Top News

New Film Highlights Challenges of Lawyer Transition
A short documentary and discussion guide aim to start conversations about lawyer transition and retirement, and help bars capture the stories of those who are leaving the practice. The film, offered through the Division for Bar Services, gives a thoughtful look at lawyer Herbert Kramer's transition out of law practice at age 87. View a clip of the film here.

North Carolina, New Mexico Bars Win ABA Partnership Awards
The North Carolina Bar Association and State Bar of New Mexico are the winners of this year's ABA Partnership Awards. The awards recognize bar association diversity efforts. The bars will be honored Saturday, August 6 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

ABA, NABE Publish Free Lobbying Guide
A free new e-book from the ABA Governmental Affairs Office and the National Association of Bar Executives Government Relations Section shows bar associations how to engage in effective public policy advocacy.

Resources

Harvard Implements Solution for "Link Rot"
A new tool developed by Harvard University and being used by the Law Library of Congress helps legal organizations eliminate "link rot" — 404 errors that crop up on web pages.

This new guide describes the major federal statutes and regulations that govern the practice of federal government relations work.

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 29.

Military Spouse Foundation Wins Partnerships for Success Award
The Justice for Military Families program will receive the NCBF/LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award at the joint NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting luncheon in San Francisco on Friday, August 5. The award honors bar foundation initiatives that leverage existing partnerships to benefit the community.

DC Bar Wins Tweed Award
The District of Columbia Bar has been selected as the winner of the 2016 Harrison Awards.
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Tweed Award. The award recognizes programs that increase legal services access to poor persons. The award will be presented during the meeting of the National Conference of Bar Presidents on Friday, August 5 in San Francisco.

Pro Bono Award Winners Announced
Five winners have been announced for the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award, including Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, John O. Goss, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Renee M. Schoenberg, and Hillary Gaston Walsh. The award honors lawyers and legal organizations that improve or deliver volunteer legal services to the poor. The recipients will be honored Saturday, August 6 at the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Marshall Award Winner Announced
Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman (ret.), New York Court of Appeals has been named winner of the 2016 John Marshall Award. The award honors positive national impact on the justice system. The award will be presented on Friday, August 5 during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award Winners Announced
Winners have been announced for the 2016 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards. They include Ginger Ehn Lew, Roberta D. Liebenberg, Nancy E. O'Malley, Judith W. Rogers, and Judith A. Scott. The awards honor women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers. The awards will be presented Sunday, August 7 during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

2016 Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts Winners Announced
Winners have been announced for the 2016 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 12 in Washington, DC.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Proposes Revisions to Law School Approval Standards
The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar approved for notice and comment 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 29.

ABA Section of Legal Ed and Admissions Grants Approval, Acquiescence
The Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions has granted full approval to Tennessee's Belmont University College of Law.

The same body has granted acquiescence to Willamette University's College of Law, located in Salem, Oregon, to establish a separate location in Portland, Oregon.

People

State Bar Changes
Teri Corsones is the new ED at the Vermont Bar, replacing Bob Paolini. Longtime DC Bar CEO Katherine Mazzaferra has announced her retirement, effective March 31, 2017. Alabama ED Keith Norman and State Bar of Wisconsin ED George Brown have announced their retirements effective June 2017.

Off the mainland, Bruce A. Bradley is no longer the executive director of the Guam Bar Association.

Local Bar Changes
In Illinois, Robert Rupp is the new ED at the DuPage County Bar Association. Brad Lagusch is the new ED at the Toledo Bar Association in Ohio.

In New York, Kevin Ryan, former director of education and communication at the Vermont Bar, is the new ED at the Monroe County Bar. And in Texas, Janet Byars is the new ED at the Amarillo Area Bar Association.

For Your Members

Protecting Against Cyber Threats: A Lawyer’s Guide to Choosing a Cyber-Liability Insurance Policy

A new 32-page manual assists lawyers and law firms in making an informed decision about selecting network security/cyber-liability insurance.

The Rights of the Accused under the Sixth Amendment, 2nd Edition

A new book examines the range of criminal justice topics that fall within the scope of the Sixth Amendment. The book is designed as a reference tool for trial lawyers and judges and is suited for classroom use in preparing students for professional practice.

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