



## Top News

### Partnership Award Nominations Open

Nominations are open for the [2016 ABA Partnership Awards](#). The awards recognize bar association projects that nurture diversity and inclusion in the legal community. The deadline for submissions is May 5.

### ABA Seeks Comments on Legal Form Provider Resolution

The ABA is seeking comments and supporters for a [resolution](#) encouraging organizations that provide online legal forms to clearly indicate how users can access lawyers to assist with their legal matter. Comments should be sent to [Will Hornsby](#).

### ABA Seeks Comment on Legal Checkup Tools Issues Paper

The ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services is seeking comments on an [issues paper](#) regarding the creation and dissemination of widely available legal checkup tools to help individuals identify legal needs of which they may be unaware. Comments should be sent to [Katy Englehart](#) by April 15.

## Resources

### Model Rules Update to Be Released

The ABA has updated its [definitive resource](#) on how courts, disciplinary bodies, and ethics committees apply the lawyer ethics rules. The new edition includes the amendment to Model Rule 5.5 from the 2016 Midyear Meeting and the four Ethics Opinions released since the last edition. Available for pre-order.

### ABA Offers Office Supply Discount to Bar Members

A new ABA program allows bar associations to offer members a [discount of up to 50%](#) with Office Depot and claim a 2% commission for the bar.

### Law Day 2016 Planning Guide Now Available

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

### National Legal Mentoring Conference

A May conference in Denver will consider [how to start or improve a mentoring program](#). The program, "Mentoring: Now More Important than Ever," will be held May 5-7 in Denver.

### ABA Offers Free Bar Journal Archives

The ABA is offering free, nicely bound volumes of state bar journals from several 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](mailto:jill.sandor@americanbar.org) by April 15.

## Awards

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Washington, D.C.  
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**4/21/16**

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[Equal Justice Conference](#)  
Chicago  
Contact: [Julie McCullough](#)

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### Nominations Open for Partnerships for Success Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [2016 National Conference of Bar Foundations/LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award](#). The award recognizes initiatives that have a significant impact in the community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. Deadline for submissions is April 26.

### 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.

### Nominations Open for Pro Bono Award

The ABA Section of Family Law Pro Bono Awards Committee seeks nominations for its [2016 Pro Bono Awards](#). The awards honor outstanding attorneys who have made significant contributions to family law clients on a pro bono basis in their communities. Nomination deadline is May 20.

### Nominations Open for Stonewall Award

The Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is accepting nominations for the [Stonewall Award](#). The award recognizes lawyers, members of the judiciary and legal academia who have effected real change to remove barriers on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Nominations are due by Friday, June 17 at 6 pm ET.

### Nominations Open for 2016 Criminal Justice Section Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the [Criminal Justice Section Awards](#), which recognize outstanding criminal and juvenile justice practitioners. Nominations are due April 8.

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## Policy & Legislation

### ABA Section of Legal Ed and Admissions Grants Approvals, Acquiescence

The Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions has granted [full approval](#) to Canada's University of La Verne College of Law, and [provisional approval](#) to Indiana Tech Law School.

The same body has [granted acquiescence](#) to the University of Albany Law School's request to affiliate with the University at Albany, State University of New York.

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### COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES

Be sure to check in on the recent activities of the [Commission on the Future of Legal Services](#), and of local futures discussions around the country.

### BOOKS FOR BARS

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