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# LAW MATTERS



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News source for the civics and law-related education community

## SECTION SPOTLIGHT

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### **Legal Guide for Military Families: Everything You Need to Know about Family Law, Estate Planning, and the Service Members Civil Relief Act**

The American Bar Association Legal Guide for Military Families is available just in time for Memorial Day. It is the complete resource for servicemembers, veterans, and their families. The guide will help servicemembers clarify their legal issues, understand the options, and locate assistance. Topics which include everything from veteran's benefits and working with a lawyer to debt and finance are presented in an easy-to-read format. Every chapter includes a resources section with phone numbers, websites, and contacts to help servicemembers find answers and move forward.

The guide will be released on May 28, 2013. [Pre-order your book now for 32% off the cover price!](#)

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## FEATURED ARTICLES

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### **Global Youth Justice Launches Website with 250 Youth Justice URLs**

On May 1 in celebration of Law Day, Global Youth Justice launched a new website with 250 youth justice resources.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Citizenship in the Global Era 2013 National Law-Related Education Conference**

October 3-5, 2013 Atlanta, Georgia

The 2013 National LRE conference will explore many facets of citizenship in the U.S. and around the globe. Want to host a session? [Submit a conference proposal](#). The deadline is June 3, 2013.

*Stay tuned for more information including early bird registration and sponsorship opportunities!*

## AWARDS

### **Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts Winners Announced**

See which book, newspaper, documentary, and television program won the 2013 Silver Gavel Award for their exemplary work in fostering the public's understanding of law and the legal system. [More](#)

Justice launched a website of 250 juvenile justice diversion programs that take place in 41 states. More than 1,400 communities worldwide currently operate a youth justice program. [More](#)

### **Which Law Schools Pay Tenured Professors the Most and Least Amount of Money?**

Sixty-eight law schools responded to a Society of American Law Teachers survey and reported salary amounts for tenured professors. Interestingly, the top five U.S. News ranked law schools did not provide information for the survey. [More](#)

### **Free Lesson Plans on America the Beautiful Quarters Released in 2013**

There are fifty-six different America the Beautiful coin designs. The free lesson plans provided by the U.S. Mint connect American history and currency for a unique student learning experience. Lesson plans are offered for K-12 students and are divided up by grade level. [More](#)

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## **PROJECTS ON THE MOVE**

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### **Civility and Political Discourse in Vermont ? How Does it Compare to the Nation?**

On June 1, 2013 the Vermont Bar Association and the Vermont Humanities Council will host a breakfast discussion looking at how civility plays a part in political discourse. The event will touch on how civility or lack of it affects American sentiment towards elected officials. [More](#)

### **The Roberts Court, Struggle for the Constitution**

Notable Supreme Court expert Marcia Coyle recently released a book on the Roberts Court. The book traces the paths and resolutions of four landmark decisions on health care, campaign finance, guns, and race. [More](#)

### **Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education**

Nominate an individual who demonstrates exceptional work in the law-related education field. [View](#) award criteria, items to include in your nomination, and background information on the father of law-related education, Isidore Starr. [Submission deadline is May 31, 2013.](#)

### **Law Day 2013 Outstanding Activity Awards**

Did you have an exceptional Law Day program this year that positively impacted your community? Then gather up supporting materials from your event and enter the Outstanding Law Day Activity Awards. [Entry deadline is June 21, 2013.](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Constitution USA ? iCivics and PBS TV program on U.S. founding documents](#)
- [Five items for every lawyer's bucket list](#)
- [Looking at the Law ? How to read a Supreme Court opinion](#)
- [Unexpected antidote to procrastination](#)
- [Constitutional Equality for Women in the United States](#)
- [NYSBA 37th Annual Civics and Law-Related Ed Conference](#)
- [Communicate better with your legal clients](#)

## Planting Seeds of Justice

Seniors at a Massachusetts high school Law and Public Policy program have a complex relationship with issues of justice and equality. Faced with stresses of poverty, these teens were given a rare opportunity to dialogue with community leaders, law enforcement, and social workers in a forum at the school. [More](#)

### SHARE YOUR PROGRAM INFORMATION

Let us know about [your organization's events, programs and initiatives](#) as they relate to law-related education and civic learning.

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