ABA Seeking Equal Justice Conference Proposals
The ABA is inviting session proposals for its 2014 Equal Justice Conference in Portland, Oregon. The annual conference focuses on strengthening partnerships to improve delivery of legal services to the poor and those with low incomes. The meeting will take place May 1-3.

To submit a session proposal, view the proposal guidelines and complete the submission form. Contact Erin Wellin with questions at erin.wellin@americanbar.org. Session proposals are due Thursday, October 10, 2013.

Conference to Commemorate, Analyze ABA Death Penalty Guidelines
A conference set for later this month will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the ABA's Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases. The conference, to take place October 21 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, will assess how application of the guidelines can improve the quality of justice.

CLE credits, including ethics, are available. For more information, contact Judith Black at (516) 463-6889 or Judith.N.Black@hofstra.edu.

 Ninth Annual Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement
The ABA has announced that its ninth annual Indigent Defense Summit will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014. This year's summit will look at the 50th Anniversary of the Criminal Justice Act, how the Washington State Bar Association's commitment to indigent defense has turned into game-changing legislation on case-weighting, and several other topics.

Invited speakers for the conference include ABA President James R. Silkenat, Equal Justice Initiative Executive Director Bryan Stevenson, and Northwestern University Bluhm Legal Clinic Director Thomas F. Geraghty.
ABA Books for Bars Offers Non-Dues Revenue Opportunity
The ABA Books for Bars program offers bar members a 15% discount on ABA books, and a 15% commission for their bar. Bars that participate in the program receive marketing materials and assistance promoting the program. For more information, contact Jennifer Collins Ellis at Jennifer.CollinsEllis@americanbar.org or (312) 988-5561.

ABA Seeks to Make Youths "Bullyproof"
A new ABA initiative aims to end school bullying once and for all. Called "Bullyproof," the program website includes pages for parents, educators, students, and young lawyers, covering topics such as what to do when bullying occurs and how to stop cyberbullying. The site also features a 13-minute video.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Brent Award
The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is accepting nominations for its 2014 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The nomination deadline is Monday, December 2.

The Brent award honors five women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence and actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers. It will be presented in August 2014, at the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston.

Nomination Period Opens for Judiciary Award
The ABA is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Burnham "Hod" Greeley Award, given annually to individuals and organizations that increase awareness of the need for a fair and impartial judiciary. Nominations are due Friday, November 29.

Entry Period Opens for Diversity Challenge
The ABA is accepting entries for the 2014 Next Steps Diversity Challenge. The program recognizes projects from young lawyer organizations and law students that increase diversity in the pipeline to the legal profession. Entries are due Friday, November 1.

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