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BLI 2016 Registration Closing Soon

Less than a month remains to register for the ABA's signature conference for bar leaders. More than 300 are expected to attend the [2016 Bar Leadership Institute](#), to be held March 16-18 in Chicago.

DBS Launches New Publication for Bar Leaders

Bar Services has launched a [new weekly newsletter](#) to help bar leaders stay up to date with bar association news and key issues in the legal profession. Called *Bar Leader Weekly*, the newsletter is published each Tuesday.

Resources

Law Day 2016 Planning Guide Now Available

A new [planning guide](#) shows bars how to prepare a Law Day 2016 program or article on the theme *Miranda: More than Words*.

Awards

Nominations Sought for Tweed Award

The ABA is accepting nominations for the [2016 Harrison Tweed Award](#), which recognizes bar association projects and programs that increase legal services access for the poor. The nomination deadline is April 1.

Nominations Open for 2016 Solo and Small Firm Awards

Nominations are open for the [GPSolo Solo and Small Firm Awards](#), which recognize outstanding solo and small firm practitioners, bar leaders, and bar associations. Nominations are due February 26.

Call for Paul G. Hearne Award Nominations

Nominations are due April 25 for the [Paul G. Hearne Disability Award](#), which recognizes an individual or organization that has furthered the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities.

Nomination Period Opens for Young Lawyer Professionalism Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award](#), which recognizes young lawyers dedicated to lawyer professionalism. Nominations are due March 31.

Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

The Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its [2016 National Awards](#). The awards recognize extraordinary achievements of public lawyers and law offices. Nominations are due April 11.

Applications Sought for Diversity Fellowships

The Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division is seeking applications for two

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diversity fellowships during the 2016-2017 bar year. The fellowships promote diversity within the Division and the ABA and provide leadership development opportunities for diverse groups. Applications must be received by April 29.

Applications Sought for Young Lawyer Fellowships

The Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division is seeking applications for two **young lawyers fellowships** during the 2016-2017 bar year. The fellowships provide leadership development opportunities for young lawyers. Applications must be received by April 29.

Policy & Legislation

ABA to Amend Model Rule

The Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility has issued a **draft proposal** to amend ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 and Comment [3] to Rule 8.4.

People

Key Changes at Florida Bars

Longtime Clearwater Bar ED Karen France has announced her retirement after 18 years in the position. Longtime Virgin Islands ED Hinda Carbon comes to the mainland to replace her. Also in Florida, Kevin Hudson has been named ED of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Delaware, Other Eastern Bars Change EDs

In a busy month for east coast bar associations, the **Delaware State Bar Association** has named Johnna Darby its new executive director.

In **New York**, Marquita Jo Rhodes has been named to the same position at the Albany County Bar Association, replacing Stacey Whiteley.

Bar veteran Trish Branam has been appointed Interim ED at the Toledo Bar in **Ohio**.

And in **South Carolina**, Mandy Wren is the new ED at the Richland County Bar Association.

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