



Top News

New York, Columbus Bars Win Diversity Award

The New York State Bar Association and Columbus Bar Association are the winners of this year's ABA Partnership Awards. The awards recognize bar association diversity efforts. The bars will be honored Friday, July 31 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Birmingham Bar Wins Tweed Award

The Birmingham Bar Association is the recipient of the 2015 Harrison Tweed Award. The award recognizes programs that increase legal services access to poor persons. The bar will be honored Friday, July 31 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Bar Services Director Honored

Roseanne Lucianek, director of the ABA Division for Bar Services, has been announced as the winner of the 2015 NABE Bolton Award. The award recognizes exceptional professionalism and achievement by a bar executive. Roseanne will be honored on Friday, July 31 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Legal Education Financing Task Force Issues Report

An ABA Task Force created in 2014 to examine law school financing, including the cost of legal education for law students, has concluded its work and issued its report.

Updated Criminal Justice System Report Released

The ABA has released the 2015 edition of its annual *The State of Criminal Justice*. The 19-chapter report examines major issues, trends, and changes in the criminal justice system.

Reports & Resources

Public Defense Summit Dates Announced

The ABA will hold its 11th Summit on Public Defense on Saturday, February 6 in San Diego. The daylong conference will address ethical blindness, bail reform, and flat fee contracts, among other topics.

IILACE Conference to Unite Legal Organization Leaders

A September conference will bring together chief executives of law societies and bar associations from around the world to discuss strategic and executive issues.

Pro Bono Celebration and ABA Day of Service Announced

The 7th Annual National Celebration of Pro Bono will take place October 25-31. To learn more, visit celebrateprobono.org.

ABA Offers Free Bar Journal Archives

The ABA is offering free, nicely bound volumes of state bar journals from several

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/14**
National Dialogue on Solo & Small Firms
New York City
- 7/28 - 8/1/15**
NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting
Chicago
Contact: [Teresa Peavy](#)
- 7/30 - 8/4/15**
ABA Annual Meeting
Chicago
- 8/2**
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Chicago
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Client-Centric Legal Services
Denver
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IILACE Annual Conference
Washington, DC
- 10/28 - 10/31/15**
ABA 2015 National Lawyer Referral Workshop
New Orleans
Contact: [Jane Nosbisch](#)
- 10/30**
ABA Legal Career Development Expo
Washington, DC

state and local bars. [The collection](#) dates from the 1970s to the late 2000s. Contact Jill Sandor at (202) 662-1015 or jill.sandor@americanbar.org.

Awards

Nomination Period Open for Difference Makers Awards

The ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division is accepting nominations for its annual [Difference Makers Awards](#), recognizing lawyers who break barriers through service to the community and the profession. Nominations are due Friday, July 31.

Marshall Award Winner Announced

Randall Terry Shepard, the longest-serving chief justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, is the [recipient of the ABA's John Marshall Award](#). The award honors positive national impact on the justice system. The award will be presented Friday, July 31 during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Pro Bono Award Winners Announced

Five winners have been announced for the [ABA Pro Bono Publico Award](#). The award honors lawyers and legal organizations that improve or deliver volunteer legal services to the poor. The recipients will be honored Saturday, August 1 at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Silver Gavel Award Winners Announced

Winners have been announced for the [2015 Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts](#). The awards recognize products in media and the arts that improve the American public's understanding of law and the legal system. The awards will be presented July 21 in Washington, DC.

Calls to Action

ABA Asks Bars to Commit to Disability Diversity

The ABA is calling on bar associations to sign its [Pledge for Change](#), committing to advance the careers of lawyers with disabilities. More than 180 organizations have signed the document since it was released in 2009.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Approves Revised Law School Approval Standards

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar last month approved [several proposed revisions](#) to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. Comments on the proposals should be sent to jr.clark@americanbar.org by Friday, July 10.

ABA Accredits One Law School, Denies Another

The ABA has [granted provisional approval](#) to Idaho's Concordia University School of Law, while Indiana Tech Law School was [denied its accreditation request](#).

People

Hennepin County Gets New ED

Duane Stanley has been named executive director of Minnesota's Hennepin County Bar Association.

For Your Members

ABA Family Law Section Launches Calendar App

A new app from the ABA's Section of Family Law lists dates of holidays through 2035. The \$4.95 app can be downloaded from the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) stores.

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11th Annual Summit on Public Defense
San Diego
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