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Section Spotlight



Silver Gavel Award Winners Announcement

The coveted Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts has been presented by the American Bar Association for over five decades, to recognize works that are exemplary in fostering the public's understanding of law and the legal system. Nearly 200 entries were received this year from genres such as: books, newspapers, magazines, commentary, documentaries, drama and literature, radio, television, and websites. Yet no more than one Silver Gavel is presented in each category. This year only four winners emerged with seven entries cited for honorable mentions. [See the list of 2012 Gavel Award winners.](#)

Featured Articles



Custom Client Newsletter for Your Firm

Regular communication with your clients is critical, but with all that you have to do, how can you find the time to produce a quality legal newsletter?

[Here's a sensible solution.](#)



National Law Day 2012 Events and Activities

What were you doing on May 1, 2012? For a broad coalition of legal and civic leaders from across the country, they were engaged in powerful events that spotlighted the crisis in court funding.

[Read more.](#)

In the News

ABA Facebook Sweepstakes – Contest Ending

The [ABA Facebook sweepstakes](#) ends today. You have a chance to win great prizes and help support a good cause.

Submission for Outstanding Law Day 2012 Awards

Spotlight the hard work and success of your 2012 Law Day program. [Click here for criteria and eligibility details.](#)

Submission deadline is June 29, 2012!

Educational Resources

- [Leon Jaworski Public Program – CSPAN video feed](#)
- [ABA Civics Quiz](#)
- [ABA Homefront: Legal Resources for Military Families](#)
- [Insights: Role of Courts in Our Constitutional Democracy](#)
- [MAY – International Civility Month](#)

- [State Court Accessibility Resources](#)

A Glimpse Ahead

2012 Summer Teachers Institute

[The 7th Annual Summer Teachers Institute](#) is designated for teachers of U.S. History, Government, Civics, or Law and will deepen participants' knowledge of the federal judiciary. Twenty-one teachers from around the nation will convene in Washington, DC June 24-29, 2012. The Institute will concentrate on three landmark federal trials through curriculum developed by the Federal Judicial Center.

The cases to be reviewed are:

- Ex Parte Merryman
- Chew Heong v. United States
- The Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trial

Look out for additional details in the next issue of Law Matters.

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