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People

Local Bars

MO | Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Bob Thomas is the bar's new executive director, replacing the retiring Rae Jean McCall.

NV | Clark County Bar Association

Executive Director Eric Mann has announced his resignation effective April 16.

OH | Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

David Watson is the bar's new executive director. Click [here](#) for the press release announcing the hiring.

News

BLI Delivers Benefits to All

Last month's Bar Leadership Institute helped more than 300 bar leaders – most of them incoming presidents and their executive directors – define their leadership terms. The two-day program covered broad principles of leadership as well as intricate details, such as the president's relationship with the executive director.

The BLI can benefit even bar leaders who didn't attend. Visit the [BLI home page](#) for meeting handouts and a variety of other leadership resources.

DBS Goes Behind Bars

It sounds like a documentary on prison life – and maybe it is – but it's also the Division for Bar Services' new blog. Launched last month, [Behind Bars](#) features a range of bar-related insights and advice from DBS staff. Current posts cover topics such as association technology and tips on meeting facilitation ice breakers, all with an informal tone.

New posts go up three times a week. Readers can subscribe via RSS feed by clicking the "Subscribe to Behind Bars" link at the right of the page.

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Behind Bars](#) | The new blog from the Division for Bar Services. Written by DBS staff, it will keep you up to date on the latest news, information and expertise on bar leadership, management and programming. Subscribe now.

- Elizabeth Derrico

BAI FACT

Nine percent of all state bars and four percent of all local bars have been audited by the IRS within the last three years.

[Order the 2009 BAI.](#)

CPR UPDATE

U.S. Court of Appeals [affirms most of District Court's decision](#) that some new lawyer advertising rules in New York violate free speech. See CPR state and local bar resources for this and other ethics-related news, updates and state links.

LTRC CORNER

Use Alt+Tab to Switch Quickly | To quickly switch programs in Windows, hold down the Alt key, and repeatedly press Tab to move between open programs. Release both keys when you get to the program you want.

Resources

Landmark Study Shows Young Lawyers Mobile, Happy

A new study shows that though young lawyers change jobs frequently, they're not upset about it.

The data are from *After the JD II*, the first-ever national study of lawyer careers. The report shows that while more than half of graduates who passed the bar in 2000 have changed practice settings, more than three-quarters are either extremely satisfied or satisfied with their decision to become a lawyer. The study was conducted by the American Bar Foundation.

Copies of the study can be requested through the ABF Web site.

Two Years in the Making, Diversity Report Suggests Solutions

A new report lays out proposals to advance diversity in the profession. The report, which includes recommendations for bar associations, is the result of a two-year study by the ABA's Commission on Diversity. A PDF can be downloaded here. Hard copies can be requested from diversity@americanbar.org.

Final Diversity Webcast Shows Law School Grads How to Self-Market

An upcoming webcast will show new lawyers how to identify and emphasize their strengths. The [live program](#), "What Law School Didn't Teach You: Self-Advocacy for Survival and Sustainability" will take place Thursday, April 29, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm eastern. The program is the last in a 3-part series initiated by ABA President Carolyn Lamm.

Bar associations may host "viewing groups" to view the live webcast for a flat fee (\$250). The ABA will help obtain CLE credit for viewing group participants. Details on viewing groups are on the [webcast home page](#). (See the box "Tuition" on the right side.)

The ABA encourages bars to consider having a member address the group on this subject or a related subject following the webcast.

Help Planning Your Law Day Event

The Division for Public Education has prepared a dedicated Web site, www.lawday.org, to help bars prepare to commemorate Law Day on May 1. The site includes tools to help plan and promote Law Day, including press releases, a planning guide and checklist, and listserv.

Law Day can also be used to launch programs in honor of [Older Americans Month](#).

Report Outlines Nationwide Efforts to Increase Access to Justice

The ABA's Delivery of Legal Services Committee has released its first-ever annual report, summarizing ABA and other bar efforts to increase access to justice during the past year. The report, called *Agenda for Access*, includes programs that can be replicated by other bar associations. It includes links to articles and other reports.

ABA Sponsors Trip for Supreme Court Swearing-In

The ABA is sponsoring a trip for lawyers wanting to be licensed to argue before the US Supreme Court. The trip, which will be May 31 – June 1, includes a tour of the Library of Congress and a photo session at the Supreme Court. It culminates

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

Wyoming receives its first-ever state legislative funding for legal services. To learn more [click here](#).

HOD REPORTS

At the 2010 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the Standing Committee on Client Protection will recommend the House of Delegates adopt Model Rules for Client Trust Account Records to replace the ABA Model Rules on Financial Recordkeeping. View the proposed rules [here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/20 - 4/22/10

[ABA Day](#)

Washington, DC

Contact: [Julie Strandlie](#)

4/21 - 4/23/10

[Antitrust Law 2010 Spring Meeting](#)

Washington, DC | JW Marriott

Contact: [Patricia Harris](#)

4/22 - 4/24/10

[Business Law Section Spring Meeting](#)

Denver, CO | Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Contact: [Marcia Yarbrough](#)

4/22/10

[Institute for the Young Business Lawyer](#)

Denver, CO | Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Contact: [Marcia Yarbrough](#)

4/29 - 4/30/10

[Women in Law Leadership Academy](#)

Philadelphia

4/29 - 5/2/10

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

Miami | InterContinental Miami

Contact: [Marsha Boone](#)

5/6 - 5/7/10

[Real Property Spring Symposia](#)

Philadelphia | Downtown Marriott

5/13 - 5/15/10

[Equal Justice Conference](#)

Phoenix | Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs

Contact: [Meaghan Cotter Sherer](#)

5/20 - 5/21/10

[Antitrust and Innovation Symposium](#)

Stanford, CA | Stanford Law School

Contact: [Patricia Harris](#)

in the swearing-in ceremony on June 1.

Registration is \$600 per person. Click [here](#) for application instructions and to register.

Booklet Shows How, Where to Help Youth Learn About the Law

A new publication shows local opportunities to help young people learn more about the government. The booklet describes YMCA Youth In Government programs in 38 states, and includes occasional, short-term, and longer-term volunteering opportunities.

A free PDF of the booklet can be downloaded [here](#); hard copies can be bought at the [ABA Web Store](#).

Pro Bono Celebration

The Second Annual National Pro Bono Week Celebration is scheduled for October 24-30. Event suggestions can be found at the [celebration Web site](#), where bars can also register their planned activities.

ABA Releases Latest Dialogue to Help Teach Students the Law

The ABA has released its eighth *Dialogue on Law*, a guide to leading engaging discussions about the law, especially among student groups. [This year's guide](#) includes directions and questions on three topics: reforming American government in the 21st century, music distribution and copyright, and pirates and the law.

Check Out the ABA's Award-Nominated Media Site

Check out the Webby award-nominated [abanow.org](#) for even more ABA news, including press releases and upcoming events – many of interest to bar associations.

Brooks Brothers Offers Discount to ABA Members

Retailer Brooks Brothers is offering ABA members a 25% discount on its regular-price apparel from April 16-19. Participants must first [enroll](#) in Brooks Brothers' corporate membership program. To enroll, use organization ID 10319 and PIN 46267.

LRE Network Database

Check out the [ABA's LRE Network Web site](#), which provides information about national, state, and local LRE programs; resources, such as publications and fact sheets; professional development opportunities; and a database of law-related programs around the nation.

YLD Seeks Policy-Makers

The YLD Assembly, which sets policy for the ABA's Young Lawyers Division, is seeking delegates to its 2010 meeting. The Assembly will meet twice during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Delegates will debate and vote on resolutions addressing young lawyer issues.

For more on the Assembly, including forms and deadlines, click [here](#).

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Juvenile Justice Award

The ABA Criminal Justice Section is accepting nominees for the Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award. The award recognizes an active member of the bar who devotes a significant portion of his or her legal practice to youth and children, and

5/22 - 5/29/10

[ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute](#)

Denver, CO | University of Denver
Sturm College of Law
Contact: [Alissa Norris](#)

6/3 - 6/5/10

[36th National Conference on Professional Responsibility](#)

Seattle | Westin Seattle
Contact: [Krista Herman](#)

6/4 - 6/5/10

[26th National Forum on Client Protection](#)

Seattle | Seattle Westin Hotel
Contact: [Selina S. Thomas](#)

is making positive contributions to the field both in and outside the courtroom.

Nominations should include a letter addressing the award criteria listed above, the nominee's resume, and any other supporting documentation of the nominee's achievements in the criminal justice field, and sent to: Stacey Brown, Membership Coordinator, ABA Criminal Justice Section, 740 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, Stacey.Brown@americanbar.org.

Nominations are due May 31.

Nomination Period Opens for Awards of Achievement Program

The ABA Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the 2010 Awards of Achievement Program, which recognizes young lawyer organizations for activities that benefit local communities, leaders, members and the profession.

The application deadline is June 15. For more on the award program, [click here](#).

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s and at state legislative hearings.

Hotel Discount for ABA Members

A new ABA member benefit offers [25% off the best available rate](#) at more than 500 hotels and resorts around the world, through December 31.

Web Site to Report on Fed Court Happenings

An upcoming ABA Web site will report on newsworthy cases in Federal Circuit Courts. The site will provide short summaries of Circuit Court opinions of public interest and cases pending oral argument.

Deadline approaching for the National Online Youth Summit.

A December 9 deadline has been announced to [register](#) for the ABA's National Online Youth Summit. The 12-week, web-based program encourages high school students to learn about and critically evaluate a timely, law-related topic.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Services Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 ABA [Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access](#). The award recognizes innovations in the delivery of legal services to those of moderate incomes. The nomination deadline is December 12.

Nomination Period Opens for Pro Bono Award

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the 2010 John H. Pickering Achievement Award. The

award honors pro bono activities and law-related societal issues affecting the elderly. The nomination deadline is February 26.

For more information, visit www.abanet.org/srlawyers and scroll to Awards.

Miami's Angones Wins Diversity Award

ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services member Frank Angones is among five winners of the ABA's annual Spirit of Excellence Awards. The awards honor lawyers who promote racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession. Angones is a new appointment to the committee, which oversees the work of the Division for Bar Services. He is a past president of the Florida Bar and current partner in the Miami firm Angones, McClure & Garcia P.A.

The awards will be presented at the ABA's Midyear Meeting in Orlando, Fl. To sponsor the awards, click [here](#). For more on the awards, contact Aracely Muñoz Petrich at (312) 988-5638 or Aracely.MunozPetrich@americanbar.org.

Application Period Opens for YLD Subgrant Program

Nominations are being accepted for the ABA Young Lawyers Division's [Subgrant Program](#). The program provides funding to young lawyer organizations for activities that benefit local communities, leaders, or members. The application deadline is March 1.

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