Top News

ABA Seeks Volunteers for Disaster Victims
The ABA is seeking volunteers to provide legal assistance to survivors of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. The effort is being coordinated through a partnership between Legal Services Corporation of Puerto Rico, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center.

ABA BOG Report Highlights Recent ABA Activities
ABA Executive Director Jack Rives has released his September 2017 report to the association’s Board of Governors. The report provides updates on recent ABA activities and initiatives.

Resources

ABA Cybersecurity Handbook: A Resource for Attorneys, Law Firms and Business Professionals
The newly released second edition of this bestseller, published by the ABA Cybersecurity Legal Task Force, will help lawyers identify cybersecurity risks, take steps to reduce them, and better respond in the event of an attack.

A 20% discount is available for pre-orders submitted by November 1. Use promo code 2ECYBER20.

Law Day 2018 Theme Announced
The 2018 Law Day theme will be "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom."

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.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Legal Access Award
Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 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 5.

Nominations Open for Women Lawyers Awards
Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards. The awards honor women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers. Submissions are due December 20.
YLD Regional Summit Subgrant Application Period is Open
Applications are being accepted for ABA Young Lawyer Division Regional Summit Subgrants. The subgrants award up to $3,000 to host a Regional Summit, meetings that foster networking and collaboration between YLD Affiliates, the YLD, young lawyer groups, and law students. Applications are due October 31.

People
Montana Names New ED
The State Bar of Montana recently announced that John Mudd, a lawyer who has long served on the bar's Professionalism Committee, will be its next executive director, effective January 2, 2018.

For Your Members
Grit, the Secret to Advancement: Stories of Successful Women Lawyers
This volume contains new research by the Commission on Women in the Profession on the grit and growth mindset, which has been shown to impact the success of women lawyers. The book also includes 47 letters from diverse women who have used these principles to advance their careers.

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