



Top News

DBS Releases Latest Bar Membership, Dues Data

The newest edition of bar data reference [Membership, Administration, & Finance Survey - Membership Update](#) has landed in the ABA bookstore. The benchmarking standard captures the dues and fees structures of nearly 200 bars, as well as information about bar benefits and services.

ABA BOG Report Highlights Recent ABA Activities

ABA Executive Director Jack Rives has released his [November report](#) to the association's Board of Governors. The report includes details about the ABA's achievements in membership.

ABA Seeks Comment on Legal Services Provider Issues Paper

The ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services is seeking comments on an [issues paper](#) regarding the potential recognition of new categories of legal services providers who would provide discreet and limited legal tasks with the goal of improving access to legal services.

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.

Resources

ABA CLE Value Pass for Bars

Has your bar been looking for a way to round out its CLE portfolio? Look to the new [ABA CLE Value Pass for Bars](#) program! Fill your CLE gaps with this special edition of the ABA Value Pass and provide in-person group shares of ABA programs in your bar's space!

Contact Jill McCall at jill.mccall@americanbar.org or (312) 988-6215 to subscribe in your bar's name at the individual member price of \$575 per year.

End of Career Resources for Lawyers

ABA resource page [Lawyers in Transition](#) offers data, programs, and policy innovations on end-of-career issues facing lawyers.

Free Subscription to Professional Responsibility Periodical

Bar leaders are invited to receive a complimentary subscription to [The Professional Lawyer](#), published by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. To subscribe, contact [Angela Burke](#).

ABA Offers Free Bar Journal Archives

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

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state bars, and will cover shipping costs. [The collection](#) dates from the 1970s to the late 2000s. Contact Jill Sandor at (202) 662-1015 or jill.sandor@americanbar.org by November 18.

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.

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Access Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [2016 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access](#). The award honors innovative programs and projects that advance access to legal services for those of moderate incomes. Nominations are due December 11.

All nominees are included for consideration of Brown Select, which will be presented to the nominee who gets the most votes from the general public.

Calls to Action

Call For Solo and Small Firm Resources

The ABA is looking for online bar association content that would be useful to solo and small firm attorneys. Content will be added to the division's [bar association resources page](#).

Content must be available to the general public via a link. To submit an item, send the link, title, and a short description to [Stephen Falvo](#).

People

Three New Local Bar EDs Take Over

Holly Lipps is the [new executive director](#) at Florida's Sarasota County Bar Association.

Indiana's Allen County Bar Association has a new executive director, Gina Zimmerman. She succeeds Maribeth Leininger, who had served as ED for over 20 years.

In New Jersey, Joan C. Parzel has taken the helm at the Mercer County Bar Association.

For Your Members

ABA, Duke Law Set Off on Litigation Road Show

The ABA Litigation Section and Duke Law are embarking on a [13-city road show](#), "Reinventing Case Management and Discovery Under the 2015 Civil Rules Amendments," focusing on landmark changes intended to manage litigation more efficiently and reduce the costs and delays of discovery.

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