Top News

DBS Launches Board Catalyst Series
The ABA Division for Bar Services has launched a new webinar series focusing on training for bar governing bodies. Called Board Catalyst, the new program series will focus on advanced governance training, and feature experts on topics such as transformations in governance, trends in the legal profession, and building board capacity.

The next session, Critical Issues for Boards in 2019, will take place December 12. To sign up, contact Joanne O'Reilly at joanne.oreilly@americanbar.org, 312-988-5348.

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 21-27. The annual event is a strategic tool for enhancing and expanding local efforts to increase access to justice for all. Organizations can promote the event on Facebook with one of two social media frames (here and here).

NYSBA and NYCLA Seek Support for Resolution on Online Legal Document Providers
The New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers Association have submitted a proposal for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates concerning regulation of online legal document providers. The resolution, which will be voted on at the meeting of the ABA House of Delegates, January 28, 2019, seeks to protect consumers and set certain minimum standards for such providers. Please share this information with members of your state’s HOD delegation.

Resources

ABA Publishes Access to Justice Report
A new report from the ABA Resource Center for Access to Justice Initiatives analyzes the structures, activities, staffing, and funding for state access to justice commissions and offers best-practice recommendations.

Awards

Nomination Period Opens for Professionalism Award
Nominations are being accepted for the Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award, which honors a career commitment to legal ethics, professionalism, and professional regulation. Nominations are due December 31.

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 January 31.

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
Two ED Changes
Kay Sim has announced her retirement as ED from the Houston Bar Association, effective March 1, 2019. Greg Nardi is the new ED at the Bucks County Bar Association in Pennsylvania.

For Your Members
Criminal Procedure and Practice, 5th Edition
The guide gives a broad overview of criminal procedure, from investigation all the way through post-conviction reviews. The authors discuss complex topics such as fruit of the poisonous tree, car stops, the privilege against self-incrimination, eyewitness identification, habeas corpus, and double jeopardy in both the civilian and military settings.

Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice 2017
This book offers practitioners in administrative law, and those interested in this area of law, an understanding of the developments in the four core areas of administrative law in 2017, as well as insight into where it may head.

Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: Courtrooms to Corporate Counsels
This guide contains twelve chapters on intercultural issues like diverse perceptions of crimes, trust, and juries ? as well as negotiating strategies, decision-making, and verbal and nonverbal behaviors. It includes engaging personal anecdotes, and over 50 cross-cultural profiles.

Russia Corporate, Financial, and Commercial Law
This book provides an authoritative legal resource on the Russian legal system, laws, rules, regulations, and court decisions.