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Top News

Law Day 2018 Theme Announced

The **2017 Law Day theme** will be "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom."

Report Addresses Lawyer Health Issues

A **new report** from the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being recommends actions to address substance use and mental health concerns experienced by lawyers, judges, and law students.

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.

Resources

Enhancing Justice: Reducing Bias

This book, produced by the Judicial Division's Fighting Implicit Bias Committee, explains how courts can reduce the impact of implicit bias.

Building a Diverse Bench: Selecting Federal Magistrate and Bankruptcy Judges

This book, from the ABA Judicial Division and the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law, provides guidance on how courts can increase diversity among federal magistrate and bankruptcy judges.

Awards

ABE Opportunity Grants

The American Bar Endowment is accepting applications for its **2018 Opportunity Grants**. The grants help organizations develop law-related programs that address issues of interest to the public and legal profession. Applications must be submitted by October 31.

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 for notice and comment **proposed revisions** to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

The same body has **withdrawn provisional approval** of the Indiana Tech Law School in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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National Unbundling Conference

Denver

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2017 National Aging and Law Conference

Silver Spring, MD

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National Lawyer Referral Workshop

Portland, OR

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Women in Litigation Joint Conference

Philadelphia

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1/30 - 2/3/18

NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting

Vancouver, BC

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1/31 - 2/6/18

People

Bar Services Welcomes New Director

Pamela Robinson, longtime member of the ABA's Division for Bar Services and most recently its deputy director, has been promoted to director following the retirement of Roseanne Lucianek.

Four ED Changes

Sally Dunker is the **new executive director** at the Ohio's Dayton Bar Association, replacing the retiring William Wheeler. One state to the west, Joe Skeel will become ED at the Indiana State Bar Association upon the retirement of incumbent Tom Pyrz on January 5. In Michigan, Jennifer Roosenberg is the new ED at the Oakland County Bar Association.

In western states, Joe Conte has retired as executive director of the State Bar of New Mexico. And in California, Leah Wilson is the new executive director at the state bar, succeeding Elizabeth Parker.

For Your Members

The Economic Espionage Act

This **handbook** is a practical guide for prosecutors, defense lawyers, and the U.S. court system for use in economic espionage and trade secret theft cases.

Beyond Smart: Lawyering with Emotional Intelligence

This **book** is the first comprehensive guide to understanding and raising emotional intelligence in the unique context of law practice.

LinkedIn Marketing Techniques for Law and Professional Practices

This **book**, from the GPSolo section, will help readers use LinkedIn's remarkable power to promote their expertise.

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