Association Efforts of Interest

ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity

Overview
The ABA maintains a longstanding commitment to diversity in the legal profession. The Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity serves as the administrative and programmatic oversight body for the three major ABA entities that focus on racial and ethnic diversity issues:

the Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice
the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity
the Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline.

The center provides the framework for effective utilization of ABA resources committed to diversity; improves coordination and collaboration of diversity efforts throughout the association; and helps to maintain racial and ethnic diversity as a priority issue for the association.

Services provided by the center include: (1) A centralized web-based clearinghouse that serves as a portal to diversity activities within the ABA; (2) Coordination of collaboration opportunities internally and externally to assist the ABA and the legal profession to achieve the goal of diversity; (3) A joint publishing initiative to develop and promote print, online and electronic publishing of racial and ethnic diversity materials; and (4) Advising the ABA president and leadership on presidential diversity activities.

Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity Entities
The Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice (formerly Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice) addresses issues related to racial and ethnic bias in the justice system.

The Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession provides services for racially and ethnically diverse lawyers, judges and others who are in the legal profession.

The Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline (formerly Advisory Council on Diversity) provides services to increase diversity among students in the pipeline to the legal profession.

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