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Scholarships Available for 2017 ABA BLI

The ABA is offering [five scholarships](#) to help presidents-elect and other upcoming leaders of small bar associations attend the 2017 Bar Leadership Institute, March 15-17. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 11.

Pro Bono Week Coming

The ABA is encouraging bars to participate in this year's [National Pro Bono Celebration](#), October 23-29. The annual event is an effective strategic tool for enhancing and expanding local efforts to increase access to justice for all. This year's event will emphasize service to veterans.

Resolution Looks to Use Class Action Residuals to Boost ATJ

A new ABA [resolution](#) urges jurisdictions to adopt court rules or statutes authorizing the award of class action residual funds to non-profit organizations that improve access to civil justice for people living in poverty.

ABA Seeks 2017 Midyear Agenda Items

The ABA House of Delegates is [seeking agenda items](#) for its 2017 Midyear Meeting in Miami. Bar associations should send potential resolutions, with contact information, to Adrienne Barney at Adrienne.Barney@americanbar.org, 312-988-5230.

ABA Urges Bar Leaders to Encourage Voting

A new ABA website encourages bar leaders to promote voting in their communities. The [website](#) includes voting-related dates for each state and territory and other resources.

ABA Launches Grant Program to Help Immigrant Children

The ABA is offering grants up to \$1,000 to help bar associations train attorneys to represent unaccompanied immigrant children pro bono. The grants, sponsored by the [ABA Working Group on Unaccompanied Minor Immigrants](#), can be used to cover expert speakers, space, CLE accreditation, and other expenses.

Applications can be emailed to juliet.gilbert@americanbar.org, and should explain: 1) the amount requested, 2) the need for financial assistance, 3) how the funds will be used, 4) the need for training, and 5) the estimated capacity to recruit pro bono attorneys.

For more information, contact Juliet Gilbert at 312-988-5710 or juliet.gilbert@americanbar.org. The application deadline is October 7.

Resources

RFPs Sought for Equal Justice Conference

The ABA is accepting [session proposals](#) for its [2017 Equal Justice Conference](#), to be held in Pittsburgh, May 4-6. Proposals are due Monday, October 3.

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ABA Plans Post-Midyear Trip to Cuba

The ABA is arranging post-midyear meeting trips to Havana, Cuba following its 2017 Midyear Meeting this February in Miami. Three four-day trip packages are being offered between February 5 and 10. Excursions will include both legal-focused and cultural activities.

Space is limited. For more information, contact GoNext at 800-842-9023 or Lee Swanson at 312-988-5878, or by email at lee.swanson@americanbar.org.

Free CLE Webinars Offered

The ABA's Free CLE Series offers [free monthly programs](#) where members can earn up to 18 continuing legal education credits a year. The next session, *America Votes! Challenges Facing Modern Election Law and Voting Rights*, is scheduled for October 17.

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.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Access Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2017 [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 2.

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 December 31.

Nomination Period Opens for Professionalism Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award](#), which honors a career commitment to legal ethics, professionalism and professional regulation. Nominations are due December 31.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Seeks Comments on Law School Approval Standards

The ABA is [inviting suggestions](#) for revisions to its Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. Suggestions will be considered October 21 and 22, at a meeting of the Standards Review Committee of the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions.

Suggestions are due Friday, October 7.

ABA Section of Legal Education Releases Policy Changes

The ABA has announced [several policy changes](#), including revisions to its Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, to the Criteria for Accepting Credit for Student Study at a Foreign Institution, and to its Criteria for Summer and Intersession Programs Offered by ABA-Approved Law Schools in a Location Outside of the United States.

People

Several ED Changes

Executive Director Johnna Darby has left the Delaware State Bar Association. CLE Director Mark Vavala is serving as interim ED.

In Michigan, Jennifer Antisdale is the new ED at the Kalamazoo County Bar

Chicago
Contact: [Magdalena Bieniek](mailto:Magdalena.Bieniek@americanbar.org)

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Association, replacing Denise Nelson.

In Texas, Lisa Huerta is the new ED at the Corpus Christi Bar Association, while [D. Larkin Chenault](#) takes the same position at the San Antonio Bar Association.

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