*