Top News

ABA Diversity Center Highlights Implicit Bias Test, Other Resources
The ABA has launched a resource page to help legal organizations fight implicit bias. The page discusses the influential Harvard Implicit Bias Test, and features videos, toolkits, and reports to help overcome such biases.

Resources

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 20-26. The annual event is a strategic tool for enhancing and expanding local efforts to increase access to justice for all. This year's event focuses on helping survivors of domestic violence.

Annotated Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions, Second Edition
This book features a comprehensive and practical analysis of the cases and other legal authorities essential to understanding the ABA's Sanctions Standards.

Defining Moments: Insights into the Lawyer's Soul
This book contains 42 essays by accomplished lawyers detailing their journey to conquer their fears, overcome obstacles, and to discover their true voices.

Awards

Nominations Open for LRIS Award
Nominations are being accepted for the Cindy A. Raisch Award. The award honors public service-oriented lawyer referral and information programs that provide access to justice for moderate income consumers across the country. Nominations are due July 31.

Marshall Award Winner Announced
The Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, has been named winner of the 2019 John Marshall Award. The award honors positive national impact on the justice system. It will be presented on Friday, August 9 during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

First Winner of New Civility Award Announced
The ABA has announced a new award. The William D. Missouri Award, named for the late judge, will honor a person or organization that promotes civility and professionalism in the legal profession. The inaugural award will be presented to Delores Missouri, Judge Missouri’s widow, at the ABA’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August.
Former Massachusetts Governor Wins Diversity Award
Boston attorney and former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick has been named winner of the 2019 CLEO EDGE Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Heritage Award. The award honors a person who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in diversity in the legal profession and society. The award will be presented at a ceremony on November 7.

Calls to Action

ABA Encourages Disability Diversity Pledge
The ABA is encouraging bar associations to sign its Pledge for Change, a commitment to pursue disability diversity in their organizations and to encourage other legal employers to do the same.

Policy & Legislation

ABA Seeks Comments on Law School Accreditation
The ABA is seeking comments on the qualifications of four law schools that will be evaluated for accreditation during on-site visits this fall. Comments are due by August 15.

For Your Members

ABA Program Seeks Lawyer Volunteers for Military Benefits Program
The ABA encourages lawyers to volunteer for ABA VCAN, a program that helps military veterans prepare claims for VA disability benefits. The program had a successful pilot run from 2014-2015 in three targeted locations and is now being relaunched nationwide.

ABA Seeks Applications for Diversity Fellowship Program
The ABA's Criminal Justice Section is seeking applications for its Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Program. The program provides opportunities for lawyers in underrepresented groups to prepare for leadership roles within the section. The program includes a mentor, special project, and other benefits. Applications are due August 7.

Rehabilitation and Incarceration: In Search of Fairer and More Productive Sentencing
This book explains the crisis of mass incarceration, how it came about, and the pressing need and means to reduce prison populations and recidivism.

Careers in International Law, Fifth Edition
In this book, fifteen authors share their experiences of how they transitioned into international legal practice, including how their goals, paths, and professional lives have developed.

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