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## People

State Bars

### Texas Bar Foundation

Anne Yeakel is retiring as executive director.

Local Bars

### IL - Northwest Suburban Bar Association

Julie Barth is the new executive director.

### IN - Lake County Bar Association

Christina Lomaka has replaced Betsy Walits as executive director.

### NJ - Mercer County Bar Association/Foundation

Deborah A. Pukenas is the acting executive director.

### PA - Lackawanna Bar Association

Jason W.S. Morrison has replaced Deborah Basalyga as executive director.

## News

### New Identity Theft Rule to Affect Bars, Lawyers

An FTC rule to go into effect in three weeks would force many bar associations and lawyers to create identity theft programs or face a stiff fine.

The "Red Flags Rule" applies to people and organizations that regularly extend credit, including allowing deferment of debts such as membership dues. Those covered by the rule must create a written Identity Theft Prevention Program, or ITPP, by August 1. Violators may be fined by the FTC and state enforcement agencies for a total of up to \$3,500.

The ABA is fighting to have lawyers exempted from the rule, and has published [materials to help bars do the same](#). For more on the issue, visit the ABA's [Red Flags Rule Web page](#).

### DBS Home Page Gets Makeover

The Division for Bar Services has [redesigned](#) its home page. The new page features a clearer, more streamlined layout and links to the division's [Twitter feed](#)

### BLOG OF THE MONTH

Not a blog this time, but in the same family: follow us on [Twitter](#) (ABABarServices) for the latest in bar association news. We're on [Facebook](#), too. Become a fan of the ABA Division for Bar Services and you'll find upcoming events and photos. You can also send comments via our "wall".

- Elizabeth Derrico

### DUES SURVEY FACT

According to the new 2009 Dues Survey, 67% of all bars have increased their dues within the last four years and 32% within the last year.

[Order the 2009 Dues Survey.](#)

### LTRC CORNER

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### LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

7/28 - 7/30/09

[NABE Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

and [Facebook page](#) and to Web guides on IRS Form 990.

Three new pages join the revised home page: an [Information Center](#), with links to current division publications and resource pages on topics such as leadership and the economy; a center for division [services for bar associations](#); and [other ABA resources for bar associations](#).

### DBS Seeks Info for Second Economy Survey

Following a March [survey on the economy's effect on bar associations](#), the Division for Bar Services is conducting a follow-up survey for comparison. Executive directors are asked to [take the 10-15 minute survey](#) by Friday, July 24. Results will be published to the division's [resource page on the economy](#).

### New Tool for Bar Association Board Members

The ABA has launched a new quarterly newsletter to better equip boards to lead. The publication, [BoardLink](#), was created in response to bar leader requests for leadership training tools to share with their boards. It highlights good practices and addresses governance challenges.

*Boardlink* will be sent to state and local bar association executive directors, who are encouraged to forward it to their board members. Individuals can subscribe by clicking "subscribe" in the menu bar. Feedback is much encouraged.

### Bar Services Committee Gets New Look

Missouri lawyer Bill Bay has been appointed new chair of the ABA's Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services, which oversees the work of the Division for Bar Services.

Bay is a partner with St. Louis firm Thompson Coburn LLP and past president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Already a member of the committee, he will replace Wisconsin lawyer and outgoing chair Michelle Behnke.

Besides Bay's appointment, three new members were named to the committee: past Florida Bar President Frank Angones, former Young Lawyers Division board member Suzanne Gilbert, and Jon Ross, past president of the New Hampshire Bar Association.

All committee members will take office at the conclusion of the ABA's Annual Meeting in August.

### NABE Board Gets New Look, Too

The National Association of Bar Executives has elected the following new members to its board of directors:

- Vice President Dana Collier Smith, Assistant Executive Director, Colorado Bar
- Secretary George Brown, Executive Director, State Bar of Wisconsin
- Treasurer Zoe Lyle, Executive Director, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (re-elected)
- State Bar Director Leah Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, South Carolina Bar
- Local Bar Director Duane Stanley, Assistant Executive Director, Hennepin County (MN) Bar Association (re-elected)
- Bar At-Large Director Carol Madeja, Director, Bar Relations Outreach, State Bar of California

The board also appointed Bill Weisenberg of the Ohio State Bar Association to be NABE's ABA Delegate for another two years.

Board terms will begin with the close of the business meeting at the NABE Annual Meeting in July.

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**7/29 - 8/1/09**

[ABA/LPM Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Westin Michigan Avenue

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

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

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[Programs of interest](#)

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

[NCBF Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

Contact: [Roseanne Lucianek](#)

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

[NCBP Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

Contact: [Chrishelle Thomas](#)

**7/30 - 8/2/09**

[ABA International Law Section Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | InterContinental Chicago

Contact: [Section of International Law](#)

**7/30 - 8/2/09**

[ABA Section of Family Law Annual Meeting](#)

Chicago | Westin Michigan Avenue

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**7/31**

[Diversity in the Legal Profession: The Next Steps](#)

Chicago

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**7/31 - 8/1/09**

[ABA YLD Assembly](#)

Chicago | Westin River North

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**8/2/09**

National Caucus of State Bar Associations

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

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**9/21**

[Resolutions of Russia-Related Business Disputes: The Next Wave](#)

Moscow, Russia | Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel

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

[6th National Mediation Training for Judges](#)

Atlanta | Georgia State Bar Conference Center

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**10/1**

[10th LIVE from the SEC \(2009\)](#)

## Resources

### 2009 Dues Survey Released

The 2009 edition of the [State and Local Bar Dues, Benefits, and Fees Survey](#) has been released, with data from about 180 bar associations. Taken during the economic crisis, this year's statistics are of special note, and compare current data against those from the pre-recession survey taken in 2007.

This edition was released along with a [free Web site](#) with answers to the ten most common dues-related questions received by the division's clearinghouse.

### Featured Annual Meeting Programs

The ABA's 2009 Annual Meeting will take place July 30 - August 4 in Chicago. Click [here](#) for featured programs from the meeting.

### New Listserv on Certifying Paralegals

The ABA has a new listserv for state bars interested in paralegal certification. Click [this link](#) to join.

### Free Articles on How to Survive the Recession

More than [a dozen free articles](#) make up a new ABA Web page to help attorneys keep their practices afloat during the economic downturn. The page, published by the Law Practice Management Section, links to recent articles on marketing, management, technology, and finance -- the four core areas of law practice management.

### Free Audio Download: How to Prevent Lawyer Suicide

A new [audio download](#) helps lawyers understand how to prevent suicides by colleagues and clients. The free 90-minute program, produced by a collaboration of five ABA groups, trains lawyers to identify and respond to signs of depression and suicide.

### New Audio Download on Lincoln

A free audio download discusses the connection between Abraham Lincoln's law career and famed oratory skills. The [90-minute panel discussion](#) includes historians, judges, lawyers, and professors. The discussion was part of the ABA's 2009 Law Day events, which focused on Lincoln.

### Bulk Discount on Law Magazine

In response to a bar association request, the Division for Public Education has discounted bulk orders of [Insights on Law & Society](#), a magazine for teachers of history, civics, government, and the law at the middle and high-school levels.

### Law Matters

Sign up free for Public Education newsletter [Law Matters](#).

### ABA Practice Essentials: Articles

Looking for information on a very specific topic? Search articles from select ABA magazines by keywords and abstracts and download individual PDF articles. Visit the ABA Web Store at [www.ababooks.org/articles](#).

### 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."

Washington, DC | Teleconference, Videoconference and Webcast formats

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10/1 - 10/3/09

[Law-Related Education Leadership Conference](#)

Chicago

Contact: [Tiffany Willey](#)

10/7 - 10/10/09

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

Montreal | Hilton Montreal

Bonaventure

Contact: [Carrie Asalon](#)

10/13 - 10/16/09

[Judicial Division Traffic Court Seminar](#)

Providence, RI

Contact: [Eugenia Taylor](#)

10/15 - 10/17/09

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

Los Angeles, CA | Biltmore

Contact: [Laura Ramirez](#)

10/21 - 10/23/09

[NABE Communications Section Workshop](#)

Las Vegas | Rio All-Suites Hotel

Contact: [Stephanie Abbott](#)

10/27 - 10/31/09

[International Law Section's 2009 Fall Meeting](#)

Miami Beach, FL | Eden Roc

Resort & Spa

Contact: [Jenny Abreu](#)

11/9 - 11/13/09

[40-Hour Family Mediation Training](#)

Boston | Boston Collaborative

Law, LLC

Contact: [Alissa Norris](#)

11/11 - 11/13/09

[NABE Government Relations Section Workshop](#)

Seattle | Washington State Bar

Association

Contact: [Donald Philips](#)

11/12 - 11/13/09

[ABA Law Firm Marketing Strategies Conference](#)

Philadelphia | Four Seasons Hotel

Contact: [Mary Beth Thede](#)

## Awards

### **Nomination Period Opens for LRE Award**

The Division for Public Education is accepting [nominations](#) for its Isidore Starr Award for outstanding contribution to law-related education. Nominations are due August 31. The award will be presented in October at the 26th National Law-Related Education Leadership Conference in Chicago.

### **Nomination Period Opens for Outstanding Young Lawyer Award**

The ABA's Young Lawyers Division is accepting [nominations](#) for its 2009 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The award recognizes an ABA young lawyer who exhibits professional excellence. Nominations are due August 31.

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

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

### **Denver and Colorado, Louisiana Bars Honored for Professionalism**

The Denver and Colorado Bar Associations and the Louisiana State Bar Association have won the 2009 [E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards](#). The Denver and Colorado Bars won for their Teaching Professionalism Vignettes, while the Louisiana State Bar Association won for its Admissions Education Initiative. The Phoenix School of Law also was honored, for its General Practice Skills Course.

The Gambrell awards recognize projects contributing to the understanding of professionalism among lawyers. The 2009 awards will be presented at the NCBP/NABE/NCBF Joint Awards Luncheon at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago on July 31.

### **Two Bars Win Legal Services Award**

The North Carolina Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association (PA) will each receive a 2009 Harrison Tweed Award for preserving and increasing access to legal services for the poor. The award, given annually, will be presented during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago on July 31.

### **ISBA's Mathewson Wins Peer Excellence Award**

Mark Mathewson, director of publications for the Illinois State Bar Association, has won NABE's 2009 Peer Excellence Award. The award recognizes members who have made a significant contribution to NABE. The award will be presented at NABE's Annual Meeting Membership Luncheon on July 30 in Chicago.

### **SC Bar ED Lauded for Outstanding Leadership**

Bob Wells, executive director of the South Carolina Bar, has won NABE's 2009 Bolton Award for Outstanding Bar Leadership. The award will be presented at the Joint Luncheon of NABE, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, and the National Conference of Bar Foundations, July 31 at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

### **Southern Bars Dominate NABE Public Service Awards**

The National Association of Bar Executives' Board of Directors recently announced five winners of the 2009 LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Award. The award honors bar association and bar foundation commitment to public service.

The winning bars – the State Bar of Texas, and the Arkansas, Houston, Palm Beach County (FL), and Washington County (PA) bars – will be honored at NABE's Annual Meeting Membership Luncheon on July 30 in Chicago.

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