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Top News

BLI 2018 Registration Opens; Scholarships Available

Registration has opened for the ABA's signature conference for bar leaders. More than 300 are expected to attend the [2018 Bar Leadership Institute](#), to be held March 14-16 in Chicago.

The ABA is offering three scholarships to help presidents-elect and other upcoming leaders of small bar associations attend the meeting. The application deadline has been extended to Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

The Division for Bar Services Releases Benchmarks Survey

The [2017 State and Local Benchmarks Survey](#) provides a blueprint of the membership, leadership, and governance structures of more than 160 bar associations. Groupings by bar size and type make comparisons with peers effortless. The publication also offers an analysis of significant changes from previous surveys.

This publication would not be possible without your critical contributions. As such, responding bars received a discount code for 40% off the purchase price which is valid through December 31. Please contact [Joanne O'Reilly](#) if you did not receive your code, or if you have other questions about the survey.

Resources

ABA Seeks Charter of the Forest Activities

The ABA is asking bars to submit activities being planned to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the [Charter of the Forest](#). Issued in 1217, the charter is one of the world's first pieces of environmental and natural resources legislation. Submissions should be sent to [Elissa Lichstenstein](#).

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Young Lawyer Professionalism Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award](#), which recognizes young lawyers dedicated to lawyer professionalism. Nominations are due December 31.

Applications, Volunteers Sought for Diversity Internship Program

The ABA Section of Litigation is seeking applicants and volunteers for its [Summer 2018 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program](#). The program places diverse and financially disadvantaged law students with judges for a summer internship. Applications are due January 8, 2018.

The program is also seeking licensed attorneys to serve as [program volunteers](#).

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Contact: [Lee Swanson](#)

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Chicago
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Normandy, France
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Paris, France
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Application Period Opens for YLD Subgrant Program

Applications will be accepted January 1 for the [ABA Young Lawyers Division's Subgrant Program](#). The program provides up to \$1,000 to public service and bar leadership/membership services projects developed by young lawyer bar organizations affiliated with the ABA YLD. Applications are due March 1, 2018.

Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

The Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its [2018 National Awards](#). The awards recognize extraordinary achievements of public lawyers and law offices. Nominations are due April 9, 2018.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Seeks Comments on Law School Accreditation

The ABA is seeking comments on the [qualifications of 15 law schools](#) that will be evaluated for accreditation during on-site visits in spring 2018.

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. Please direct comments to [JR Clark](#) by April 2, 2018.

People

New EDs at Erie and LA Counties

Anne Noble is the [new executive director](#) of the Bar Association of Erie County (NY). In California, Stanley Bissey is the [new ED](#) at the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

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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.

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