

## People

### Local Bars

#### CA | Bar Association of San Francisco

Executive Director Daniel Burkhardt has left the bar. Deputy Executive Director Yolanda Jackson has been named interim executive director

#### LA | Lafayette Bar Association

Josette Gossen Abshire is the bar's new executive director

## News

### Magna Carta Exhibit to Tour the Country

A traveling exhibit will cross the country this June to publicize the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The exhibit, sponsored by the ABA and the Law Library of Congress, will feature [a series of banners](#) that tell the story of the document and its impact on the rule of law.

Starting at the 2014 ABA Annual Meeting in Boston, the exhibit will be displayed at law schools, courthouses, bar centers, law libraries and other venues around the U.S., and make an international stop in June 2015 at the ABA's London sessions.

The exhibit is part of the ABA's [celebration](#) of the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta.

Bar associations interested in sponsoring the exhibit or bringing it to their community can contact [Elissa Lichtenstein](#).

### Conference to Discuss Mentoring

An upcoming national conference will show bar leaders how to create successful mentoring experiences. The conference, "[Mentoring in Our Evolving Profession](#)," will be held May 1-3 in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting will bring together leaders from bar associations, courts, law schools and law firms to discuss how to promote, establish and support successful mentoring experiences. Speakers will include nationally recognized mentoring facilitators and authors on mentoring.

### Registration Opens for Annual Meetings

Registration has opened for the [NABE](#), [NCBP](#), and [NCBF](#) 2014 Annual Meetings, to be held in Boston August 8-13 in conjunction with the ABA's Annual Meeting. Scholarships are available for all three events.

### This Year's Small Bar Conference A "Steel"

Small bars, steel city. Registration has opened for the National Association of Bar Executives' 2014 Small Bar Conference. The [program](#), to take place in Pittsburgh June 26-28, will feature sessions on productive boards, negotiating venue contracts — and even an optional outing to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the New York Mets.

Small bars are defined as those with 1,500 or fewer members, budgets less than \$300,000 or limited staff. Registration is \$99 through May 9.

## BLOG OF THE MONTH

### [The New York Times Bits Blog](#) |

Not just for geeks, this blog covers products, insights and breaking news in the tech sector. You will feel like an insider and be in the know.

- Elizabeth Derrico

## LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

## MAF SURVEY FACT

Dues account for 64% of unified state bar revenues, 57% of voluntary state bar revenues and 51% of local bar's revenues.

[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

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

**5/1 - 5/3/14**  
[National Legal Mentoring Consortium Conference](#)  
Columbus, OH | Sheraton  
Columbus at Capitol Square

**5/1 - 5/3/14**  
[GPSolo Legal Services Spring Meeting](#)  
Las Vegas | ARIA Resort & Casino

**5/15 - 5/16/14**  
ABA Business Law Section  
Business Bar Leaders Conference  
Chicago | Renaissance O'Hare Suites  
Contact: [Maggie Hajduk](#)

**5/29 - 5/30/14**

## ABA Unveils New Grant Program

The ABA is providing [catalyst grants of up to \\$15,000](#) to bar associations and other entities for initiatives that use newly-admitted lawyers to serve underrepresented populations. Applications are due May 15th.

The grants are part of the [Legal Access Job Corps](#), an initiative of ABA President James Silkenat. The program's home page features [this video](#) showing innovations that apply the resources of new lawyers to expand access.

## Partnership Award Nominations Open

The ABA is accepting nominations for the [2014 Partnership Awards](#). The awards honor bar association efforts to nurture diversity in the legal community.

The awards will be presented at the NCBP/NABE/NCBF joint awards luncheon in Boston in August. Submissions are due Monday, May 12.

## NABE Accepting Nominations for Three Awards

Nominations are open for the NABE Bolton and Peer Excellence Awards, and the NABE/LexisNexis Community & Education Outreach Awards. Submissions are due April 15 for [the three honors](#), which will be presented at the NABE Annual Meeting in Boston in August 5-7.

## Foundation Award Nominations Open

The National Conference of Bar Foundations is accepting nominations for the 2014 NCBF/LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award. [The award](#) honors bar foundation initiatives that make a significant impact in their community.

The award will be presented during the 2014 NCBF Annual Meeting in Boston. Nomination forms are due Friday, May 16. Only bar foundations that are members of NCBF are eligible for nomination.

## Resources

### The Professional Lawyer Now Priceless for Bar Execs

The ABA is offering bar executives complimentary subscriptions to long-running periodical [The Professional Lawyer](#), to coincide with its conversion to electronic-only. The publication examines professional responsibility in the legal profession. To subscribe, e-mail [Angela Burke](#).

### Latest ABA Washington Letter Published

The [ABA Washington Letter](#) for March 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 in electronic form.

## Awards

### John Marshall Award Nominations Open

The ABA is accepting nominations for the 2014 John Marshall Award. [The award](#) is presented to a person who has made a positive national impact on the justice system. Nominations are due Friday, April 25.

### Judicial Administration Award Nominations Open

The ABA Lawyers Conference is currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Robert B. Yegge Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Judicial Administration. [The award](#) honors a current or former American Bar Association

[National Conference on Professional Responsibility](#)  
Long Beach, CA | Hyatt Long Beach

**5/30 - 5/31/14**  
[National Forum on Client Protection](#)  
Long Beach, CA | Hyatt Long Beach

**5/30 - 5/31/14**  
[National Specialization Roundtable](#)  
Long Beach, CA

**6/26 - 6/28/14**  
[Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy](#)  
Minneapolis, MN | Target Center

**8/7 - 8/12/14**  
[ABA Annual Meeting](#)  
Boston

**8/5 - 8/9/14**  
[NABE/ NCBP/ NCBF Annual Meeting](#)  
Boston

**8/10**  
[Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon](#)  
Boston | Hynes Convention Center

**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

### Books for Bars

ABA Books for Bars is free to join and offers bar members a 15% discount on ABA books, and a 15% commission for your bar. Participants receive marketing materials and assistance promoting the program! [Learn more](#)



member who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of judicial administration. Nominations are due May 9.

### **Pro Bono Award Nominations Open**

Nominations are now being accepted for the ABA's Family Law Pro Bono Awards. [The award](#) honors an attorney who has made significant contributions to family law clients on a pro bono basis in their community.

A \$1,500 cash prize will be given to the pro bono or public service organization of the winner's choice. The nomination deadline is Tuesday, May 27.

### **Disability Rights Award Nominations Open**

Nominations are being accepted for the Paul G. Hearne Award for disability rights. [The award](#) honors an individual or organization that has furthered the rights, dignity and access to justice for people with disabilities. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 23.

### **Nevada Wins Solo and Small Firm Project Award**

The State Bar of Nevada has won the Solo & Small Firm Project Award for its Transitioning into Practice Mentoring Program. The bar will be honored at the Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division's 2014 Spring Meeting Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 2 in Las Vegas.

Visit our [awards page](#) for more on ABA awards open to bar associations.