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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

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[The State Bar of Michigan Blog](#)

You should be reading this up-to-date, comprehensive look at breaking legal news. You don't have to be a Michigan lawyer to love the coverage.

- Elizabeth Derrico

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

MAF SURVEY FACT

29% of local bars with 2,000+ members have increased their dues in the last year, with the average increase being 8.84%.

[Order the 2011 Membership, Administration and Finance Survey](#)

HOD REPORTS

At its meeting on February 6, 2012, the ABA House of Delegates concurred in changes to Interpretation 510-2, Rule 3, and Rule 5(a) of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. The changes became effective immediately. [Read the report](#)

MEMBER ADVANTAGE

ABA members now save 40% on award-winning computer security software from Norton. Your stuff is more than information, it's your life. It's what lives on your hard drive, your devices and on the web. Protect your stuff with Norton. [Learn more!](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

5/10 - 5/11/12

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

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.

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 | Ceasar'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](#)

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](#)

8/5

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

Chicago

Contact: [Beverly Tate](#)

10/24 - 10/27/12

[2012 National Lawyer Referral Workshop](#)

Las Vegas | Harrah's

Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)

12/6 - 12/7/12

[Women in Law Leadership Academy](#)

San Francisco | Palace Hotel

Contact: [Melissa Wood](#)



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.

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