



PEOPLE

ABA

Justice Center

- **Konstantina Vagenas** is the new manager of judicial independence initiatives.

STATE BARS

Alabama State Bar

- Communications Director **Susan Andres** has announced her retirement, effective June 30.

Arkansas Bar Association

- Associate Executive Director **Judith Gray** will retire in July.

Hawaii Bar Association

- CLE/Program Manager **Paulette Suwa** has left the bar, to take a position at the Red Cross.

Kentucky Bar Association

- Executive Director **Bruce Davis** has announced his retirement, effective March 1, 2007.

State Bar of Texas

- Law Practice Management Program Director **Gisela Bradley** retired April 28.

State Bar of Wisconsin

- Member Services Director **Betty Braden** will retire at the end of the summer. **Jan Wood** will be her replacement.

LOCAL BARS

San Francisco Bar Association

- Executive Director **Martha Whetstone** has left the bar. Deputy Director and COO **Dan Burkhardt** has assumed her duties as acting executive director.

Maricopa County Bar Association (AZ)

- Executive Director **Leandra Lewis** has left the bar.

Northern Kentucky Bar Association

- **Christine Sevindik** has replaced **Brandie Ingalls** as executive director.

NEWS

ABA Section Seeks Support to End 'Silence'

The ABA's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) is seeking co-sponsors for a resolution opposing the trend known as the "silent tort reform movement" – the practice of federal agencies independently enacting regulations that infringe on existing state tort and consumer laws. The resolution recommends that federal agencies obtain Congress-

UPCOMING MEETINGS

6/23 – 6/24/06

NABE Small Bar Conference
Baltimore, MD
Holiday Inn BWI
Contact: [Jill Werner](#)

6/27 – 6/28/06

[NACDL's 5th Annual State Legislative Network Conference](#)
Miami Beach, FL
Loews Miami Beach Hotel
Contact: [Scott Ehlers](#)

7/21 - 7/22/06

2006 Florida Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
Contact: [Toyca Williams](#)

7/21 - 7/22/06

State Bar of Texas Bar Leaders Conference
Dallas, TX
Westin Park Central
Contact: [Holly Wilkerson](#)

8/1 - 8/8/06

[ABA/NABE/NCBP/NCBF Annual Meetings](#)
Honolulu, HI
Contact: [Pamela Robinson](#)

8/30 – 9/2/06

31st Annual HNBA Convention
San Francisco, CA
Westin St. Francis Hotel
Contact: [Victor Marquezuez](#)

10/5 - 10/8/06

State Bar of California Annual Meeting
Monterey, CA
Contact: [Theresa Raglen](#)

10/5/06

State Bar of California Bar Leaders' Conference
Monterey, CA
Contact: [Leanna Dickstein](#)

10/5 - 10/7/06

Mid-Atlantic Bar Conference Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel
Contact: [Barry Simpson](#)

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sional authorization before effecting such regulations. For more on the movement and the resolution, click [here](#).

ABA Furthers Efforts to Protect Privilege

The ABA is working with state and local bar associations to urge the US Department of Justice to reconsider demands that companies and other organizations waive attorney-client privilege and work product protection to receive cooperation credit in federal investigations. For more on this effort, click [here](#).

ABA HOD to Consider Bar Reports, Recommendations

The ABA has released the [preliminary agenda](#) for its House of Delegates' 2006 Annual Meeting, to be held during the association's Annual Meeting in Honolulu. The agenda includes descriptions of all reports with recommendations that the house will consider for adoption.

Seven of the reports are co-written by or involve bar associations. They address legal services (112A, 112B, 118, and 121C), the death penalty (122A), and diversity (113 and 122B). All agenda items are subject to revision and removal.

E-mail [Nicole Rivera](#) for a full version of any report mentioned in the agenda. The reports will be posted the week of June 19 on the ABA's [Leadership Home Page](#).

AWARDS

Massachusetts Bar Honors Greco

At a recent event entitled "Honoring the Profession's Finest," the [Massachusetts Bar Association](#) presented ABA President Michael Greco with its Gold Medal Award. Greco, a partner in the Boston office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, was honored in part for his work on the state's Commission on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children, which he appointed while serving as MBA president. The commission's report and recommendations led Massachusetts to enact new laws protecting the legal rights of children.

New Haven County Bar Awarded for Schools Program

The [New Haven County Bar Association](#) (CT) has won New Haven's 2006 Superintendent of Schools' Partner in Education Award. The bar was honored for its partnership with a local elementary school. Click [here](#) for details on the award.

Four to Receive Bar Association Diversity Award

The [Boston](#), [Utah Minority](#), and [Kansas City Metropolitan](#) bar associations, as well as the ABA's [Section of Real Property, Probate, & Trust Law](#), have been picked to receive the ABA's 2006 Partnership Awards. The awards honor extraordinary diversity programs sponsored by bar associations. The winners were selected from [25 programs](#) nominated by the ABA and state and local bars nationwide.

Three of the four winning programs target students. The Boston Bar Association will be recognized for its Children and Youth Outreach Project, a pipeline program for public school students; the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association for its Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair, a two-day networking event for minority attorneys and law students; and the Utah Minority Bar Association for an array of diversity programs for students and attorneys. The ABA RPPT Section will be recognized for its Community Outreach Program, which offers specialized training to minority real estate, probate, and taxation attorneys.

The awards will be presented at the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives, and National Conference of Bar Foundations joint luncheon during the 2006 ABA Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

10/11 - 10/14/06
2006 LRIS Workshop
Albuquerque, NM
Embassy Suites Hotel
Contact: [Ann Marie O'Donnell](#)

10/12 - 10/14/06
Conference of Metropolitan Bar Associations
Hilton Head Island, SC
Harbourtown Inn
Contact: [Mary Corbitt](#)

10/12 - 10/14/06
Southern Conference of Bar Presidents Meeting
Charleston, SC
Mills House
Contact: [Bob Wells](#)

10/26 - 10/28/06
New England Bar Association Meeting
Manchester, VT
The Equinox
Contact: [Bob Paolini](#)

11/15 - 11/17/06
[20th Annual State Legislative Workshop](#)
Washington, DC
Contact: [Rita Aguilar](#)

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Memphis Bar to Receive ABA Professionalism Award

The [Memphis Bar Association](#) is among three winners of the [ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism](#)'s 2006 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards. The awards recognize projects that enhance lawyer professionalism. The bar will be honored for its Leadership Forum, a nine-month training program for young lawyers. Stetson University College of Law's Student Leadership Development Program and Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Professionalism Program will also receive the \$3,500 award, in a ceremony at the 2006 ABA Annual Meeting in Honolulu. For more on the awards, click [here](#).

Lexis Accepting Fellowship Applications

LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell is accepting applications for its annual Legal Fellowship program. The fellowship awards a \$15,000 grant each June and December to people and associations that advance legal education, public interest law, and diversity in the legal profession.

The deadline for the next Fellowship is **June 30, 2006**. For more information, including an application, visit www.martindale.com/ratings and click "Fellowship" on the left side of the page.

Nominations Being Accepted for Literacy Award

The ABA [Standing Committee on Substance Abuse](#) is accepting nominations for the Scripps Howard Foundation-American Bar Association Distinguished Service to Literacy Award. The award honors a program, bar association, or lawyer that has made exceptional efforts to address literacy, truancy, and substance abuse in a community. It includes a \$5,000 stipend for a literacy program chosen by the recipient.

Nominations for the award are due **July 1, 2006**. For more information, contact Valerie A. Adelson at (202) 662-1784, adelsonv@staff.abanet.org.

Nominations Being Accepted for New Judicial Outreach Award

The ABA Coalition for Justice is seeking nominees for its first Burnham "Hod" Greeley Award, recognizing people and organizations that increase public understanding of the American judiciary. The award will be presented at the ABA's 2006 Annual Meeting in Honolulu, in honor of Greeley, a Honolulu attorney and ABA Board of Governors member who died last January.

The nomination deadline is Friday, June 30, 2006. For more information, including the nomination form, click [here](#).

RESOURCES

2006 Report on Lawyer-Legislators

The results of the ABA State Legislative Clearinghouse's 2006 survey of lawyer-legislators are now [online](#). The survey includes the number, percentage, and names of lawyers in each state's legislature.

Legal Services Now

The May issue of *Legal Services Now*, e-newsletter of the ABA Division for Legal Services, is now [online](#).

NAWL Career Center

The [National Association of Women Lawyers](#) recently launched the [NAWL Career Center](#), an online job board for women seeking jobs in the legal profession and law-related organizations seeking to hire women. For employers, the center offers job postings and job activity reports. For job seekers, the center offers free and confidential resume posting, weekly email notification of new job listings, and the ability to save jobs for later review.

For more about the Career Center, contact Michelle J. Park at (312) 988-6186, parkm@nawl.org.

Report on Professionalism Programs

The [ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism](#) has posted its [Report on a Survey of Law School Professionalism Programs](#). The 101-page report can serve as a resource for bar associations that work with their local law schools to improve professionalism.

Judicial Independence Toolkit

The [Standing Committee on Judicial Independence](#) is currently working on a judicial independence toolkit, including a DVD, to help bar leaders and others educate the public about the importance of a fair, impartial, and accountable judiciary.

PUBLICATIONS

Each publication listed, unless otherwise noted, can be ordered from the [ABA book store](#), or by calling the ABA Service Center at (800) 285-2221 and referencing its product code. Click any cover to be taken to that publication's bookstore page.



Achieving Justice: Freeing the Innocent, Convicting the Guilty

Edited by Paul Giannelli and Myrna Raeder
Published by the Criminal Justice Section
Price: \$25
Product code: 5090103



Assisted Reproductive Technology: A Lawyer's Guide to Emerging Law and Science

By Charles P. Kindregan and Maureen McBrien
Published by the Section of Family Law
Price: \$119.95
Product code: 5130139



Charitable Gift Planning: A Practical Guide for the Estate Planner

By Thomas J. Ray Jr.
Published by the Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law
Price: \$174.95
Product code: 5430460



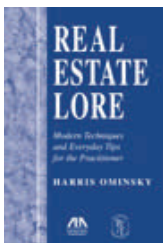
E-Learning for Law Firms

By Peter Glowacki and Steve Gluckman
Published by the Center for CLE
Price: \$49.95
Product code: V05ELFB



The Military Divorce Handbook

By Mark E. Sullivan
Published by the Section of Family Law
Price: \$149.95
Product code: 5130135



Real Estate Lore: Modern Techniques and Everyday Tips for the Practitioner

By Harris Ominsky
Published by the Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law
Price: \$64.95
Product code: 5430461
