

People

Local Bars

CA | Alameda County Bar Association

Administration and Finance Director Amanda Picetti is serving as interim CEO. ([Read the job announcement.](#))

CO | El Paso County Bar

Zalena Joseph is the bar's new executive director.

MI | Oakland County Bar Association

Terry Gilbert is the bar's new executive director. ([Read the job announcement.](#))

News

Midyear Meeting Approaches

The NABE/NCBP/NCBF midyear meeting begins Tuesday, February 4, in Chicago. Click [here](#) for some featured programs from the ABA's meeting, which will run concurrently.

ABA Puts Bar Leaders on Alert

The ABA is urging bar leaders to take action to stop legislation that would force certain law firms to pay taxes on income they haven't received. In a January 31 e-mail, the association asked bar leaders to [adopt a resolution](#) and contact their congressional representatives to oppose parts of the bill. For more on this issue, contact Larson Frisby at (202) 662-1098 or larson.frisby@americanbar.org.

Registration Deadline Approaches for BLI 2014

Registration will close in less than three weeks for the ABA's 2014 [Bar Leadership Institute](#), to be held March 12-14 at Chicago's Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. The annual meeting, which helps incoming bar leaders prepare to take the reins of their associations, draws more than 300 attendees. Registration closes February 21.

Resources

ABA Puts Bar Leaders On the Bookshelf

The ABA has launched an e-mail featuring ABA books bar associations may highlight in their print or electronic publications. The series, [On the Bookshelf](#), will be sent periodically.

January ABA Washington Letter Published

The [ABA Washington Letter](#) for January 2014 is now online for viewing.

The *Letter*, a service of the American Bar Association Governmental Affairs Office, has been providing up-to-date information on federal legislative issues to national, state and local bar leaders for more than 50 years. It is now produced exclusively

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](#).

MAF SURVEY FACT

About 25% of state and local bars allow telecommuting.

[Order the 2013 Membership, Administration and Finance Survey](#)

REPORTS & REVISIONS

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2/4 - 2/8/14
[NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting](#)
Chicago | Hyatt Regency
Contact: [Rebecca Green](#)

2/5 - 2/11/14
[ABA Midyear Meeting](#)
Chicago | Hyatt Regency
Contact: [ABA Meetings & Travel Featured Programs](#)

3/12 - 3/14/14
[ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#)
Chicago | Downtown Marriott
Contact: [Magdalena Bieniek](#)

5/1 - 5/3/14
[ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference](#)
Portland, OR

5/1 - 5/3/14
[National Legal Mentoring Consortium Conference](#)
Columbus, OH
Contact: [Sharon C. Williams](#)

5/1 - 5/3/14
[GPSolo Legal Services Spring Meeting](#)

in electronic form.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Gambrell Award

The Standing Committee on Professionalism is accepting nominations for the E. Smythe Gambrell Awards, which recognize projects that enhance lawyer professionalism. Bar associations and other law-related organizations are eligible. Up to three winners will receive the \$3,500 award, to be presented during the ABA's 2014 Annual Meeting in Boston.

The nomination deadline is March 31. For more on the award, including entry forms, click [here](#).

Nominations Sought for Tweed Award

The ABA is accepting nominations for the 2014 Harrison Tweed Award, which recognizes bar association projects and programs that increase legal services access for the poor. The award will be presented in August at the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston, for work done between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014.

The nomination deadline is April 1. For more on the award, click [here](#).

Nomination Period Opens for Solo and Small Firm Project Award

Nominations are open for the Solo and Small Firm Project Award. The [award](#) honors bar leaders and associations for implementing projects or programs for solo and small firm lawyers.

Applications are due (e-mailed or postmarked) by February 28. Winners will be honored this May at the ABA GPSolo 2014 Spring Meeting's Awards Program in Las Vegas.

Nomination Period Opens for Pro Bono Publico Awards

Nominations for the 2014 ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards are now open and will be accepted through February 28. The [awards](#) honor lawyers and institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. They will be presented during a luncheon at the ABA 2014 Annual Meeting in Boston this August.

Nomination Period Opens for Public Lawyer Awards

The ABA's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its 2014 National Awards. The [awards](#) recognize the extraordinary achievements of public lawyers. Nominations are due Monday, April 7.

Nomination Period Opens for Young Lawyer Professionalism Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award, which recognizes young lawyers dedicated to lawyer professionalism. Nominations are due March 31. The [award](#) will be presented during the ABA 2014 Annual Meeting in Boston this August.

Nomination Period Opens for Diversity Scholarship Fund

Nominations are being accepted for the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund. The [fund](#) grants 20 incoming diverse law students with \$15,000 of financial assistance over the course of their three years in law school. Applications are due March 3.

South Dakota Bar Wins Legal Access Award

The State Bar of South Dakota has won the 2014 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access for its [Project Rural Practice](#).

Las Vegas, NV | ARIA Resort & Casino
Contact: [Steve Wildi](#)

5/15 - 5/16/14

ABA Business Law Section
Business Bar Leaders Conference
Chicago, IL | Renaissance O'Hare Suites
Contact: [Maggie Hajduk](#)

6/26 - 6/28/14

[Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy](#)
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: [Elizabeth Derrico](#)

10/15 - 10/18/14

2014 ABA LRIS Workshop
Long Beach, CA | Renaissance Long Beach
Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)

6/11 - 6/14/15

[ABA London Sessions](#)
London

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