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## Top News

### ABA Seeks Legal Innovation Proposals

The ABA Center for Innovation is accepting [proposals](#) for 8-minute, TED-style talks on legal innovation, to be delivered at the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City on August 12. Proposals are due May 15.

### Nominations Open for Partnership Awards

Nominations are open for the [2017 ABA Partnership Awards](#). The awards recognize bar association projects that nurture diversity and inclusion in the legal community. The deadline for [nominations](#) is June 6.

### Registration Opens for NABE Small Bar Conference

Registration is now open for the National Association of Bar Executives' [2017 Small Bar Conference](#), June 22-24, in St. Louis. The program is tailored to executives of smaller bar associations, defined as those with 1,500 or fewer members, limited budget, or solo or limited staff. Registration is only \$150 through May 15.

## Resources

### 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.

## Awards

### Call for Paul G. Hearne Award Nominations

Nominations are due May 22 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.

## Calls to Action

### ABA Seeks Videos to Highlight Legal Assistance for Vets

The ABA is inviting legal organizations to [submit brief videos](#) highlighting their efforts to support pro bono legal assistance for veterans. Selected videos will become part of a display featured during the ABA's Annual Meeting in New York City this August.

## Policy & Legislation

### ABA Proposes Revisions to Law School Approval Standards

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has approved [changes](#) and [proposed revisions](#) to the ABA Standards

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National Institute](#)  
Washington, DC  
Contact: [Barbara Mitchell](#)

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[ABA National Conference on  
Professional Responsibility](#)  
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Contact: [Center for Professional  
Responsibility](#)

**6/1 - 6/3/17**

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**8/10 - 8/15/17**

[ABA Annual Meeting](#)  
New York City  
Contact: [Lee Swanson](#)

**8/13/17**

[Margaret Brent Women Lawyers  
of Achievement Awards](#)

and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. Comments on the proposed revisions should be sent to [JR Clark](#) by July 10.

### ABA Places AZ Law School on Probation

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has [placed on probation](#) the Arizona Summit Law School in Phoenix.

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## People

### Texas Bar Hires New ED

Tarrant County Bar Association ED Patricia Graham has retired; Megan Cooley is her replacement.

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### Luncheon

New York City  
Contact: [Barbara Leff](#)

### 9/14 - 9/16/17

Conference of Metropolitan Bar Associations  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL  
Contact: [Susan Kohlbacher](#)

### 10/31 - 11/4/17

National Lawyer Referral Workshop  
Portland, Oregon  
Contact: [Kathleen Hughes](#)

### 3/14 - 3/16/18

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