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People

State Bars

Connecticut Bar Association

Associate Executive Director Janis Jerman and Director of External Affairs Hillary Stevens are no longer with the bar.

Kentucky Bar Association

Executive Director James Deckard has left the bar. John Meyers has been named interim executive director.

Local Bars

CA – Bar Association of San Francisco

Drucilla Stender Ramey, former executive director and general counsel of the bar and former executive director of the National Association of Women Judges, has been appointed dean of Golden Gate University's School of Law, effective August 1.

CA – Los Angeles County Bar Association

Stuart Forsyth has announced his retirement effective November 30.

MO – Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Communications Director Chris Orlet has left the bar.

News

ABA Launches Social Network

The ABA has launched a massive online network for legal professionals that boasts "cutting-edge social networking features, top-notch news and articles, and user-generated content."

The site, [LegallyMinded](#), features resources including job postings, breaking legal news, blogs, discussion boards, job postings, and many other tools.

Registration is free to ABA members and non-members. ABA members can join using their existing ABA-site login.

Bar Services Asks Survey Help

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Bar Exchange](#) The Division for Bar Services has its own blog, hosted on the ABA's [LegallyMinded](#) community. According to chief blogger Elizabeth Derrico, *Bar Exchange* focuses "on sharing bar association management, administration, operations, programs and governance insights."

LTRC CORNER

Increase your type | Have you ever been on a Web page or reviewing a document and wished the type was a little bit bigger? Well, just use the built in magnifying glass in your computer. Hold down the Ctrl button and use the scroll wheel on your mouse. Ctrl+Scroll up makes the page (and type!) larger. Ctrl+Scroll dn lets you adjust it back down.

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/14 - 4/18/09
[ABA International: Spring Meeting 2009](#)
Washington, DC | The Fairmont
Contact: [Jenny Abreu](#)

4/21 - 4/23/09

The Division for Bar Services is asking bar association help to complete its 2009 Bar Activities Inventory, and to evaluate its recent Bar Leadership Institute.

A link to the BAI survey, a benchmarking tool used to help bars develop programs and policies, was e-mailed to bar association executive directors last week, along with a personal login. For the URL and unique username and password, contact Joanne O'Reilly at (312) 988-5348 or Joanne.OReilly@americanbar.org.

The division is likewise asking attendees of last month's Bar Leadership Institute to [complete the survey](#) from the meeting. Trends and comments taken from completed surveys play a key role in determining the next year's program.

The BLI, one of the ABA's premier meetings, is held each March in Chicago. It attracts more than 300 bar executives and incoming presidents annually. The [2010 BLI](#) will be held March 11-13.

Public Ed Seeks Proposals for LRE Conference

The Division for Public Education is accepting proposals for the [26th Law-Related Education Leadership Conference](#). The conference will be held in October 1-3 in Chicago.

The conference theme is *Building a Better Tomorrow: Youth, Citizenship, and Civic Engagement*. Sessions will focus on juvenile justice, youth rights, civic education, and the future of law-related education.

Registration is open to all who have an interest in law-related education. Registration details will be released soon. To submit a proposal, send it to Tiffany Willey at willeyt@staff.abanet.org with the subject line "LRE Proposal."

Awards

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](#).

Resources

Economic Survey Results

The Division for Bar Services has [posted the results](#) of a recent survey on how bars have been affected by the economic crisis.

Public Ed Improves Supreme Resource

Public Education newsletter [Preview](#) weekly analyzes, in plain language, every case before the US Supreme Court. The publication Web site has been enhanced with several new features, including all merit and amicus briefs submitted to the court.

Online Research Remuneration

GP Solo has posted a [resource page](#) on whether and how to recover costs for online research.

The Best of Mentoring

The Young Lawyers Division has posted stories of [successful mentoring relationships](#), part of its Mentorship Project.

Law Day Planning Guide

[ABA Day in Washington](#)

Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Contact: [Julie M. Strandlie](#)

4/22 - 4/25/09

[ABA Section of Family Law Spring CLE Conference](#)

Baltimore | Hilton Baltimore

Contact: [Carrie Asalon](#)

May/June

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

Vancouver, BC

Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

5/16 - 5/23/09

[ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute](#)

Denver | University of Denver

Sturm College of Law

Contact: [Jim Lawrence](#)

5/27 - 5/30/09

[National Conference on](#)

[Professional](#)

[Responsibility/National Forum on Client Protection](#)

Chicago | The Fairmont Chicago

Contact: [Center for Professional Responsibility](#)

6/15 - 6/16/09

[Second National Conference on the Employment of Lawyers with Disabilities](#)

Washington, DC | Washington

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

6/19/09

[Renewable Energy: Legal Challenges and Solutions for the Green Economy](#)

Denver | Hyatt Regency Denver

Convention Center

Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

10/1 - 10/3/09

[Law-Related Education Leadership Conference](#)

Chicago

Contact: [Tiffany Willey](#)

The Division for Public Education's [2009 Law Day Planning Guide](#) is available for free download. The guide includes tips on how to organize and plan a Law Day program, how to involve community members, sample news releases, and public service announcements, and lesson plans for K -12 students.

Dialogue on Lincoln Available Online

The Division of Public Education has released the latest in the ABA Dialogue Series -- [Dialogue on Lincoln: A Legacy of Liberty](#) -- for use by lawyers, judges, and teachers in schools and with community groups.

ABA Offers Ethics Guidance

Did you know the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility has a hotline and e-mail account to answer ethics questions from bar associations? Check out this article on [EthicSearch](#) from a recent edition of *Your ABA*.

Free Webcast on Adult Guardianship Jurisdiction

The ABA Commission on Law and Aging has released a free one-hour Webcast on adult guardianship jurisdiction. The Webcast is entitled "Why States Should Enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act."

Award Acceptance Speeches

The Commission on Women has posted [introductions and acceptance speeches](#) from its Margaret Brent awards luncheon held at the ABA's 2008 Annual Meeting in New York City.

A DVD of the entire luncheon is available for \$5. Contact the commission at abacwp1@abanet.org or (312) 988-5715.

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