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People

National Bars

National Bar Association

Interim executive director Demetris Cheatham has been named permanent ED.

Local Bars

NY | Schenectady County Bar Association

Beth Krueger is the bar's new ED.

News

Registration Opens for NCBP, NABE, and NCBF Annual Meetings

Registration has opened for the 2012 annual meetings of the National Association of Bar Executives (July 31-August 2); National Conference of Bar Presidents (August 2-4); and the National Conference of Bar Foundations (August 2-4). Chicago, celebrated for its art, architecture, and some of the most exceptional cuisine in the country, once again will be the setting for programs and events planned for the executive and elected leaders of bar organizations. Business meetings and workshops will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

NABE, NCBP, and NCBF meetings will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. Register online at www.ambar.org/annual. To learn more about programming or to print a faxable form, visit www.nabenet.org; www.ncbp.org; or www.ncbf.org.

The early registration deadline for the meetings is May 31. The advance registration deadline is July 6. Send questions to NABE-NCBP-NCBFregistration@americanbar.org.

Defense Summit Materials Posted

Materials from the Seventh Annual Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement, featuring US Attorney General Eric Holder, are now [online](#). The hour and a half session included a three-person panel and more than 100 participants who considered the best ways the private bar can help solve the crisis in indigent defense.

Plans are being made for next year's summit and the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright in March 2013. For more information, contact Tori Jo Wible at tori.wible@americanbar.org.

Resources

DBS Releases Bar Association Membership Surveys

The Division for Bar Services has released its *2011 State & Local Bar Membership, Administration, & Finance Survey*, a beefed-up successor to its *State and Local Bar Dues Survey*. The survey, Bar Services' perennial reference on bar association dues and membership operations, now includes stats on bar staff, facilities, and policies, with data on nearly 200 state and local bars.

BLOG OF THE MONTH

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

Residing at the intersection of technology, knowledge, and firm management, this blog is insightful and indispensable. You can follow each of the "geeks" on Twitter for even more cutting edge news and analysis.

- Elizabeth Derrico

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

MAF SURVEY FACT

14% of local bars with less than 2,000 members have increased their dues in the last year, with the average increase being 11.65%. [Order the 2011 MAF Survey.](#)

MEMBER ADVANTAGE

Book a relaxing getaway - you've earned it. ABA members [save up to 15%](#) on weekend stays at select Starwood hotels and resorts. Plus, you qualify for the corporate preferred tier of Starwood's loyalty program.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/17 - 4/19/12

[ABA Day in Washington 2012](#)

Washington, DC

Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Contact: [Ken Goldsmith](#)

5/3 - 5/5/12

[ABA YLD Spring Conference](#)

Nashville | Hilton Nashville

Downtown

Contact: [Tara Blasingame](#)

Two special versions can be ordered in the ABA Web Store: a [slimmed-down edition](#) focusing just on market averages, and an [enhanced version](#) with statistical analysis. A basic version of the data went out free to bars that completed the survey questionnaire.

ABA Publishes Directory for the Disabled

A new [state-by-state directory](#) links to state and local courthouse web pages on items such as sign language interpreter requests and ADA policies. This free resource can help Americans with disabilities have their rights protected, injuries redressed, and disputes resolved.

Diversity Network Seeks Contact Info

The Bar Association Diversity Professionals Network is seeking contact information of bar staff who manage diversity and inclusion programs for an upcoming directory. To submit contact information, or learn more about the directory, e-mail diversity@americanbar.org.

The network, coordinated by the State Bar of California and the ABA Diversity Center, provides a forum for staff at state, local, and specialty bars to share information, successful strategies, and opportunities. The network is seeking to expand its outreach to bar staff that will benefit from this national peer group.

ABA Wants to Know Your Law Day Plans

[Tell the ABA](#) what your state bar association has planned for your public/media event on May 1, so it can be highlighted on the [Law Day web site](#). Please keep responses to a maximum of 250 words.

This year's Law Day theme will address the severity of court under funding and its effects on Americans' everyday life.

ABA Offers Help with the Tough Questions

A lawyer spends six hours on a cross country plane trip on behalf of client A. While on the plane, he spends four hours working on a matter for client B. Can he bill six hours to client A and four hours to client B?

Such questions are the specialty of ABA ETHICSearch, the ABA's free ethics advice service. The service, operated by the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility, provides guidelines - such as ABA ethics rules, state and local bar association ethics opinions, case law, and law review articles - to help lawyers through ethical quandaries. ETHICSearch fields about 2,500 inquiries per year.

To use ETHICSearch, call (800) 285-2221 and press 8, e-mail ETHICSearch@americanbar.org, or fax (312) 988-5491. Though all inquiries are accepted, questions from ABA members are given priority.

Awards

Nominations Sought for Tweed Award

The ABA is accepting nominations for the 2012 Harrison Tweed Award, which recognizes bar association projects and programs that increase legal services access for the poor. The award will be presented in August at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, for work done between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012.

The nomination deadline is April 2. For more on the award, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for ABA Partnership Award

The Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services is accepting nominations

5/10 - 5/11/12

[Business Law Section 2012 Business Bar Leaders Conference](#)
Chicago | Renaissance O'Hare Suites
Contact: [Maggie Hajduk](#)

5/17 - 5/19/12

[2012 Equal Justice Conference](#)
Jacksonville | Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
Contact: [Erin Wellin](#)

5/23 - 5/24/12

[Minority Counsel Program](#)
Las Vegas | Caesar's Palace
Contact: [Rachel Patrick](#)

5/30 - 6/2/12

[38th National Conference on Professional Responsibility](#)
Boston | Seaport Hotel & Seaport World Trade Center
Contact: [Center for Professional Responsibility](#)

6/3 - 6/4/12

[US Supreme Court Bar Admissions Trip](#)
Washington, DC | Mandarin Oriental Hotel
Contact: [Angela Boykin](#)

7/31 - 8/4/12

[NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting](#)
Chicago Hyatt Regency
Contact: [Chrishelle Bradford](#)

8/2 - 8/7/12

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)
Chicago
Contact: [Meetings & Travel](#)

for the 2012 ABA Partnership Awards Program, which recognizes bar association efforts to increase the participation and advancement of lawyers of color as well as other underrepresented constituents.

Awards will be presented at the annual meeting joint luncheon of NCBP/NABE/NCBF, Friday, August 3, in Chicago. Winning entries will be showcased at the NCBP Forum on Ethnic and Racial Diversity later that afternoon. For more on the award, including entry forms, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for NCBF Partnerships for Success Award

The National Conference of Bar Foundations is accepting nominations for the 2012 NCBF/LexisNexisPartnerships for Success Award. This award honors bar foundation initiatives that make a significant impact in their community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. The award will also be presented at the annual meeting joint luncheon of NCBP/NABE/NCBF in Chicago this August. For more on the award and application information, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Closing Soon for Gambrell Awards

Applications are being accepted for the 2012 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards. [The awards](#) recognize projects that enhance lawyer professionalism.

Up to three programs will receive the Award, which includes a cash prize of \$3,500 for each recipient, at the 2012 ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Bar associations, law schools, law firms, and other law-related organizations are eligible. The nomination deadline is March 30.

Nomination Period Opens for Spirit of Excellence Awards

The ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession is accepting nominations for the 2013 Spirit of Excellence Awards. The awards celebrate the accomplishments of lawyers who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession.

For more information and to access the nomination form, click [here](#) or e-mail spiritawards@americanbar.org. Nominations are due by July 16.

Nomination Period Opens for Pipeline Award

The ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline is accepting nominations for the Fifth Annual Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award. The Alexander Award recognizes exemplary leadership in educational pipeline work by an individual or organization.

Nominations are due by October 1. For more information and to access the nomination form, click [here](#) or e-mail diversity@americanbar.org.

Nomination Period Opens for Stonewall Award

Nominations are being accepted for the inaugural Stonewall Award. The award recognizes efforts by lawyers, members of the judiciary and legal academia who have helped remove barriers on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in the legal profession.

Nominations are due May 31. For more on the award, including the online nomination form, click [here](#).

Law Day Award Winners Honored

The Nevada Supreme Court, Connecticut Judicial Branch in partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Supreme Court of Missouri - the winners of the 2011 Law Day Outstanding Activity Awards - were honored at the Law Day Awards ceremony held during the NCBP/NABE/NCBF luncheon at the ABA 2012 Midyear Meeting. To view a summary of the awards luncheon and photographs of

the recipients, click [here](#).

NY Attorney Wins Franck Award

New York attorney Seth Rosner, a member of the ABA House of Delegates since 1967 and dedicated contributor to improvements to legal and judicial ethics and regulation for nearly 50 years, has been selected as the recipient of the ABA 2012 Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award. The award will be presented May 31st during the 38th ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility in Boston.