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Top News

ABA Mobilizes to Save LSC

The ABA has launched a [grassroots campaign](#) to save the Legal Services Corporation, whose funding has been eliminated in President Trump's 2018 budget proposal. The association is seeking bar support in the effort by mobilizing their members and [writing directly to members of Congress](#), and has further developed a [resource page](#) featuring bar association statements opposing the measure.

New Book Focuses on Boards

The ABA Division for Bar Services has released its [first book](#) focused solely on the unique role of bar association board members. The handbook, *New Bar Board Member*, helps readers learn about the bar landscape, refreshes their understanding of fiduciary duty and the practices of exceptional boards, and helps them understand how every board experience is different.

ABA Encourages States to Issue Law Day Proclamations

ABA President Linda Klein is urging bar associations to work to have their states issue proclamations in honor of 2017 Law Day. The event's theme is *The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy*. A sample proclamation is available at www.lawday.org. The website also includes a planning guide and other resources to help bars prepare for the event.

Resources

National Healthcare Decisions Day Resources

The ABA is encouraging bar associations to commemorate [National Healthcare Decisions Day](#) on April 16 by educating the public about advance care planning. The website includes a "conversation starter kit" and other resources to help bars participate in the event.

Magna Carta Exhibit Comes to the South

The Mississippi Bar will host the national educational exhibit, "[Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015](#)," through April.

Military Divorce Articles for Reprint

The ABA has made [two articles on military divorce](#) available for reprint in bar journals. Both articles are by Mark Sullivan, author of the [Military Divorce Handbook](#).

Awards

Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

The Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its [2017 National Awards](#). The awards recognize extraordinary achievements of public lawyers and law offices. Nominations are due April 10.

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New York City
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Workshop](#)
Portland, Oregon

Franck Award Winner Announced

Robert A. Creamer has been selected as the recipient of the [2017 ABA Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award](#). The award will be presented on June 1 in St. Louis during the ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility.

Nominations Open for Stonewall Award

The Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is accepting nominations for the [2018 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 16 at 6 pm ET.

Microsoft-ABA Fellowship Program

A new [fellowship grant](#) from the ABA Center for Innovation allows a recent law school graduate to spend one year in residence at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington. Applications are due April 15.

Application Period Opens for Young Lawyer Organization Awards

Applications are being accepted for the ABA Young Lawyers Division's [Awards of Achievement](#). The awards recognize young lawyer organizations that implement public service and bar service projects in their communities. Applications are due May 15.

Young Lawyer Fellowship Application Period Open

The Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division is accepting applications for its [2017-18 Diversity Fellowship and Young Lawyers Fellowship programs](#). The fellowships provide leadership and networking opportunities within the division. Applications are due April 29.

Policy & Legislation

ABA to Submit Model Rules Amendments

The ABA Standing Committees on Client Protection and Professional Discipline will submit [proposed amendments](#) to Rule 7 of the Model Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement. Comments should be sent to [Selina Thomas](#) by April 21.

ABA Proposes Revisions to Law School Approval Standards

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has 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](#) by April 21.

People

Wisconsin Finds Successor for George Brown; Texas ED Announces Retirement

In the Midwest, the State Bar of Wisconsin has [named Larry Martin](#) as successor to ED George Brown, who will retire June 30. In Pennsylvania, Deanna Mindler is no longer ED of the Bucks County Bar; Stacey Mulholland has been named interim ED.

In Texas, Executive Director Michelle Hunter has announced that [she will retire](#) January 26, 2018, after nearly 20 years of service to the organization.

Further east, former DC Bar President Robert Spagnoletti [has been named ED](#) of the association.

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In California, Deborah Kemper has been named executive director of the San Mateo County Bar Association. She had been serving as interim ED.

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