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People

State Bars

IL | Illinois Bar Foundation

Lisa Corrao has been named executive director. Click [here](#) for a press release announcing the hiring.

Local Bars

CA | Santa Barbara County Bar Association

Lida Sideris is the new executive director.

IL | DuPage County Bar Association

Leslie Monahan is the new executive director.

NV | Clark County Bar Association

CLE and Special Events Director Donna Wiessner has been named interim executive director as the bar searches for a replacement for Eric Mann. Click [here](#) for a press release announcing the appointment.

News

ABA Welcomes New ED

The ABA has hired Jack Rives as its new executive director. Rives recently retired as the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Air Force. He took over his new duties May 1. For more on the hiring, click [here](#).

Ethics Commission Studying Inbound Foreign Lawyer Issues

The ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 is studying a number of issues relating to the ability of foreign lawyers to practice in the U.S. The Commission's Working Group on Inbound Foreign Lawyers has reviewed and considered these matters and developed [memoranda and templates](#) illustrating why and how foreign lawyers could be included within the current ABA Model Rules.

The Commission has taken no position regarding these documents or issues. Your comments will assist the Commission in its consideration of these issues. An introductory message from Commission Co-Chairs Jamie S. Gorelick and Michael Traynor accompanies the Memoranda and Templates. They may also be viewed

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

CPR UPDATE

Iowa Suspends Out-of-State Lawyer Who Practiced Under Federal MJP Provision. [Read this article](#) and get other ethics news and resources from the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility.

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

For the latest news in funding for legal aid and pro bono developments, click [here](#).

BAI FACT

The majority of state bars either own or rent/lease their space - 38% own and 33% rent/lease. Half of all local bars rent or lease their space, with only 11% owning the space. [Order the 2009 BAI](#).

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on the Commission's [website](#).

Responses should be e-mailed by July 1 to Natalia Vera at Natalia.Vera@americanbar.org.

Resources

ABA Offers Bars Non-Dues Revenue Opportunity through Web Store

The ABA Bar Affiliate Program offers members of participating bars 15% off [ABA Web store](#) purchases. Participating bars also receive 15% of the revenue from their member's purchases. Virtually no administrative work is required by bar staff to set up or manage the program.

For more on the program, contact Catherine Kruse at Catherine.Kruse@americanbar.org.

Report Discusses State of Law Practice, Legal Education

A new report on the state of law practice in the 21st century and the continuum of legal education has been released. The [report](#) is from the American Law Institute-American Bar Association's (ALI-ABA) Critical Issues Summit last October. Many of the report's recommendations affect bar associations.

ABA Tries to Grow Some Green

The ABA is encouraging its members to plant a tree this spring and fall as part of its [One Million Trees Project](#). The project aims to plant a million trees by the year 2014, an effort designed to raise national awareness of the benefits of trees and how they help fight climate change. Five thousand trees have been planted so far.

Members can contribute to the project by purchasing a tree through one of the project's partners, listed on its website.

ABA Releases Diversity Report, to Feature Bar Implementation Stories on Website

A new ABA 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.

Suggestions for bars begin on page 35. The commission encourages bars to [email](#) information on how they plan to implement – or are already implementing – them. Responses will be noted on the [Next Steps website](#).

A discussion on four of the emerging issues will be held during the ABA Annual meeting in San Francisco, Friday, August 6 at 1:30 pm.

New Curriculum Helps Students Learn the Practical Side of Economics

The ABA's Division for Public Education has developed a curriculum on antitrust laws for students. The [curriculum](#), which includes a 60-page teacher's guide, helps students understand the integral part economics play in our daily lives.

LRE Network Database

Check out the [ABA's LRE Network website](#), 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.

Awards

Public Service Award Winner Announced

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HOD REPORTS

The ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection has filed a Report and Recommendation proposing the adoption of new Model Rules for Client Trust Account Records to replace the current Model Rule on Financial Recordkeeping. The Report and Recommendation will be considered by the ABA House of Delegates at the 2010 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The Committee would appreciate your support. You may view the proposal [here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8/3 - 8/7/10

[NABE/NCBF/NCBF Annual Meetings](#)

San Francisco

Contact: [Tondanisha Nevels](#)

8/5 - 8/10/10

[ABA Annual Meeting Programs of interest](#)

San Francisco

Contact: [Donna Mosher](#)

4/12 - 4/14/11

[ABA Day in Washington 2011](#)

Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Contact: [Julie M. Strandlie](#)

4/17 - 4/19/12

[ABA Day in Washington 2012](#)

Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Contact: [Julie M. Strandlie](#)

The Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation is this year's recipient of the National Conference of Bar Foundations (NCBF) Award for Bar Foundation Excellence in Public Service Programming. This award is given annually to a bar foundation demonstrating excellence and impact in either its programs or grant-making awards to its community.

The foundation will be recognized at the joint luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Foundations, National Conference of Bar Presidents and the National Association of Bar Executives on Friday, August 6, at the Hilton San Francisco.

Bar Diversity Award Winners Announced

The Bar Association of San Francisco, Louisiana State Bar Association and Nebraska State Bar Association are the winners of this year's ABA Partnership Awards.

The winners will be recognized at the joint luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives and the National Conference of Bar Foundations on Friday, August 6, at the Hilton San Francisco. All program submissions are online at the [Partnership Awards home page](#).

Legal Services Award Winners Announced

The Tennessee Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association will each receive a 2010 Harrison Tweed Award for achievement in preserving and increasing access to legal services for the poor.

The Tennessee Bar Association is being recognized for the results achieved through its "Justice 4 All Campaign" to increase access to legal services for the poor. The Washington State Bar Association is being honored for its role in providing funding for the provision of legal services and for its Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project.

The awards will be presented during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco on Friday, August 6th, at a joint luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives and National Conference of Bar Foundations.

Nomination Period Opens for Law Day Awards

The ABA's Division for Public Education is accepting nominations for its Outstanding Law Day Activity Awards. Any individual or group that implemented a Law Day program in 2010 is eligible.

The nomination deadline is June 18. For details, click [here](#).

Nomination Period to Open for Young Lawyer Award

The ABA Young Lawyers Division will be accepting nominations July 1 for its National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The award recognizes an ABA young lawyer in good standing who exhibits professional excellence; service to the profession and the bar; service to the community; or a reputation for or the advancement of legal ethics and professional responsibility.

The nomination deadline is August 31. For more on the award program, click [here](#).

Application Period Opens for Solo and Small Firm Awards

The ABA is accepting nominations for its GP Solo and Small Firm Awards. The annual awards program recognizes dedication to the practice of law as general practitioners or solo or small firm lawyers. The deadline has been extended to June 30.

Winners will be honored at the Annual Meeting during the Joint Reception with the Section of State and Local Government Law held at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis in San Francisco on Friday, August 6. For more information 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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