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Top News

Three State Bars Win ABA Partnership Awards

The Missouri Bar, South Carolina Bar, and the State Bar of Texas are the winners of [this year's ABA Partnership Awards](#). The awards recognize bar association diversity efforts. The bars will be honored Friday, August 11 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meeting in New York.

Register Your Bar's Participation in Pro Bono Week

The ABA is encouraging bars to participate in this year's [National Pro Bono Celebration](#), October 22-28. The annual event is a strategic tool for enhancing and expanding local efforts to increase access to justice for all.

ABA Plans Unbundling Conference this Fall

The ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services is partnering with the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System to host "[Better Access through Unbundling, From Ideation to Implementation](#)," October 26-27 in Denver. There, national authorities will lay the foundation for the creation of strategic plans for a broader implementation of unbundled legal services.

ALA Awards Breakfast Planned

The [American Lawyers Alliance](#) will honor the recipients of the ALA Teacher of the Year Awards and ALA Judicial Civic Education Award during the ABA annual meeting at a breakfast on Friday, August 11, 8:30 a.m., at the Yale Club of New York City, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. RSVP to [Lucy Harrison](#).

Resources

Essential Qualities of the Professional Lawyer

[This book](#) explores the qualities that characterize a professional lawyer. A free instructor's manual is available for leading discussions. Bulk discount pricing is available. Contact the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility for a review copy of the book at cpr@americanbar.org.

Enhancing Justice: Reducing Bias

[This book](#) explains approaches that courts can use to lessen the impact of implicit bias.

Awards

Nomination Period Closing 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 tomorrow, July 28.

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Marshall Award Winner Announced

The Hon. Andre M. Davis, Senior Judge, United States Circuit Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has been named **winner of the 2017 John Marshall Award**. The award honors positive national impact on the justice system. It will be presented on Friday, August 11 during the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Section of Legal Ed and Admissions Grants Approval

The Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has **granted provisional approval** to UNT Dallas College of Law.

ABA Seeks Comments on Law School Accreditation

The ABA is seeking comments on the **qualifications of 12 law schools** that will be evaluated for accreditation during on-site visits this fall.

For Your Members

Panel to Discuss Careers in Law

A free panel discussion at the ABA Annual Meeting in New York will consider the path to a career in law. The panelists, a diverse group of judges, will discuss their paths to the bench and what it takes to be a law clerk. A reception will immediately follow. To attend, **RSVP** by August 7.

Conference to Build Federal Trial Skills

An upcoming **conference**, sponsored by the ABA Judicial Division, will help lawyers build their trial skills in federal cases. The interactive, 3-day summit will be held October 16-18 in New Orleans.

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