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## Top News

### DBS Launches Second Component of New Board Training Program

Back in September, the ABA Division for Bar Services launched its [Board Catalyst webinar series](#) ? a series of five 45-minute webinars that are held bi-monthly between October and June 2019. This month, Bar Services launches its companion program ? the Board Catalyst Shorts ? a series of 5-12 minute videos that cover foundational governance topics. The shorts will be available starting January 8. Stay tuned for more information.

### Bar Exam Focus Group Participants Sought

The National Conference of Bar Examiners is seeking bar leaders to [participate](#) in one of five focus group on the future of bar examinations. The sessions will be held January 26 and 27, 2019, at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas.

## Resources

### ABA Innovation Center Launches Webinar Series

The ABA's Center for Innovation Network has launched a [free, bi-monthly webinar series](#) featuring change agents who are transforming the legal industry. Topics include new service delivery models, court-based innovations, and other developments that positively impact how the public accesses legal services and information. Recordings of the first two webinars are available now.

### New Report Describes Successful Public Defense Program

The ABA has released a new report describing the work of three "groundbreaking" public defense programs. The report, called [Exemplary Defense](#), is designed to help public defenders examine and replicate these successful projects.

### January Webinar to Discuss Professional Liability Insurance

An [upcoming ABA webinar](#) will break down the issues involved in protecting the public regarding professional liability insurance for lawyers. The panel discussion will be held January 16, 2019.

## Awards

### Equal Justice Conference Offers Bar Leader Scholarships

[Scholarships for bar leaders](#) are available for the [2019 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference](#). The conference, scheduled for May 9-11 in Louisville, Kentucky, addresses the delivery of legal services to low-income individuals. Scholarship applications are due February 22, 2019.

### Nominations Sought for Senior Lawyer Award

Nominations are being accepted for the [2019 John H. Pickering](#)

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## BOARD CATALYST

**FEB 6, 1PM CT |**

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The Best Associations Say No, with Jeffrey Cufaude

**APR 3, 1PM CT |**

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Getting, Giving and Growing: The Board Member Experience, with Elizabeth Derrico

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**1/22 - 1/26/19**

[NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting](#)

Las Vegas

Contact: [Teresa Peavy](#)

**1/23 - 1/28/19**

[ABA Midyear Meeting](#)

Las Vegas

Contact: [Lee Swanson](#)

**3/13 - 3/15/19**

[ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#)

Chicago

Contact: [Katie Binhack](#)

**4/9 - 4/11/19**

[ABA Day in Washington](#)

Washington, DC

Contact: [David Epstein](#)

**5/9 - 5/11/19**

[Equal Justice Conference](#)

Louisville, KY

Contact: [Cheryl Zalenski](#)

**5/10 - 5/11/19**

[National Meeting of State](#)

**Achievement Award.** The award honors career-long service by a senior lawyer or judge to the legal profession and the community. Applications are due February 28, 2019.

### Nominations Open for Public Lawyer Awards

The Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for its **2019 National Awards**. The awards recognize extraordinary achievements of public lawyers and law offices. Applications are due April 8, 2019.

### Policy & Legislation

#### ABA Council on Legal Education Approves John Marshall Move

In late November, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association "**acquiesced in the request of The John Marshall Law School**" that it be acquired by the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### For Your Members

#### ABA Publishes New Advance Directive Guide

A new ABA guide helps lawyers provide more effective health care advance directives for their clients. The guide, *Advance Directives: Counseling Guide for Lawyers*, can be downloaded for free in **digital form**. Print versions can be ordered for \$19.95 through the **ABA store**.

#### Spring 2019 National Legal Malpractice Conference

This **upcoming conference** will connect the legal malpractice insurance industry's leading practitioners to discuss the latest developments and trends in the field.

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#### Access to Justice Commission Chairs

Louisville, KY  
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**5/29 - 5/31/19**

**45th National Conference on Professional Responsibility**  
Vancouver, Canada

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