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National Summit Highlights Posted

Highlights from the ABA's recent National Summit on Innovation in Legal Services have been [posted to the summit's web page](#). For more on the topic, including news and videos, visit the [ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services website](#).

A second set of hearings will be held Saturday, August 1, during the ABA Annual Meeting. For more information, contact [Katy Englehart](#).

ABA Issues Opinion on Judicial Encouragement of Pro Bono Service

The ABA has issued a [formal opinion](#) on whether state supreme court judges can send letters via the unified bar encouraging lawyers to provide pro bono.

National Meeting to Discuss Needs of Solos

At this [July forum](#), solo and small firm lawyers will join with bar leaders to discuss the needs of this largest segment of practicing attorneys.

Resources

Model Rules Update to Be Released on June 8

The ABA has updated its [definitive resource](#) on how courts, disciplinary bodies, and ethics committees apply the lawyer ethics rules. Available for pre-order.

ABA Publishes Resources for Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The ABA has published a [resource page](#) and [journal article](#) to help bars publicize Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15.

ABA Video Gives Consumers "Keys" to Home Buying

A [new video](#) walks prospective first-time homebuyers through the steps to buying a home.

Awards

Submission Period Opens for Law Day Activity Awards

The ABA Division for Public Education is accepting submissions for the [Law Day Activity Awards](#). The awards honor Law Day programs that promote public understanding of law using the 2015 Law Day theme. The submission deadline is June 26.

Nomination Period Opens for Spirit of Excellence Awards

Nominations are open for the [2016 ABA Spirit of Excellence Awards](#). The awards recognize attorneys who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. Materials must be received by July 3.

Nominations Open for Stonewall Award

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The Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is accepting nominations for the [Stonewall Award](#). The award recognizes contributions to the advancement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals in the legal profession, and/or to LGBT legal issues. Nominations are due by Friday, June 12 at 6 pm ET.

Nomination Period Opens for 2015 Difference Makers Awards

The ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division is accepting nominations for its annual [Difference Makers Awards](#). The awards recognize lawyers who "make a difference" by breaking barriers through community service, pro bono work, and service to the profession. Nominations are due July 31.

Young Lawyer Professionalism Award Winner Announced

Maryland attorney Emmanuelle Regine Francois has been selected as the [2015 recipient](#) of the ABA Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyer Professionalism Award. She will receive the award July 31, during the 2015 NCBP/NABE/NCBF Award Luncheon in Chicago.

People

Hennepin County ED to Leave

Hennepin County Bar Association ED Mary-Margaret Zindren is leaving to take the same position at the American Institute of Architects. Her last day will be June 12.

For Your Members

Webinar | Dollars and Sense: Fee Shifting

June 11 | 2 pm - 3 pm ET | 1.00 General CLE Credit Hour

Fee-shifting allows attorneys to provide legal services to moderate-income individuals who would otherwise not be able to afford the legal services they need. [This "how-to" primer on fee shifting law practices](#) includes tips on developing a client base, case selection compensation, and anticipating cash-flow fluctuations.

Tips on Representing Spanish-Speaking Clients

Online Course | Available On-Demand | 1.5 CLE Credit Hours

This [course](#) provides insight into the unique legal needs of the Spanish-speaking population.

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[25th Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon](#)
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Hilton Head, SC
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