Top News

The Bridge Gets a Facelift
Notice anything different? The Bridge is debuting a new design and format this issue, and will now be published monthly. Item links will now go directly to the related web page, instead of to a longer description, and a few new categories have been added to improve navigation. The changes are designed to keep you more informed about developments affecting your bar, and help you access that information more quickly.

BLI Early Registration Closing Soon
Early registration for the 2015 Bar Leadership Institute closes today, January 30.

Midyear Meeting Approaches
Registration is still open for next week's NABE/NCBP/NCBF midyear meeting in Houston.

Resources

Law Day 2015 Planning Guide Available February 1
A new planning guide shows bars how to prepare a Law Day 2015 program on Magna Carta.

Magna Carta Exhibit Coming to Houston
A traveling exhibit on the history of Magna Carta will appear at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Houston February 5-7. Bar associations can apply to bring the exhibit to their communities.

Annotated ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions
The ABA has published the first edition of Annotated ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions, an analysis of cases essential to understanding how to apply the black letter standards for lawyer discipline.

Awards

Pro Bono Publico Award Nominations Open
Nominations are open for the Pro Bono Publico Awards, honoring outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. Nominations are due February 27.

Gambrell Professionalism Award Nominations Open
Nominations are open for the 2015 Gambrell Awards, honoring excellence and innovation in professionalism programs. Nominations are due March 31.

Nominations Sought for 2015 Harrison Tweed Award
Nominations are open for the 2015 Harrison Tweed Award, honoring bar association programs that increase access to civil legal services. Nominations are...
Nominations Sought for John Marshall Award
Nominations are open for the 2015 John Marshall Award, which recognizes individuals who improve the administration of justice. Nominations are due April 17.

Nominations Open for 2015 Solo and Small Firm Awards
Nominations are open for the GPSolo Solo and Small Firm Awards, which recognize outstanding solo and small firm practitioners, bar leaders, and bar associations. Nominations are due February 13.

Call for Paul G. Hearne Award Nominations
Nominations are due April 30 for the Paul G. Hearne Disability Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that has furthered the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. Nominations are due April 30.

Application Period Open for Minority Scholarship Fund
The application period has opened for the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund. The fund provides financial assistance to help racial and ethnic minority students to attend law school. Applications are due March 2.

Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

Policy & Legislation

ABA Approves New Law School
The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has granted provisional approval to Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law.

People

Colorado Gets New ED
Patrick Flaherty has been named executive director of the Colorado and Denver Bars.

Cleveland Bar Gets New ED
Rebecca Ruppert McMahon is the new ED at the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and Bar Foundation.

BASF Picks New ED
Yolanda Jackson, interim executive director at the Bar Association of San Francisco, has been named executive director and general counsel.

For Your Members

Negotiating Your Own Compensation
This webinar will show women equity partners and equity track women attorneys the dos and don'ts of negotiating their own compensation. February 17, 12 PM Central.

ABA National Institute for New Partners
Join top national practitioners as they discuss some of the key additional financial and personal considerations associated with becoming partner. April 17 in Washington, DC.
Emerging Models to Enhance Affordable Legal Services
This five-part webinar series offers an in-depth look at entrepreneurial efforts that embrace technological innovations and new economic realities to reinvent the practice of law.

Cybersecurity and Understanding the Practice Setting
This webinar will provide attorneys with a deeper understanding of cybersecurity issues and potential challenges unique to government attorneys and public interest attorneys. February 19 at 12 PM Central.