

People

State Bars

CT | Connecticut Bar Association

Doug Brown is the bar's new executive director

GA | State Bar of Georgia

Jeff Davis is the bar's new executive director

NY | New York State Bar Association

David Watson is the bar's new executive director

Local Bars

CA | Alameda County Bar Association

Tiela Chalmers is the bar's new CEO

CA | Marin County Bar Association

Mee Mee Wong is the bar's new ED

FL | St. Petersburg Bar Association

Melissa Byers is the bar's new ED

News

2014 MAF Survey Coming

It's coming. The Division for Bar Services is asking bars to respond to the upcoming 2014 Membership, Administration and Finance survey. The data will form the foundation of the [final survey](#), which is used extensively to respond to bar association information requests.

The survey will be sent soon to bar association executive directors and others who responded to last year's survey. Last year's answers are filled in, which will save time in responding.

San Diego, Indianapolis Bars Win ABA Partnership Awards

A bar association diversity fellowship program and a diversity job fair are this year's recipients of the [ABA Partnership Program Awards](#), recognizing the diversity efforts of bar associations. The awards will be presented at the 2014 joint NABE/NCBP/NCBF annual meeting luncheon in Boston on Friday, August 8.

ABA Reveals New Meeting Centerpiece

The ABA is rolling out a new feature for its 2014 Annual Meeting in Boston. Called [Magnitude360](#), the 3-day event will allow more opportunity for registrants to attend events with fewer scheduling conflicts.

ABA Launches Health Care Directive App

A [new smartphone app](#) from the ABA's Commission on Law and Aging enables individuals and families to manage and share their health care advance directives and related information.

ABA Seeks State Bar Info

The ABA Commission on Disability Rights is asking state bars whether they are

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- *Elizabeth Derrico*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

6/16/14

[Conducting Effective and Engaging Meetings](#)

Bar School Webinar

Contact: [Joanne O'Reilly](#)

6/26 - 6/28/14

[Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy](#)

Minneapolis, MN | Target Center

Contact: [Elizabeth Derrico](#)

7/28/14

[Microsoft Office Advanced](#)

Bar School Webinar

Contact: [Joanne O'Reilly](#)

8/5 - 8/9/14

[NABE/ NCBP/ NCBF](#)

Annual Meeting

Boston

8/7 - 8/12/14

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)

Boston | Hynes Convention Center

Contact: [Meetings and Travel Department](#)

8/10/14

[Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon](#)

Boston

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

reviewing their bar exam inquiries about mental health, in light of recent findings by the Department of Justice. To respond, contact Amy Allbright at amy.allbright@americanbar.org.

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](#).



Resources

May Washington Letter Published

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

Awards

Tweed Award Winners Announced

The Colorado Bar Association and the San Juan County Bar Association will each receive a [2014 Harrison Tweed](#) Award for achievement in preserving and increasing access to legal services for those living in poverty. The award will be presented during the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston on Friday, August 8.

Marshall Award Winner Announced

Mary C. McQueen, president of the National Center for State Courts, has been announced as the winner of the 2014 John Marshall Award. The [award will be presented](#) at the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston on Friday, August 8.

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Wins Partnerships for Success Award

The [Board Observer Program](#), jointly sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and the Young Lawyers Division and Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, will receive the [NCBF/LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award](#) at the joint NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting luncheon in Boston on Friday, August 8.

Pro Bono Award Winners Announced

Five winners have been announced for this year's Pro Bono Publico Awards. The awards, which recognize outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged, [will be presented](#) during a luncheon at the ABA Annual Meeting in August.

Brent Award Winners Announced

Five winners have been announced for the [2014 Margaret Brent Awards](#). The awards honor women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers. They will be presented at a luncheon on Sunday, August 10 at the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston.

2014 Silver Gavel Award Winners Announced

The American Bar Association announced its selections for the 2014 [Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts](#), which recognize outstanding work in media and the arts that fosters the American public's understanding of law and the legal system. This is the ABA's highest honor in recognition of this purpose.

Law Day Awards Submission Deadline Approaching

Nominations are being accepted for the [2014 Law Day Outstanding Activity Awards](#). Any individual or group who implements a Law Day 2014 program is eligible to enter. The submission deadline is Friday, June 27.

Young Lawyer Award Nominations Open

The ABA Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the [2014 National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award](#). The award recognizes an ABA young lawyer in good standing who exhibits professional excellence, service to the profession and the bar, service to the community, or a reputation for or the advancement of legal ethics and professional responsibility. The nomination deadline is Sunday, August 31.

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