

## People

### State Bars

#### NE | Nebraska State Bar Association

Elizabeth Neeley has been named the bar's executive director, effective November 1. Read the official announcement [here](#).

### Local Bars

#### CA | Alameda County Bar Association

Longtime Executive Director Ann Wassam has announced her retirement, effective January 2014. Click [here](#) for the official press release.

## News

### 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 [session proposal submission form](#). Contact Erin Wellin with questions at [erin.wellin@americanbar.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Resources

### BLOG OF THE MONTH

[Law21](#) | The latest on changes in the practice of law. A must read.

- Elizabeth Derrico

### LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

### BAI FACT

18% of unified state bars, 53% of voluntary state bars, and 15% of local bars have an association or bar president's blog.

Order the [2012 Bar Activities Inventory](#) or a [BAI Volume](#)

### REPORTS & REVISIONS

[Proposed revisions to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools](#)

[Proposed revisions to the Criteria for Accepting Credit for Student Study at a Foreign Institution](#)

[Draft report of the Task Force on the Future of Legal Education](#)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

10/21

[The 10th Anniversary of ABA Death Penalty Guidelines](#)

Hempstead, NY | Hofstra University Club

Contact: [Kaitlin Sandin](#)

10/23 - 10/27/13

[2013 National Lawyer Referral Workshop](#)

Atlanta | Westin Peachtree Plaza  
Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)

2/4 - 2/8/14

[NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [Pamela Robinson](#)

2/5 - 2/11/14

[ABA Midyear Meeting](#)

Chicago | Hyatt Regency  
Contact: [ABA Meetings & Travel](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

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[Ninth Annual Indigent Defense Summit](#)

Chicago | TBD

Contact: [Tori Jo Wible](#)

3/12 - 3/14/14

[ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#)

Chicago | Downtown Marriott

Contact: [Maggie Bieniek](#)

5/1 - 5/3/14

[ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference](#)

Portland, OR | Hilton Portland

Contact: [Erin Wellin](#)

