



## 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

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**2/3 - 2/7/15**

[NABE/ NCBP/ NCBF](#) Midyear Meeting  
Houston

**2/4 - 2/10/15**

[ABA Midyear Meeting](#)  
Houston

**2/7/15**

[10th Annual Indigent Defense Summit](#)  
Houston | Thurgood Marshall School of Law

**2/7/15**

[Law Day 2015 Meeting and Breakfast](#)  
Houston | George R. Brown Convention Center

**4/17 - 4/18/15**

[2nd ABA UPL School](#)  
Chicago | Loyola University School of Law

**5/28 - 5/29/15**

[41st National Conference on Professional Responsibility](#)  
Denver | Westin Denver Downtown

**5/29 - 5/30/15**

[National Forum on Client Protection](#)  
Denver | Westin Denver

due April 1.

### 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

The American Bar Association's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its [2015 National Awards](#). The awards recognize extraordinary achievements of public lawyers. Nominations are due April 13.

## 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.

Downtown

**5/29 - 5/30/15**

[Specialization Roundtable](#)  
Denver | Westin Denver  
Downtown

**6/11 - 6/15/15**

[2015 ABA London Sessions](#)  
London | Grosvenor House

## 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](#)



### **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.

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