

## National Conference of Bar Presidents 2008 Fellows Award

**John (Jack) L. Carey**, past president of the Indiana State Bar Association and the American Bar Retirement Association, received the National Conference of Bar Presidents 2008 Fellows Award during the ABA Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles. He was recognized for his ongoing commitment to leadership, service, his work on behalf of the organized bar and his support for the purposes of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. For more information, please contact Pam Robinson at [robinsonp@staff.abanet.org](mailto:robinsonp@staff.abanet.org).

## 2008 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award

The 2008 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award was awarded to **Patience A. Burns**, Palm Beach County Bar Association; **Carolyn Pereira**, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Chicago; **Glenn A. Ballard, Jr.**, Houston Bar Association; and **Kathryn Grant Madigan**, New York State Bar Association, during the ABA Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles. The Law Day awards recognize organizations that have found creative ways of reaching out to schools and the community, and that have forged strong partnerships with other groups to deliver the message about the benefits of the rule of law. For more information, please contact Colleen Danz at [danzc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:danzc@staff.abanet.org).

## Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access

**Sue Talia** of Danville, Calif., received recognition as an individual for her contributions to matching the unmet needs of the middle class with lawyers who provide affordable legal information, services and representation. **Chicago-Kent School of Law** was also recognized with a Louis M. Brown Award. Established by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services in 1994, the Brown Award recognizes innovative

contributions to the delivery of legal services to those of moderate income. For more information, please contact William Hornsby at 312/988-4714 or [whornsby@staff.abanet.org](mailto:whornsby@staff.abanet.org).

## Spirit of Excellence Awards

The Spirit of Excellence Award celebrates the achievements of diverse lawyers and others who contribute to the legal profession and society. **Cesar L. Alvarez, Christopher J. Arriola, John W. Kozyak, George Bundy Smith, Margaret Bush Wilson** and **Mia F. Yamamoto** were honored Feb. 9 for their work in Los Angeles. For more information, contact Sandra Yamate at [yamates@staff.abanet.org](mailto:yamates@staff.abanet.org). Information is also available at [www.abanet.org/minorities/spirit/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/minorities/spirit/home.html).

## Pursuit of Justice Award

The Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section presented **Thomas V. Girardi** with the Pursuit of Justice Award on Feb. 8 during the ABA Midyear Meeting. Girardi was recognized for his outstanding work in ensuring access to justice. More information can be obtained by visiting <http://www.abanet.org/tips/press/girardi.pdf> or contacting Nick Michna at [michnan@staff.abanet.org](mailto:michnan@staff.abanet.org).

## Solicitations

### Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest

The Section of Family Law conducts the Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest annually for law students to encourage curiosity and investigation in the field of family law. This year's deadline is May 15. Winners will receive a certificate, a letter of commendation to their law school dean and the opportunity to have their essay published in the *Family Law Quarterly* and/or on the section's Website. The award honors the late Howard C. Schwab, past president of the Toledo Bar Association and past chairman of the Family Law Committee of the Ohio Bar Association. For more information, contact Carrie Asalon at [asalonc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:asalonc@staff.abanet.org). Information is available online as well at <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml#overview>.

### 2008 Jury Impact Award

The ABA Commission on the American Jury Project is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Jury System Impact Award. This award was established to recognize an individual or organization that has made significant contributions and efforts to the improve, preserve and strengthen of the American jury system. The award will be presented at the 2008 ABA Annual Meeting. The nomination deadline is April 1. For more information, please visit [www.abanet.org/jury](http://www.abanet.org/jury) or e-mail Rebecca DeSalvo at [desalvor@staff.abanet.org](mailto:desalvor@staff.abanet.org).

### 2008 Solo & Small Firm Awards

The ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division is accepting applications for the 2008 Solo & Small Lifetime Achievement Award, the Solo and Small Firm Project Award and the Solo and Small Firm Trainer Award. Winners will receive an award from the GP Solo and Small Firm Division, a \$200 travel gift certificate and a press release to publicize receipt of the award. Applications may be retrieved [www.abanet.org/genpractice/awards/sslifetime.html](http://www.abanet.org/genpractice/awards/sslifetime.html). For more information, please contact the Division at [genpractice@abanet.org](mailto:genpractice@abanet.org).

### 2008 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy

The ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources have issued a call for nominations for the 2008 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy. An award will be presented to one individual and one organization with recipients of both awards honored at a ceremony and reception during the 2008 ABA Annual Meeting. Nomination forms are available at [http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental/07\\_call\\_for\\_nominations.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental/07_call_for_nominations.shtml). For more information, please contact the Standing Committee on Environmental Law at 202/662-1694.

### Law Student Writing Contest

Law students are encouraged to submit essays on subjects related to science and technology law for the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law Student Writing Contest. With social networking sites increasing in popularity, this year's essays should focus on privacy issues that are presented by new technologies. The winner will receive a trip to the 2008 ABA Annual Meeting in New York City. All submissions are due March 1. Full contest rules can be found at [www.abanet.org/scitech/studentwriting.html](http://www.abanet.org/scitech/studentwriting.html). For more information, please contact the Section of Science & Technology Law at [sciencetech@abanet.org](mailto:sciencetech@abanet.org).

### ABA Fellowship in Environmental Law

The Section of Environment, Energy and Resources is accepting applications for fellowships from eligible law students. Formerly the Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law, this opportunity is available to disadvantaged or traditionally underrepresented law students who wish to study and pursue careers in environmental law. The program, an 8 – 10 week internship, also will provide participants with a \$5,000 stipend. For application information, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/2008fellowship/> and for more info, contact Anna Demkovic at [demkovi@staff.abanet.org](mailto:demkovi@staff.abanet.org).

## **E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards**

Nominations are open for the 18th Annual E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards. Bar associations, law schools, law firms and other non-profit law related organizations that enhance professionalism among lawyers are eligible for the award. Three awards, of up to \$3,500 each, will be presented during the upcoming 2008 ABA Annual Meeting. The deadline for entries is March 31. Entry forms and guidelines can be retrieved at [www.abanet.org/cpr/gambrell.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/gambrell.html). Questions regarding the award should be directed to Kathleen Maher at [maherk@staff.abanet.org](mailto:maherk@staff.abanet.org).

## **John Marshall Award**

The Justice Center is now accepting nominations for the 2008 John Marshall Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a positive national impact on the justice system. Nominees may be non-lawyers as well as lawyers with eligibility open to any individual responsible for extraordinary improvement to the administration of justice in the categories of: judicial independence, justice system reform, and/or public awareness about the justice system. The deadline for all nominations is March 14, 2008. For nomination information, visit [http://www.abanet.org/justicecenter/pdf/07-08Call\\_for\\_nominations.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/justicecenter/pdf/07-08Call_for_nominations.pdf) and for other information, please contact Rebecca DeSalvo at [desalvor@staff.abanet.org](mailto:desalvor@staff.abanet.org).

## **Harrison Tweed Award**

Nominations are being accepted through April 1 for the 2008 Harrison Tweed Award. State and local bars that have significantly expanded a project or program for legal access or that have demonstrated long term excellence in maintaining projects or programs to legal services for the poor are eligible for this award. Nominations are particularly encouraged from associations that have developed programs for joint involvement of the private bar with organized legal services or public defender programs. For more information, please contact Bev Groudine at [bgroudine@staff.abanet.org](mailto:bgroudine@staff.abanet.org). Nomination forms may be retrieved at <http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/sclaid/harrisonsweedinfo.html>.

## **Bolton Award for Outstanding Bar Leadership**

This prestigious award, which recognizes the exceptional professionalism and achievement of bar execu-

tives, will be presented at the Joint Luncheon of NABE, NCBP and NCBF during the 2008 ABA Annual Meeting. The Bolton Award, NABE's highest honor, is presented annually to a bar executive who epitomizes professional excellence. Nominations can be submitted online at <http://www.abanet.org/nabe/awards/bolton/nominationform.html>. For more information, please contact Kim Vann at [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org).

## **ABA Partnership Awards Program**

The ABA Partnership Awards Program salutes bar association projects that seek to increase the participation and advancement of lawyers of color in the organized bar and to attract students of color to the legal profession. This annual awards program is open to all bar associations that can demonstrate how their efforts nurture or increase diversity in the legal community. Applications can be completed by visiting [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=OvUSDtAh9euzneoQYyp41w\\_3d\\_3d%20](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=OvUSDtAh9euzneoQYyp41w_3d_3d%20). The deadline for applications is March 28. For more information, please contact Kim Vann at [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org).

## **Judicial Intern Opportunity Program**

The ABA Section of Litigation is now accepting applications for its Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. A full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship, JIOP is available to all first- or second-year minority students and/or financially disadvantaged law students. The program provides opportunities to do legal research and writing for state and federal judges in participating cities. Interns will receive a \$1,500 award. For more information, contact Gail Howard at [howardg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:howardg@staff.abanet.org). Information is also available online at <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/home.html>.

## **Thurgood Marshall Award**

The Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities invites ABA members to submit nominations for the 2008 Thurgood Marshall Award. Recipients are honored for their long-term contributions to the furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights in the U.S. To nominate a candidate, contact the section office at 202/662-1103 or [irr@abanet.org](mailto:irr@abanet.org). Nomination forms can also be obtained at [www.abanet.org/irr](http://www.abanet.org/irr).

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