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Last Chance to Register for September Bar School

Today is the last day to sign up for [September's Bar Essentials Bar School](#): Time Management featuring BLI keynote speaker Michael Brandwein.

Scholarships Available for 2016 ABA BLI

The ABA is offering [five scholarships](#) to help presidents-elect and other upcoming leaders of small bar associations attend the [2016 Bar Leadership Institute](#), March 16-18. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 13.

New Initiative Highlights Pro Bono Celebration

The National Celebration of Pro Bono will be held October 25-31. A new event this year, [And Justice for All: An ABA Day of Service](#), an initiative of ABA President Paulette Brown, will recognize the pro bono contributions of bar associations, lawyers, and other legal organizations. Bars can participate [here](#).

Law Day 2016 Theme Announced

The [2016 Law Day theme](#) will recognize the 50th anniversary of landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Miranda v. Arizona*.

Bar Leaders Roundtable to Discuss Solos and Small Firms

A late September gathering of bar leaders in Boston, organized by the ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division, will address [best practices in serving solo and small firm practitioners](#).

Resources

State Bar of California 'Walks the Walk' on Bias

The State Bar of California is offering bar associations a complimentary copy of the film "Walk the Walk" as a tool to fight bias and discrimination. Designed for use in CLE programs, the film features scenarios at a fictionalized law firm, drawn from interviews with lawyers working in various practice settings.

To receive a free DVD, facilitator guide and accompanying materials, contact Patricia Lee, Special Assistant for Diversity, at patricia.lee@calbar.ca.gov, or call (415) 538-2240.

Bureau Offers Ethics Speaker Suggestions

The ABA's [Professional Responsibility Speaker's Bureau](#) offers speaker ideas to organizations presenting ethics-related programs.

The Leader's Journey: A Guide to Discovering the Leader Within

A new book examines the [core values of leadership](#) through quotes from successful leaders.

Magna Carta Educational Traveling Exhibit Visits Kentucky, Missouri

The Kentucky Bar Association will host the [ABA traveling exhibit on Magna Carta](#)

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Washington, DC
Contact: info@iilace.org

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[LRIS Rapid Response Systems for Clients](#)
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Boston
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Contact: [Pamela Hollins](#)

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New Orleans
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[ABA Legal Career Development](#)

this month, with the Springfield (MO) Metropolitan Bar Association to follow in October. Bar associations nationwide are invited to host the exhibit in their area. Contact lawlibrary@americanbar.org for more information.

Awards

Nominations Open for Women Lawyers Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the **2016 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards**. The awards honor women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers. Submissions are due December 4.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Expresses Support for Electronic Materials Law

The ABA is urging states to adopt the **Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act** (UELMA), a uniform state law that ensures the accuracy of online legal material.

ABA Declines Indiana Law School Approval Request

The ABA has **declined to grant accreditation** to Indiana Tech Law School in Fort Wayne, IN.

ABA to Amend Model Rule

The Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility is drafting amendments to **ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4**. The amendments would bring the anti-bias provision now in Comment [3] into the black letter of the Rule.

ABA Adjusts Law School Approval Standards

The ABA has **approved changes** to its Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, and is **reviewing several others**. Suggestions regarding the standards should be sent by September 11 to jr.clark@americanbar.org.

People

California Names New ED

Elizabeth R. Parker is the **new executive director** of the State Bar of California as of September 1.

For Your Members

CLE Program to Preview Upcoming Supreme Court Term

A free CLE program on September 21 will offer **expert insight** on the U.S. Supreme Court Term that begins in October.

The Paralegal's Guide to Professional Responsibility

A newly updated guide reviews **ethics issues relevant to paralegals** and other employees of law-related organizations. This fourth edition features updates and a new chapter on communications.

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San Diego

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San Diego
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Bar Leadership Institute
Chicago
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Washington, DC
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5/11 - 5/14/16
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Key West, FL
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