

**American Bar Association
Law Student Division
June 2009 Update**

**ABA Networking Opportunities, Activities, Programs,
Internships, and Scholarships for Law Students**

Law Student Division Activities and Deadlines

Law Student Division Competitions

NOW AVAILABLE -- 2009-2010 Competition Entry Forms

Entry forms for the 2009-2010 competition season are now available. Please visit our [competitions website](#) for details and eligibility requirements.

Arbitration Competition

Co-sponsored by the National Arbitration Forum, this competition promotes excellence in arbitration advocacy.

Client Counseling Competition

A competition promoting preventive law and counseling functions.

Negotiation Competition

The competition simulates legal negotiations in which law students, acting as lawyers, negotiate a series of legal problems.

National Appellate Advocacy Competition

A traditional moot court competition focusing on written and oral advocacy skills.

**ABA Law Student Division
2009-2010 National Leadership Nominees**

**Nominees Announced for Division Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates and
Vice Chair-Student Bar Associations**

SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives from each ABA-approved law school, who are in attendance at the ABA Annual Meeting, will elect three Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates. SBA Presidents will elect the Division's 2009-2010 Division Vice Chair-Student Bar Associations. The nominations deadline for these positions was June 1.

- Slate of Candidates
- Election Information and Voting Eligibility

**ABA Annual Meeting Provides Opportunities for Law Students to
Connect, Lead and Learn**

ABA Annual Meeting

July 30-August 4, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois

Career Fair: July 30, 2009

Law Student Division Activities: July 29-August 2, 2009

- Law Student Division Annual Meeting Website
- ABA Law Student Division PRELIMINARY Schedule of Events
- Career Fair and Resume Review
- ***July 7, 2009 –Advance Registration and Housing "Final" Deadline:*** \$75 LSD Members/\$100 ABA Non-Member law students. The registration fee for law students includes admittance to the Career Fair and a Law Student "all access to CLE" meeting badge.
- ABA Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Forms

Law Student Division Annual Meeting Program Highlights

Luncheon Program: Legal Employment - What You Can Do In This Economy

Thursday, July 30 (12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m.)

A panel of law school career service professional will share advice on what you can do to get a job in this economy. Topics include how to stand out and distinguish yourself from the rest of the crowd, turning weaknesses into strengths during an interview, effectively utilize your Career Services office, alumni and other job search resources.

Luncheon Program: Careers in Labor and Employment Law

Thursday, July 30 (12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m.)

Meet with leading labor and employment lawyers who will share their diverse perspectives on labor and employment law and their real-life experiences practicing on behalf of management, unions, and plaintiffs or serving as government attorneys and neutrals. Learn about the extremely varied career options open to labor and employment lawyers, and receive concrete practical advice on how to get into the area that interest you, whether it is a big firm practice, a union legal staff, a boutique management or plaintiff's firm, or a federal regulatory agency.

Cosponsored by the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law

Luncheon Program: What Every New Business Lawyer Should Know - But Probably Wasn't Taught in Law School

Friday, July 31 (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

A diverse panel of new and senior business attorneys from a variety of practice setting will provide frank and realistic advice for would-be business lawyers. Join a candid exchange focusing on what catches the eye of hiring attorneys, supervising attorneys, colleagues, and partners. Discover what distinguishes the best business lawyers from the merely adequate and take home tips for survival and success. A question and answer session will conclude this program.

Luncheon cosponsored by the ABA Section of Business Law

The Perils of Character and Fitness: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary

Saturday, August 1 (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Using the Illinois Supreme Court Rules as a prototype, a panel will discuss the application process and information requirements, red flags that raise concerns for Committees, and practical advice for applicants.

Surviving Your First Year As An Associate

Saturday, August 1 (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

To be successful in the profession, new lawyers must prove their value to their employers. Gain an understanding of what is expected of you, how you can develop as a lawyer during your first year, how to become an invaluable provider of legal services and how to position yourself to become a partner in your firm. Despite this difficult employment market, learn how to market and sell yourself as an invaluable asset.

Co-Sponsored by the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Careers in National Security Law

Saturday, August 1 (10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Panelists from the private sector, government, intelligence communities and members of the military will discuss career path options and job search techniques. Learn how to avoid the common mistakes made when applying for a national security position. Take home tips on gaining clearance and how to prepare for a career in this hot (and hiring) area of law. The program will conclude with a questions and answers session.

Sponsored by the Standing Committee on Law and National Security

Pathways to Employment in International Law

Saturday, August 1 (10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

This unique forum will bring law students and new lawyers together with experienced legal practitioners to explore opportunities for employment in international law. Speakers will give advice and guidance on gaining practical experience and improving legal networking skills, as well as sharing their own paths to careers in international law.

Co-Sponsored by the Section of International Law

Get the Most From Your Annual Meeting All Access to CLE Status

ABA Law Student Division members registered for the Annual Meeting receive an "All Access CLE Badge" that allows complimentary admittance to educational events; however, any social events or those that include a meal function will require that you purchase a ticket. Below is a sampling of programs sponsored by the various ABA practice specific entities during the Annual Meeting.

Commission on Women in the Profession

The Credit Crisis - How Compensation Practices Adversely Affect the Advancement of Women and Minorities in the Law and How We Must Change Them

Thursday, July 30 (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)

Explore the extent to which present practices within the profession account for a disturbingly disproportionate allocation of money and power away from women and minorities in law firms. A panel of general counselors and managing partners will address how to fundamentally change these practices in order to effectuate real advancement of women and minorities in the profession.

Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Open Hearing: What It Means to be LGBT in the Legal Profession

Friday, July 31 (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Because Annual Meeting attendees come from across the country and from differing backgrounds, the Commission hopes to reach not only other LGBT attorneys but also a broader audience. The goal is to increase understanding of what it means to be LGBT in the legal profession and how to attract and retain LGBT talent.

Intellectual Property Law

Listen to the Sound of Music – Recent Pitfalls in Online Music Distribution

Friday, July 31 (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

The creation and distribution of music often leads to costly infringement claims. Explore some of the fascinating (and difficult) issues surrounding music copyright cases. Panelists will examine a number of recent disputes, including those involving songs by 50 Cent, Ludacris, Mary J. Blige, and Madonna. The audience will join speakers in listening to numerous examples to determine whether or not a claimant was justified in bringing a claim.

Family Law

Hot Tips from the Experts

Friday, July 31 (8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

This extremely popular, fast-moving program is comprised of five-minute hot tips, strategies and techniques shared by nationally known experts. An Annual Meeting must for anyone interested in family law.

General Practice Solo and Small Firm Practice

Solo Day: THE HOW & TAO OF LEGAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Friday, July 31, 2009 (8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

This will be a two track program focusing on so-called "hard" and "soft" skills and issues affecting law firm formation and growth.

Part I (8:30am-10:00am): The "HOW" program will focus on fundamental business start up issues and skills such as preparing business plans for the firm's use or for lenders, principals of budgeting, cash flow projections and other financial aspects necessary for planning and growth.

Part II (2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.): "TAO" will focus on the law firm as an entrepreneurial enterprise, and include discussions on entrepreneurship, leadership, core firm and personal values, and their importance in ensuring growth for the firm.

General Practice Solo and Small Firm Practice

Historical Trial - The Insanity Trial of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

Friday, July 31, 2009 (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Only ten years after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, a Chicago court found his widow insane and committed her to a mental institution. Was she really insane or did her son, attorney Robert Todd Lincoln, conspire against her? Join forensic expert, Professor James Starrs, psychologist Dr. Darlene Shelton, trial consultant David Weinberg, and trial lawyers Carlin Phillips and Shain Khoshbin as they retry this historic case before the Honorable George Leighton using modern technology, forensic science and audience participation.

Law and National Security

Obama's Detainee Policies: Views from Inside and Out

Friday, July 31 (3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)

Explore the issues surrounding the detention and trial of terrorist suspects. The interagency task force created by Executive Order to develop policies for the detention and trial of individuals seized in connection with armed conflicts and counterterrorism operations is scheduled to release its report in late July. A panel will discuss aspects of this report and the detention options now under consideration.

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice

Electronic Information: How to Find it, How to Protect It, and What to Do After the Worst Happens

Saturday, August 1 (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Learn how to effectively (and legally) "Cybersleuth" on the Internet and create a field-tested battle plan for protecting data and dealing with the aftermath of a security breach - large or small. From the creative collection of information to its preservation and protection, this program explains from a practical perspective what every attorney must know to adequately protect their data and confidential information in the Internet era. Divided into three distinct program sections, presenters will provide demonstrations and concrete strategies for data collection and protection, including an overview of the laws and industry standards concerning data security, related privacy laws and data breaches.

Science and Technology Law

Seven Secrets Every Lawyer Must Know to Survive and Thrive... Even in a Recession

Saturday, August 1 (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

2009 is shaping up to be a red-ink year for lawyers and law firms. Thousands of lawyers nationwide have been laid off, and the lawyers who remain are learning to cope with less support following thousands more staff layoffs. But there's another side to this story. Not all lawyers or law firms are suffering. Some are holding their own... And some are thriving. Learn how to thrive as a rainmaker, as a lawyer just starting a practice, or as a job candidate, even in this unprecedented economic climate. Tell me more

Intellectual Property

Blogomania: User-generated Content and the New Media Revolution

Saturday, August 1 (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon)

User-generated content (UGC) is all over the Internet. Companies that allow third parties to communicate on their websites open themselves up to certain risks. Learn how to manage those risks, and where potential liabilities remain.

Intellectual Property

Green Marketing – Everyone is Going Green, Are You?

Sunday, August 1 (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Green is the new key phrase when selling products. Buildings are going green, products are going green, companies are going green. Learn about the laws that can apply if you are making "green" claims. A panel will discuss issues including what to do from a trademark law perspective if you are considering incorporating "green" into your brand.

ABA Economic Recovery Resources

Find the latest information from the ABA on how to get through the economic downturn. The ABA Economic Recovery Resources portal contains resources and tips on a variety of topics from job searching, to practice management, to professional development and more. Tell me more

Equal Justice Works

Student Debt Relief Webinar Series

June 17 and June 24, 2009

Equal Justice Works is repeating its FREE, live web sessions. Tell me more

ABA Recession Recovery Teleconference Series

Staying Positive in a Down Economy: Beyond the "Group Hug"

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Whether you're helping your friends or yourself, this teleconference will help you restore morale both at home or in the office. Learn techniques to help your laid-off friends and classmates find the motivation they need to get out of their PJs in the morning. Panelist will give tips on how to stay positive and motivated; alleviate stress/depression in a down economy; help others while helping yourself through pro bono and public service; and how to set up a schedule and a transition team to call and check in on them. Tell me more

ABA Entities Offer Law Students Opportunities to Build a Networking Base and a Strong Resume

Law Practice Management Fellows Program

Application Deadline: June 30, 2009

ABA Law Practice Management Section (LPM) members selected as Fellows are provided opportunities to meet and network with some of the foremost experts in the business of practicing law – including marketing, management, technology, finance and career and work/life balance issues. Through this Fellows Program, LPM expands its strong commitment to recruiting and developing new lawyers into future leaders and enhance its efforts to increase the diversity of its members. Tell me more

Taxation

Public Service Fellowship

Application Deadline: August 1, 2009

Applications for the Tax Section's Public Service Fellowships are now being accepted! The Fellowships provide funding for recent law students or judicial clerks who commit to working in a tax-related 501(c)(3) organization for two years. The Fellowships were established last year to address the need for tax legal assistance, and to foster an interest in tax-related public service among those individuals who participate. Tell me more

Environment, Energy and Resources

17th Section Fall Meeting

Law Student Volunteers Need in Exchange for Free Admission

September 23-26, 2009 (Baltimore, MD)

Volunteer Application Deadline: August 14, 2009

Volunteer opportunities and reduced registration rates are available to law students who wish to attend the 17th Section Fall Meeting. As a volunteer your responsibilities will include assisting with some of the administrative tasks during event programming. Reduce rates are also available for law students who do not wish to volunteer. Contact Julie Connell for details. Tell me more

Air and Space Law and Rolls-Royce

Air and Space Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: October 2, 2009

Entrants must submit their own original article addressing a topic relevant to the aerospace industry. The first-place winner will receive \$3,000 and the second-place winner will receive a \$2,000 prize. Contact Dawn Holiday for details and more information.

Lawyers' Professional Responsibility

Congratulations Alanna O'Rourke - Winner of 2009 Levit Essay Contest

A member of the Law Student Division, Alanna O'Rourke of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, won the Levit Essay Contest this year. The \$5,000 prize and a plaque were presented to Alanna at the Spring 2009 National Legal Malpractice Conference in Miami. She also received an expenses- and registration-aid trip to the conference as the contest winner. The Levit Essay Contest, open to members of the Law Student Division and the Young Lawyers Division, is sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and the law firm of Long & Levit, LLP. The contest promotes original research and writing on lawyers' professional liability topics.

Visit our website for a complete listing of law student writing competitions, scholarships, and awards available from ABA entities.

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Business Law

Start Smart – What Start-Up Should Know (and How to Tell Them) About Choices of Entity, Owners' Agreements and Funding

June 24, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

This "how to" program will approach start-ups from the attorney's perspective, offering strategies to identify and resolve key issues facing founders and investors, and navigating the increasingly rough waters of financing new and emerging businesses. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Enna Rois. Tell me more

Government and Public Sector Lawyers

Conflicts of Interest, Duties to Clients, and Other Ethical Dilemmas of Public Lawyers

July 9, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Using an interactive format, our expert panelists will offer short, illustrative hypothetical scenarios to discuss the topics followed by a question and answer session for each scenario. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Althea Billins. Tell me more

Intellectual Property

The Largest Damage Award In Copyright History: The Inside Story of the “Bratz” Doll Case

July 9, 2009 (3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Join Michael Zeller, who represented Mattel in this high-status case, as he shares his knowledge of the legal issues, the litigation strategy he used, and the challenges he encountered in litigating a high-profile and high-stakes case. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Sheena Wade. Tell me more

Health Law

Identity Theft Red Flags Rule: What Healthcare Providers Need to Know Now

July 16, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

The Federal Trade Commission, together with other agencies, issued “Red Flag” regulations requiring the development and implementation of written identity theft prevention programs. Under these rules, “Creditors” that have “Covered Accounts,” as these terms are defined in the regulations, are required to implement programs to prevent and detect identity theft. The FTC now requires entities under its jurisdiction to have such programs in place by August 1, 2009. Panelists will discuss the debate in the healthcare field regarding the applicability of the Rule to physicians and other healthcare providers. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Althea Billins. Tell me more

Business Law

The 8th Annual Commercial Law Developments Update

July 16, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

This teleconference is a comprehensive review of recent critical developments in commercial law. These developments include recent decisions under UCC Article 9 as well as those involving guaranties, letters of credit, intellectual property, and consumer law. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Enna Rois. Tell me more

Litigation

Litigation Fundamentals: Closing Arguments

July 16, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Discover the do's and don't's of closing arguments. As the third part of a six part trial practice series under the “Access to Justice” initiative, this program is free to the first 250 ABA members who are employees of legal services or legal aid organizations. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Sheena Wade. Tell me more

Business Law

Caught in the Cross-Fire: Liability and Ethical Dilemmas for Directors and Advisors of Troubled Companies

July 23, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Directors and advisors of troubled companies and distressed non-profit organizations often confront tricky liability and ethical issues. This program will address the complex problems facing directors of troubled companies and their attorneys, consultants and other professionals. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact Enna Rois. Tell me more

CLE Now!

Free CLE is now accessible to ABA members. Programs are digital downloads that you can access at your convenience. Visit the ABA website for a complete list of ABA CLE, including Live Teleconferences and Audio Web casts.

Other Items of Interest

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice

Now Available: Summer TIPSter

The Summer Edition of the TIPSter, the law student newsletter published by the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, is now available for your reading pleasure. Tell me more

Taxation

Job Locator Program

Continue to check the ABA Section of Taxation's Job Locator site for jobs available in tax-related fields. The site lists employment opportunities with law firms with tax practices, government entities in the tax profession, accounting firms and others. Tell me more

California Supreme Court Historical Society

2009 Law Student Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: June 30, 2009

Original, unpublished scholarly writing on any aspect of California legal history, ranging from the Supreme Court itself and its justices and decisions, to local events of legal historical importance-including biography, significant cases, independent state interpretation, the California Constitution, and reorganization of the court system, as well as areas of law such as criminal law, civil rights, family law, tort liability, environmental law, and taxation-in any time period from 1846 to the present. First place winner will receive \$2,500 and publication in the Society's journal, California Legal History. Second and third place winners may also be chosen. All winning papers will be posted on the Society's website. Contact for more information.