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## People

State Bars

### CA | State Bar of California

Joe Dunn is the bar's new executive director.

Local Bars

### MN | Hennepin County Bar Association

Executive Director Larry Buxbaum has announced his retirement, effective June 2011.

### MO | Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Victoria Schatz is the bar's new executive director.

### OH | Columbus Bar Association

Jill Snitcher McQuain is the bar's new executive director

## News

### Registration Opens for BLI 2011

Registration has opened for the ABA's [2011 Bar Leadership Institute](#), scheduled for March 10-11 at Chicago's Downtown Marriott. The annual meeting, which helps incoming bar leaders prepare to take the reins of their associations, draws more than 300 attendees.

[An announcement](#) was sent in November to bar association executive directors and presidents-elect. Future notices will be sent about once a month.

To register now for BLI, [click here](#).

### Zack Turns Attention to Cash-Strapped Courts

With courts nationwide struggling to function as a result of the economic crisis, ABA President Steve Zack has convened a blue-ribbon Task Force on Preservation of the Justice System to shed light on the issue.

In a [November 17 letter](#), task force leaders Theodore Olson and David Boies ask for any information that could help the group, which will eventually provide a report

## BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Behind Bars](#) | The 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

ABA issues ethics opinion about lawyer websites. [Read about it](#) 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

Fifty-one percent of state bars and 43% of local bars outsource at least one of their activities. [Order the 2009 BAI](#).

## LTRC CORNER

**Turn an Outlook Message Into A Meeting** | In Outlook, drag any message from your Inbox onto the Calendar folder or icon. Complete the calendar input box that appears and presto! it's a meeting.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

and recommendations to the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates.

The task force and its mission were the subject of a recent [ABA Journal article](#) by Zack.

For more on the Task Force or to support its work of the Task Force, contact Konstantina Vagenas at [Konstantina.Vagenas@americanbar.org](mailto:Konstantina.Vagenas@americanbar.org).

### ABA Asks Bars to Complete Survey

As part of ABA President Steve Zack's initiative on Civic Education in the Nation's Schools, the ABA is asking bar associations to [complete a survey](#) on their own civic education efforts. Bars can also [sign up for updates](#) on the initiative and how they might help.

### Ethics Commission Sends Discussion Draft

The ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 has posted for comment a [Discussion Draft](#) relating to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and domestic and international outsourcing. The draft is not a proposal of the Commission and will not be presented to the ABA's House of Delegates.

Comments on the draft are due by January 31, 2011, to Natalia Vera at [Natalia.Vera@americanbar.org](mailto:Natalia.Vera@americanbar.org). Comments may be posted to the [Commission's website](#).

### Ethics Commission Seeks Comment on Issues Papers

The ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 is seeking comments on new issues papers on [lawyers' involvement in Alternative Litigation Financing](#) and the [ABA Model Rule on Admission by Motion](#).

Comments should be sent by February 15, 2011 to Natalia Vera at [Natalia.Vera@americanbar.org](mailto:Natalia.Vera@americanbar.org). Comments may be posted to the [Commission's website](#). The Commission has taken no position regarding the matters raised or the questions posed in the documents.

## Resources

### Bar School to Help Execs Make a Date

MS Outlook's calendar will be topic of the next session of *Bar School*, to be held December 13. "*MS Outlook: Making the Most of Your Calendar*," will unravel the mysteries of the calendar, such as how to set up group calendars and import travel information. Click [here](#) to register.

*Bar School* is the Division for Bar Services' monthly series of technology webinars. Each one-hour session is led by ABA LTRC Director Catherine Sanders Reach.

### DBS Makes Operations Survey Personal

The Division for Bar Services has added a new flavor to one of its standby products.

Based on its *Bar Activities Inventory*, a periodic report on bar operations, the new *Customized Bar Activities Inventory* compares a single association's BAI responses to those of another group in its market, such as unified bars. Many months in the making, the book was created to give bars new understanding of their operations and place in their market.

For more on the publication or to order, [click here](#).

### TechShow Makes A Deal with Bars

ABA's TechShow is offering bar members a substantial discount on its upcoming meeting – in exchange for a little publicity from their bars. The annual technology conference, which is also a CLE provider, will partner with bars to give members up to nearly 35% off the standard \$1025 registration cost. Bars, in exchange, must

1/13 - 1/16/11

[Cyberspace Law Institute & Winter Working Meeting](#)

Austin, TX | The Driskill Hotel  
Contact: [Donna Williams](#)

2/10/11

State and Local Bar Outreach Forum and Reception  
Atlanta | Marriott Marquis Hotel  
Contact: [Judith Legg](#)

3/10 - 3/11/11

[ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#)  
Chicago | Downtown Marriott  
Contact: [Karyn Linn](#)

4/11 - 4/13/11

[ABA TECHSHOW](#)  
Chicago | Hilton Chicago  
Contact: [Cindy Galvan](#)

4/12 - 4/14/11

[ABA Day in Washington 2011](#)  
Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill  
Contact: [Ken Goldsmith](#)

5/12 - 5/14/11

[Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference](#)  
Las Vegas | Caesars Palace  
Contact: [Megan Sheets](#)

3/15 - 3/16/12

[ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#)  
Chicago | Downtown Marriott  
Contact: [Karyn Linn](#)

4/17 - 4/19/12

[ABA Day in Washington 2012](#)  
Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill  
Contact: [Ken Goldsmith](#)

promote the meeting on their website, in their publications, or by direct e-mail. For details on the promotion, click [here](#).

TechShow, one of the ABA's staple and most popular meetings, will be held April 11-13, 2011. More than 50 sessions are scheduled and more than 100 companies will exhibit. More than 1,500 registrants are expected. It recently launched its own [YouTube channel](#).

### **LPM Pub Offers Free Syndication for Bars**

Law Practice Today, webzine of the ABA's Law Practice Management Section, can be syndicated for no charge to bar association members. Contact Aaron Smith, at [smith@staff.abanet.org](mailto:smith@staff.abanet.org).

### **Law Day Site Offers Planning Help**

Visit the ABA's [Law Day 2011 website](#) for a planning guide and other resources to help prepare your Law Day activities. This year's Law Day theme is *The Legacy of John Adams: From Boston to Guantanamo*.

### **New LPM Mag Shows How Law Firms Are Thriving in Tough Times**

The November/December online edition of Law Practice Magazine is [now online](#). The cover story examines three law firms that have remained strong despite the troubled economy.

### **Guide Looks at Race and Crime Disparity**

A new manual from the ABA's Criminal Justice section addresses [how to reduce the racial disparity](#) in the criminal justice system. A limited number of hard copies are available on request. Contact Salma Safiedine, at [safiedis@staff.abanet.org](mailto:safiedis@staff.abanet.org).

### **Washington Letter Goes Electronic**

The latest edition of the ABA Washington Letter, a monthly newsletter for bar leaders covering current federal legislative issues, [is now online](#). The *Letter*, now produced exclusively in electronic form, has been produced for more than 50 years. For more on the *Letter*, contact editor Rhonda McMillion, at [Rhonda.McMillion@americanbar.org](mailto:Rhonda.McMillion@americanbar.org).

### **Report Offers States Guidelines for Handling Questionable Judges**

An ABA report to go before the association's policy-making House of Delegates sets out model practices to help states improve their procedures for disqualifying judges. [The proposal](#), from the ABA's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, addresses the issues around disqualifying judges whose impartiality is legitimately in question. It will go before the House at the ABA's 2011 Midyear Meeting in February.

For more on the proposal or to co-sponsor it, contact [Konstantina Vagenas](#).

### **ABA Member Advantage Wants You to Pay Less**

Visit the [ABA Member Advantage website](#) often to stay current on special offers that add value to the standard discounts.

### **New Site Helps Employers Find Job Candidates**

The ABA's Section of State and Local Government Law has launched an online resume database. The [database](#) features resumes from the section's law student members and is searchable by practice area, location, and law school attended.

## **Awards**

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### **Nomination Period Opens for Gambrell Awards**

Applications will be accepted starting this month for the [2011 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards](#). The awards recognize projects contributing to the understanding of professionalism among lawyers.

The awards will be presented at the ABA Annual Meeting by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism in the amount of \$3,500 each. Law schools, bar associations, law firms, and other law-related organizations are eligible.

### **Nomination Period Opens for Silver Gavel Awards**

Nominations are now being accepted for the [2011 Silver Gavel Awards](#) for media and the arts. The annual awards recognize entries from communications media that have helped improve Americans' understanding of the law and the legal system.

### **Nomination Period Opens for Public Education Award**

Nominations are now being accepted for the [Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education](#). The award honors professionals who have contributed to youth or public legal education.

### **Nomination Period Opens for Access to Justice Award**

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the 2011 John H. Pickering Achievement Award. The award recognizes significant contributions to improving access to justice for all. It will be presented at an SLD dinner during the ABA Annual Meeting in August.

The nomination deadline is February 28, 2011.

### **Application Period Opens for Law School Scholarship Program**

Applications are being accepted for the 2011-12 ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarships. The program, which encourages racially and ethnically diverse students to apply to law school, awards \$5,000 in financial aid to 20 students entering their first year at ABA-accredited law schools. The awards may be renewable for two additional years, for a total of \$15,000 in aid.

Scholarship applications must be received by March 1, 2011.

### **Volunteers Sought for Minority Internship Program**

The ABA Section of Litigation is seeking volunteers for its Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, which will begin accepting applications in October. The program lets minority and financially disadvantaged law students intern with a state or federal judge for the summer.

Highly competitive, the JIOP fielded more than 650 applications last year.

Volunteers are needed to help prescreen interviews, serve as panelists at program orientations, and participate in local mentoring programs. For more information on the program, click [here](#) or contact Gail Howard at [Gail.Howard@americanbar.org](mailto:Gail.Howard@americanbar.org).

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### **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](http://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](mailto: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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