People

Local Bars

CA | Sacramento County Bar Association
Mary Burroughs is the bar's new executive director

NY | New York City Bar Association
Bret I. Parker is the bar's new executive director.

News

2012 BAI Released: Signature Benchmark Reference for Bars
It's here. The 2012 Bar Activities Inventory, covering the latest bar operations data for nearly 200 bars around the country, has been published. The staple benchmarking tool, published once every three years, details bar operations in areas such as social media involvement, governance structure, and section policy.

Besides the full edition, this year's BAI can for the first time be purchased in one of four volumes, covering areas such as leadership/governance and communications. All editions include data analysis and summaries.

Both the full BAI and the volumes are available for limited-time discounts.

NABE Small Bar Conference Registration Open
NABE is inviting executives of small bar associations to participate in an "intense" summer conference in the heart of NASCAR country.

Known as the Small Bar Conference, the two-day program will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina from June 27-29. The agenda reveals a mix of social events and networking opportunities with brass-tacks discussions on topics such as managing finances and doing performance evaluations.

The program, held annually, is geared toward the makeup of small bar associations, defined as bars with small staffs, budgets under $300,000, or fewer than 1,500 members. This year's theme, "Gearing Up to Reach Peak Performance," reflects the city's status as home of NASCAR's hall of fame.

Early bird registration, which includes meal tickets and meeting materials, ends May 12. Scholarships are available for first-time attendees.

AM Registration Opens
Registration has opened for the 2013 NABE/NCBF/NCBP Annual Meeting, to be held August 6-10 in San Francisco in conjunction with the ABA's Annual Meeting. Register here.

Draft ABA Law School Approval Rules Approved
At recent meetings, the ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar approved for Notice and Comment proposed revisions to Chapters 2 and 5, and 6 and 7, of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for
Approval of Law Schools.

Resources

ABA Offers Law Day Resources
The 2013 Law Day theme "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All" marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Resources are available at the Law Day website.

Upcoming Bar Schools Scheduled
The next two sessions of Bar School, the ABA's webinar series for bar leaders, have been announced. The April 22 class, Don't Be App-rehensive: Time to Mobilize Your Bar, will focus on how bars can implement the newest technology to benefit their membership. The May 20 class, The Perfect '10: Getting the Most Out of an Improved Office, will show participants how to make the best use of the new features of Microsoft Office 2010.

Bar leaders who have missed a previous Bar School class can make use of selected Bar School recordings.

New Gender Pay Equity Toolkit
A new ABA toolkit shows bars how to present programs on gender pay equity. The toolkit includes a suggested program agenda, slides, and materials.

Awards

Nominations Open for Partnership Awards
The ABA Partnership Awards Program is accepting nominations for the 2013 Partnership Awards. The awards honor bar association efforts to increase the participation and advancement of lawyers of color as well as other underrepresented constituents, including attorneys with disabilities, women attorneys, and those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

The annual awards program is open to all bar associations that can demonstrate how their efforts nurture diversity in the legal community. The award will be presented at the annual meeting NCBP/NABE/NCBF joint awards luncheon in San Francisco August 9. Submissions are due April 30.

Nominations Open for Partnerships for Success Award
NCBF and LexisNexis are accepting nominations for the 2013 Partnerships for Success Award. The award honors bar foundation law-related philanthropic initiatives for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. The award will be presented at the annual meeting NCBP/NABE/NCBF joint awards luncheon in San Francisco August 9. The winner will make a presentation at the NCBF member meeting Saturday morning. Submissions are due May 6.

Visit our awards page for more on ABA awards open to bar associations.