People

State Bars
CT | Connecticut Bar Association
Alice Bruno is the bar’s new executive director

KS | Kansas Bar Association
Jordan Yochim is the bar’s new executive director

News

ABA Annual Meeting Reg Opens
Registration has opened for the ABA’s 2012 annual meeting, August 2-7 in Chicago. This year’s meeting will include more than 200 CLE programs and a Battle of the Lawyer Bands. Early registration ends May 31.

Registration Opens for NCBP, NABE, and NCBF Annual Meetings
Registration has also 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). The meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in conjunction with the ABA’s annual meeting.

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.

Calling Executives of Small Bar Associations!
Register now for the NABE Small Bar Conference, June 22-23, in Las Vegas, NV. The program is geared toward executives of bar associations with fewer than 1,500 members, budgets less than $300,000, and/or limited staff. The conference will feature sessions and networking opportunities to augment your support of your organization while enhancing your own professional development. Registration is $99 through May 16 and $125 from May 17-31.

ABA Approves California Law School
The ABA has announced it has granted provisional approval of California’s University of La Verne College of Law.

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.

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.

Begin Planning for National Pro Bono Week
The ABA is encouraging bars to begin planning for National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, October 21-27. The event, started in 2009, has been an effective tool for building pro bono participation and increasing access to justice for thousands of Americans, and advancing participating bars' own pro bono initiatives. For planning help, visit the Celebration website or write sbrowning@justlistening.net.

Contribute to Military Committee Directory
The ABA is seeking bar association information for a national directory of military law-related committees and sections. To contribute, send a brief summary of your bar's activities in the military law area to Jason Vail at jason.vail@americanbar.org.

ABA Plans New Diversity Resource, Seeks Bar Data
The ABA is seeking bar association diversity data for a comprehensive new book on diversity in the legal profession. The Diversity Databook, scheduled to publish in fall 2012, will include statistics, reports, and other data.

For more information and guidelines, click here or contact Spencer Headworth at sheadworth@abfn.org. Materials should be submitted by May 11. All organizations that contribute information will receive a complimentary copy of the Databook.

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

Last Call for Partnerships for Success Award Nominations
Nominations are due next Monday, May 7, for the 2012 NCBF Partnerships for Success Award. The award recognizes bar foundation initiatives that make a significant impact in their community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. For more, click here.

Partnership Awards Deadline Extended
It's not too late to submit nominations for the 2012 ABA Partnership Awards Program, recognizing diversity efforts of bar associations. The nomination deadline has been extended to May 7. Visit the awards' web site for the nomination form and to see past winners.
Nomination Period Open for Pipeline Diversity 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 award recognizes exemplary leadership in educational pipeline work by an individual or organization.

Nomination materials must be received by October 1. For more information and to access the nomination form, click here or e-mail diversity@americanbar.org.

Nomination Period Open for Spirit of Excellence Awards
The ABA is accepting nominations for the 2013 Spirit of Excellence Awards. The awards celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession.

Nomination materials are due July 16. For more information and to access the nomination form, click here or e-mail spiritawards@americanbar.org.