

People

Local Bars

FL | Hillsborough County Bar Association

John F. Kynes is the bar's new executive director

News

Annual Meeting Approaches

The NABE/NCBP/NCBF annual meeting begins next Tuesday, August 2, in Toronto. Click [here](#) for some featured programs from the meeting. Be sure to visit the Division for Bar Services table during sponsor breaks for news and a few surprises.

Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement Announced

The seventh Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement, presented by the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012, following the NABE and NCBP midyear meetings. The keynote speaker will be United States Attorney General Eric Holder. For more, click [here](#), and look for "Summit."

Ethics Commission Seeks Comment on Proposals

The ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 is seeking comment on its initial proposals on lawyers' use of technology and client development tools. Comments are due by August 31. A public hearing on the issue will be held August 5, at the ABA's upcoming annual meeting in Toronto. To sign up to testify, click [here](#).

Symposium to Explore State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession

The Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession will be presenting [six symposia on the state of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession](#) in conjunction with the publication of its inaugural review on the subject.

The symposia, which will be held in six cities around the country, will present the latest data on diversity in the profession and address several issues, such as the underrepresentation of hispanic females in the legal profession.

ABA Denies Approval to California Law School

The ABA has announced that it [will not grant its full approval](#) to California's University of La Verne College of Law. The school had been granted provisional approval before the announcement was made. The school intends to reapply for provisional ABA approval in early fall.

Resources

ABA Shines a Light on Lawyer Wellness

The ABA has launched a [series of resource pages](#) to promote wellness among legal professionals. The series, created by the Commission on Lawyer Assistance

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[3 Geeks and a Law Blog](#) |

Technology, legal research, law firm marketing and how to think about the future all in one fun, interesting and insightful location.

- Elizabeth Derrico

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

DUES SURVEY FACT

22% of all voluntary state bars indicated their member retention rate increased last year and 56% indicated it stayed the same.

[Order the 2010 Dues Survey.](#)

LTRC CORNER

Universal Undo/Redo | Use the keystroke Ctrl+Z to undo an operation. Ctrl+Y will redo the previous action you chose to undo. Works in webmail and Microsoft Office apps.

HOD REPORTS

Judicial Disqualification Report

[This resolution](#) urges states to establish clearly articulated procedures for judicial qualification determinations and prompt review by another judge or tribunal, or as otherwise provided by law or rule of court, of denials of requests to disqualify a judge.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8/2 - 8/6/11

[NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting](#)

Toronto, Canada

Contact: [Chrishelle Bradford](#)

[Featured Programs](#)

8/4 - 8/9/11

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)

Toronto, Canada

Contact: [Meetings & Travel](#)

8/7/11

Programs, breaks down several disorders experienced by legal professionals, such as alcohol abuse, depression, and compassion fatigue. Each page defines a disorder and its symptoms, and links to articles and other resources on the topic.

Survey Reveals Lawyer Tech Practices

The ABA has released its annual survey on how lawyers use technology. The comprehensive [six-volume report](#), published by the ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center, includes responses from nearly 5,000 lawyers.

Among the survey's bar-related stats: 80% of respondents use their state or local bar association as their main source for online CLE. (58% state, 22% local). 42% of solo practitioners use their state bar association's legal research provider as their main source for free legal research, up from 29% in 2010

The center is offering a 20% discount on the survey until August 19. Call (312) 988-5465 or e-mail ltrc@americanbar.org.

Post or Search for Jobs on the ABA's Job Board

The ABA has created a home for legal professionals and the firms that want them. Part of the ABA's Career Center, the two-pronged site lets [employers post job openings and read resumes](#), and lets [job-seekers upload resumes and search openings](#) in more than 20 areas of law. Postings are discounted for ABA members.

Report Explores Business Case for Diversity

A new report examines the impact of corporate efforts to increase diversity through the assignment of business. The report, published by the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, considers how the business case for diversity affects women, African Americans, Asian Americans, and other diverse groups differently.

The report can be requested for free on the Institute's [website](#).

Journal Seeking Some Photo Bono from Volunteer Lawyers

The ABA Journal is featuring photos of lawyers engaged in volunteer service to showcase in its new feature, *Lawyers Giving Back*. Click [here](#) for more on the feature.

Join the ABA's Expert Author Pool

A new ABA service helps diversity lawyers add "published author" to their resumes. Called the Legal Expert Author Pool, or LEAP, the service maintains a pool of authors with expertise in a legal field who are willing to write for an ABA periodical, then connects them with ABA publishing entities that have committed to the project. Click [here](#) for more.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Diversity Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [Difference Makers Awards](#). The awards recognize lawyers who "make a difference" by breaking down barriers for women, people of color, people with disabilities, and regardless of sexual orientation.

Nominations are due September 9.

Milwaukee Bar Wins New Award

The Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation is the winner of the inaugural Partnerships for Success Award. The award honors bar foundation initiatives that make a significant impact in their community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. The foundation was selected for its [Milwaukee Justice](#)

[Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon](#)

Toronto, Canada |
Contact: [Barb Leff](#)

9/11/11

[TIPS Initiative on Disaster Preparedness & Response Teleconference: Where Are We Today?](#)

Teleconference
Contact: [Ninah Moore](#)

9/13 - 9/16/11

[National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs](#)

Tampa, FL | Tampa Marriott
Waterside
Contact: [Leigh Stewart](#)

9/17/11

[ABA Constitution Day](#)

Nationwide
Contact: [Chandra Fitzpatrick](#)

10/19 - 10/22/11

[2011 ABA LRIS Workshop](#)

New Orleans | Astor Crowne
Plaza
Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)

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](#)

[Center](#), a collaborative project between the Milwaukee Bar Association and Foundation, Milwaukee County, and Marquette University Law School.

The award, sponsored by LexisNexis and the National Conference of Bar Foundations, will be presented at a luncheon at the upcoming 2011 NCBP/NABE/NCBF annual meeting in Toronto.

Gambrell Award Winners Announced

The 2011 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award will be presented to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law's "Raymond B. Witt Professional Roundtable," to its sister program, the "Charlotte Professional Roundtable," and to the District of Columbia Bar's "Basic Training Program." The award is presented by the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility. For more on the winners, click [here](#).

Smith Award Winner Announced

Professor Gary A. Munneke of Pace Law School, White Plains, New York, and Chair of the Law Practice Management Committee of the New York State Bar Association, is the recipient of this year's Samuel S. Smith Award for excellence in law practice management. Visit www.lawpractice.org for more information. The award is presented by the ABA's Law Practice Management Section.