



Top News

Registration Opens for NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting

Registration is **open now** for the NABE/NCBP/NCBF annual meetings in Chicago, July 28 — August 1.

2015 Edition of New Bar President Released

An updated edition of *New Bar President* has been released. The book outlines the president's key roles in governance, financial oversight, and communication with members and the public.

Partnership Award Nominations Open

Nominations are open for the **2015 ABA Partnership Awards**. The awards recognize bar association efforts that nurture diversity and inclusion in the legal community. Deadline for submissions is May 4.

National Bar Leaders Dialogue

An **upcoming meeting of bar leaders from around the country** will discuss best practices in serving solo and small firm practitioners.

Magna Carta Educational Traveling Exhibit Goes West — And East

The **ABA traveling exhibit on Magna Carta** will visit Utah, New York, and Washington, DC this month.

Resources

ABA Again Offers Catalyst Grants

The ABA is again offering **financial support** to initiatives that address burgeoning legal needs at a time when there are many underused lawyers. \$40,000 is available for 2015 grants. Applications are due April 17.

ABA Offers Free Bar Journal Archives

The ABA is offering free, nicely bound volumes of state bar journals from 40 states and from the Chicago, Los Angeles County, and Boston bars. The collection dates from the 1970s to the late 2000s. Contact Jill Sandor at (202) 662-1015 or jill.sandor@americanbar.org. Please respond by April 20.

Groundbreaking Study on Native American Attorneys Released

The National Native American Bar Association has **released the results** of the first-of-its-kind research study on Native American attorneys.

Latest Ethics Rules Volume Released

The ABA has released the 2015 edition of its **Model Rules of Professional Conduct**.

Law Day 2015 Planning Guide Now Available

A **new planning guide** shows bars how to prepare a Law Day 2015 program or

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/16 - 4/18/15

Group Legal Services Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA | Wyndham Historic District
Contact: [Ramon Robinson](#)

4/17 - 4/18/15

2nd ABA UPL School
Chicago | Loyola University School of Law
Contact: [Selina S. Thomas](#)

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National Bar Leaders Dialogue
Honolulu | Moana Surftrider
Contact: [Jennifer Willner](#)

4/20/15

Bar School: Innovations in the Delivery of Legal Services
Webinar
Contact: [Magdalena Bieniek](#)

5/7 - 5/9/15

Equal Justice Conference
Austin, TX | Hilton Austin
Contact: [Ashley Coleman](#)

5/11/15

Bar Essentials Keynote: The End of Mindless, Meandering Meetings
Webinar
Contact: [Magdalena Bieniek](#)

5/28 - 5/29/15

article on Magna Carta.

Incubator Projects Video

A [new video](#) shows how lawyers around the country benefit from incubator projects.

Icon of Liberty Website Launch

A new website features nearly [100 sortable historic and contemporary images related to Magna Carta](#), including audio and video components; an interactive timeline chronicling 800 years of the Great Charter; and a listing of Magna Carta-related resources.

New Directory: Civil Right to Counsel

A [new directory](#) outlines the myriad, and sometimes obscure, sources of authority that require or permit the appointment of counsel for poor people in civil proceedings involving basic human needs.

National Health Care Decisions Day Resources

An article outlines [six steps to advance care planning](#) for lawyers and their clients. The article and [other resources](#) have been produced for National Healthcare Decisions Day, April 16.

ABA Seeks to Make Youths "Bullyproof"

An ABA initiative aims to [end school bullying](#) once and for all.

Awards

Partnerships for Success Award Nominations Open

Nominations are being accepted for the [2015 National Conference of Bar Foundations/LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award](#). The award recognizes initiatives that have a significant impact in the community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. Deadline for submissions is May 15.

Nominations Open for Pro Bono Award

The ABA Section of Family Law Pro Bono Awards Committee seeks [nominations](#) of outstanding attorneys who have made significant contributions to family law clients on a pro bono basis in their communities. Nominations are due May 22.

Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

The 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.

Nominations Open for Stonewall Award

Nominations are being accepted for the ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity's [Stonewall Award](#). Deadline is the close of business (6 p.m. ET) on June 12.

Former Bar President Wins Franck Award

Steven C. Krane, former president of the New York State Bar Association, will posthumously receive the [2015 ABA Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award](#).

Policy & Legislation

Law School Procedure Approval Rules Revised

The ABA has approved for comment [proposed revisions](#) to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

41st National Conference on Professional Responsibility

Denver | Westin Denver
Downtown
Contact: [Krista Herman](#)

5/29 - 5/30/15

National Forum on Client Protection

Denver | Westin Denver
Downtown
Contact: [Selina Thomas](#)

5/29 - 5/30/15

Specialization Roundtable

Denver | Westin Denver
Downtown
Contact: [Martin Whittaker](#)

6/11 - 6/15/15

2015 ABA London Sessions

London | Grosvenor House

7/30 - 8/4/15

ABA Annual Meeting

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

7/28 - 8/1/15

NABE/NCBP/NCBF

Annual Meeting

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

Contact: [Pamela Robinson](#)

8/2/15

25th Annual Margaret Brent

Women Lawyers of Achievement

Awards Luncheon

Chicago | Hyatt Regency

Contact: [Barbara Leff](#)

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](#)



ABA Grants Pennsylvania Law School's Special Request

The ABA has "granted acquiescence" to Widener University School of Law's application to separate into two ABA—approved law schools.

For Your Members

Solo and Small Firm Resource Center

The ABA GPSolo Division has launched a [resource center](#) for solo and small firm lawyers.

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