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## People

State Bars

### Oklahoma Bar Association

Gina Hendryx is the bar's new general counsel.

## News

### 3 Bars Win ABA Diversity Awards

The Memphis Bar, State Bar of Texas, and State Bar of Arizona have won this year's ABA Partnership Awards for diversity programs. The winners will be recognized at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Joint Awards Luncheon in Chicago in July.

### Conference to Spotlight Disabled Lawyers

Registration has opened for an [upcoming ABA meeting](#) that will urge big legal employers to promote diversity hiring, especially toward lawyers with disabilities. The meeting will be held June 15-16. CLE certification is pending.

### Celebrate Pro Bono

The ABA encourages bar associations to sponsor a legal clinic or information session at a library to commemorate [National Pro Bono Celebration Week](#), October 25-31.

## Resources

### The Economy's Effect on Bars Like Yours

A survey on the economy's effect on bar associations leads a new [DBS Web page on economic recovery](#). The page also examines the economy's effect on IOLTA, how bars are helping overcome the foreclosure crisis, and notes bar Web pages for members on the economy.

The DBS page complements the ABA's [economic recovery page](#), which helps lawyers recover from the financial crisis professionally and personally.

### New Home for Innovative Bar Legal Services Programs

The ABA's Legal Services Web site now features select [bar journal articles](#) on legal services for the middle class.

## BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Wild Apricot](#) A particularly helpful blog for smaller bar associations. Practical advice and resources on information technology and Web 2.0. Don't be put off that the site is vendor-sponsored -- the content is terrific.

- Elizabeth Derrico

## BAI UPDATE

Don't forget to complete your [2009 Bar Activities Inventory survey](#). Contact [Joanne O'Reilly](#) for your user id and password. Your participation is invaluable!

## CPR UPDATE

Connecticut Governor withdraws bid to seize \$2 million from the legal profession's Client Security Fund. This and other updates from CPR's new [resource page for bars](#).

## LTRC CORNER

**QuickCaps** | Quickly format text to all caps or lower case: highlight the desired text and press Shift+F3 to toggle between all caps, all lower case or the first letter of each word being capitalized.

## LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

## Reprint ABA Articles

The ABA Bookstore now features reprintable articles from [nearly a dozen ABA publications](#), including *Bar Leader Magazine*.

## Encouraging Results from New Pro Bono Study

Pro bono is on the rise. Nearly three-fourths of lawyers provide free legal services to the poor, according to a [new ABA study](#).

## UPL Survey

A [new survey](#) reveals a wide disparity in how states handle unauthorized practice of law.

## Help Defending the Judiciary

The Justice Center's [fair and impartial courts resource page](#) helps bar associations defend an independent judiciary. A new DVD supporting the effort is also available. Contact Denise Jimenez at (312) 988-5723.

## Recession Teleconference Series

From ABA-CLE: a new [teleconference series on recession recovery](#), free to ABA members.

## ABA Hotel Promo: Two Stays, One Free Day

Until July 31, more than 800 hotels are giving ABA members [a free weekend night](#) for every two visits. Participating hotels include the Westin, W, and Sheraton.

## For your members

### New Site Fights Fraud

A [new ABA Web site](#) helps immigrants victimized by "notarios," predators who pretend to be qualified legal advisors, only to defraud their victims.

### 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."

### YLD Wants a Few Good Delegates

The ABA's Young Lawyers Division is looking for delegates to attend the meeting of its policy-making Assembly, to be held at the ABA's upcoming Annual Meeting in Chicago. Delegate names are due May 15.

## Awards

### Nomination Period Opens for Law Day Awards

Nominations are open for the 2009 Law Day Awards. Nominations are due June 12.

### Nomination Period Opens for Pipeline Award

The nomination period is open for the ABA's [Alexander Award](#), which recognizes pipeline work by an individual or organization. The nomination deadline is October 1.

### Nomination Period Opens for YLD Award

Nominations are open for the 2009 [YLD Awards of Achievement](#). The awards recognize programs that improve the profession and society. Nominations are due June 15.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**5/14 - 5/16/09**

[ABA YLD Spring Conference](#)  
New Orleans, LA | Hotel Monteleone  
Contact: [Megan Sheets](#)

**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  
Contact: [Michael Stratton](#)

**6/19**

[Renewable Energy: Legal Challenges and Solutions for the Green Economy](#)  
Denver | Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center  
Contact: [Elissa Lichtenstein](#)

**6/26 - 6/27/09**

[NABE Small Bar Conference](#)  
Philadelphia | Philadelphia Bar Association  
Contact: [Yvonne McGhee](#)

**7/28 - 7/30/09**

[NABE Annual Meeting](#)  
Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [Tondanisha Nevels](#)

**7/30 - 8/1/09**

[NCBP Annual Meeting](#)  
Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [Chrishelle Thomas](#)

**7/30 - 8/1/09**

NCBF Annual Meeting  
Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [Roseanne Lucianek](#)

**7/30 - 8/4/09**

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)  
Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [Marty Balogh](#)

**9/21 - 9/25/09**

[6th National Mediation Training for Judges](#)  
Atlanta | Georgia State Bar

Conference Center  
Contact:

**10/1 - 10/3/09**

[Law-Related Education  
Leadership Conference](#)

Chicago

Contact: [Tiffany Willey](#)

**10/13 - 10/16/09**

[Judicial Division Traffic Court  
Seminar](#)

Providence, RI

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**10/15 - 10/17/09**

[GP|Solo Fall Meeting & NSSFC](#)

Los Angeles, CA | Biltmore

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