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Local Bars

FL | Orange County Bar Association

Executive Director Brant Bittner has announced his resignation from the bar, effective October 17

News

Elizabeth Derrico to Leave Bar Services

Elizabeth Derrico, longtime associate director for the ABA Bar Services, has announced she will [leave the ABA at the end of the month](#), to become associate director for strategic member engagement at the New York State Bar Association.

During her tenure in the division, Elizabeth oversaw development of the division's consulting services and marketing programs, and managed the staff responsible for the [ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#), as well as division publications and information services.

The division is deeply grateful to Elizabeth for her generous spirit and significant contributions to the division and to the ABA and congratulates her on the opportunities that await her in her new position.

BLI 2015 Registration To Open; Scholarships Available

Registration will open soon for the ABA's signature conference for bar leaders. More than 300 are expected to attend the [2015 Bar Leadership Institute](#), to be held March 11-13 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. The meeting will prepare incoming bar leaders to guide their associations, with a focus on leadership, governance, and communications skills.

Five need-based [scholarships](#) are available for the meeting, consisting of a waiver of the registration fee and a \$500 travel reimbursement. Applications are due Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

Bar Leader Meeting to Discuss Solo Practitioners

A fall gathering of bar leaders across the country will discuss best practices in serving solo and small firm practitioners.

Called the [National Dialogue](#), the event, sponsored by the ABA's GP Solo and Small Firm Division, will be held in San Antonio from October 23-25. Attendance is free of charge.

National Pro Bono Week Approaches

The ABA is encouraging bars to begin planning for the National Pro Bono Celebration, October 19-25. The event, started in 2009, has been an effective tool for building pro bono participation and increasing access to justice for thousands of Americans, and advancing participating bars' own pro bono initiatives. For ideas and resources, [visit the Celebration website](#).

Magna Carta Exhibit Comes to Midwest

BLOG OF THE MONTH

[3 Geeks and a Law Blog](#)

Technology, legal research, law firm marketing and how to think about the future all in one fun, interesting and insightful location.

- Elizabeth Derrico

LEGAL SERVICES NOW

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

10/6/14

[Bar School: Board Orientation](#)
Webinar

10/15 - 10/18/14

[2014 National Lawyer Referral Workshop](#)
Long Beach, CA | Renaissance Long Beach Hotel

10/23 - 10/24/14

[Assuring Fair and Impartial Juries](#)
San Diego | University of San Diego School of Law

10/23 - 10/25/14

[9th Annual GPSolo National Solo & Small Firm Conference](#)
San Antonio | Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel

11/10/14

[Bar School: Giving Effective, Ongoing Performance Feedback](#)
Webinar

2/3 - 2/7/15

NABE/ NCBP/ NCBF
Midyear Meeting
Houston

2/4 - 2/10/15

[ABA Midyear Meeting](#)
Houston

4/17 - 4/18/15

[Unauthorized Practice of Law School](#)
Chicago | Loyola University School of Law

6/11 - 6/14/15

[ABA London Sessions](#)
London

The Magna Carta exhibit has reached the heartland. After a successful debut in Boston, the traveling exhibit [Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015](#), has stopped in Indiana. The Indiana State Bar Association will host the exhibit through October 9 at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis, along with a special CLE program focused on Magna Carta and the rule of law.

From October 1-24, the University of Michigan Law School also will host the exhibit, along with programming featuring a prominent British medieval scholar.

The exhibit, sponsored by the ABA and the Law Library of Congress, features a series of banners that tell the story of the historic document and its impact on the rule of law.

The exhibit is being displayed at law schools, courthouses, bar centers, law libraries and other venues around the U.S., and will make an international stop in June 2015 at the ABA's [London sessions](#).

ABA Releases Revised Law School Standards

The ABA has released [new standards and rules for the approval of law schools](#). The rules went into effect August 12, though law schools are being given time to implement them.

ABA Seeks HOD Agenda Issues

The ABA is asking bars to submit items now for consideration by the ABA's House of Delegates at the association's 2015 Midyear Meeting in Houston. Proposed items, along with a contact, should be sent to [Adrienne Barney](#) by Wednesday, October 8. Issues that will be submitted for a later meeting may be submitted as well.

ABA Releases New Ethics Opinion

The ABA has released a new ethics opinion regarding [managerial and supervisory obligations of prosecutors](#).

Volunteers Sought for Minority Internship Program

The ABA Section of Litigation is seeking volunteers for its Summer 2015 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. The [program](#) lets minority and financially disadvantaged law students intern with a state or federal judge for the summer.

Highly competitive, the program fielded more than 700 applications last year. Volunteers are needed to help prescreen interviews, serve as panelists at program orientations, and participate in local mentoring programs.

Resources

Professional Responsibility Speaker's Bureau Launched

The ABA has created a [speaker's bureau](#) for professional responsibility speakers. Bar associations can recommend speakers using the online form and request speaker suggestions.

ABA Launches Cybersecurity Series

The ABA has launched a [webinar series on cybersecurity](#) to show lawyers how to deal with cyber-threats. Series topics include best practices for incident response and ethical obligations to clients.

Webinars may be purchased individually or as a package. Packages include a 20% discount as well as two free e-books.

Awards

8/7/15

[50th Anniversary of the Criminal Justice Act](#)

Boston | Hynes Convention Center



Brent Award Nomination Period Opens

The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is accepting nominations for its [2015 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award](#). The nomination deadline is Monday, December 1.

Submissions Open for Law Student Essay Contest

The ABA Section of Family Law is accepting submissions for the [2015 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest](#) for law students. Students may write on any aspect of family law.

Entry forms are due April 17, 2015. Essays are due May 1, 2015.

Stonewall Award Winners Announced

The ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity has announced Rep. Brian Sims, Lise Iwon, and Kate Kendall as winners of the 2015 Stonewall Award.

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