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What's Happening at Headquarters?



CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

2 P.M. CENTRAL

WHEN THE IMPAIRED LAWYER OR STAFF MEMBERS COMES TO WORK

Addiction knows no socioeconomic boundaries. Attorneys have a higher addiction rate than other people, and studies show that at least 10% of attorneys have some substance abuse problems. While addiction may know no boundaries, impaired attorneys create special challenges. In addition, substance abuse is one of the top causes of malpractice. Yet, confronting professionals is not risk free either. Join this session to discuss how to respond if someone at your firm has a drug or alcohol problem. Learn the warning signals, and how to avoid the confidentiality, privacy and other legal considerations implicated by interventions that go beyond the American Disabilities Act.

Questions about this event? Contact [Peggy Siems](#).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

2 P.M. CENTRAL

THE PAPERLESS OFFICE — YOU CAN DO IT!

Every law firm wants to be more efficient and save money with each new initiative. Going paperless sounds great, but how do we get there successfully? This webinar will outline the process from concept to implementation, from creating a strategic plan to gaining acceptance of the plan that will prepare you to take the next steps.

Questions about this event? Contact [Peggy Siems](#).

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day!

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015



At the ALA 2015 Annual Conference & Expo, Executive Director Oliver Yandle, JD, CAE, talked more about the rebrand during the Association Lunch. "To ensure that we maintain and build on our advantageous position within the legal industry and that our organization remains a thought leader, we have embarked on an important branding initiative to raise our voice and meet the fast-changing needs of the legal industry," Yandle says.

ALA's goal is to reach new members and stakeholders, to demonstrate and prove the value of members' leadership and contributions to their organizations' success, and to secure the future of the profession. The new brand will be fresh, modern, engaging, smart, forward-looking and progressive.

We began providing details in Nashville and will continue through the fall. We'll do this through short videos on our website, articles in *Legal Management* and *BOLD Bites* newsletter, webinars and town halls engaging with members and stakeholders; we want you to share in the strategy, the journey ALA's leadership has taken throughout the process, and the meaning behind the new brand. The new brand will be fully unveiled to the membership on July 24, at a live session at the Chapter Leadership Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and via a live webcast.

"As a group, ALA is excited for this opportunity to bring the association to the next level, and to take a bold step for an organization that is not afraid to be bold," Yandle says. "Our board, and many boards before it, have been working hard on the new brand. We're excited about this new chapter for our organization, and we hope our membership will be, too."

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS OF LAW CONFERENCE SERIES

This year's theme is "Evolving the Business of Law," and that's exactly what the BLCs were designed to do: offer the same leading-edge curriculum across three locations in the United States. Frequent attendees of ALA's traditional regional conferences raved last year about the inaugural Business of Law Conferences. This year's conferences take place in New Orleans, Atlanta and Las Vegas.

Learn more about [*Business of Law Conference series and register today.*](#)



YOUR ALA LISTSERV IS NOW ONLINE COMMUNITIES

One of the highest-rated ALA benefits is networking. We know how much you value the insights and connections you gain from your listserv, so we are making it even easier — and better — to share ideas and experiences with your peers. The new communication environment offers more options, including:

- Wikis
- Blogs
- Searchable member directory — both of all ALA members and that of your group
- Special Interest Groups
- File Sharing

How will the new service differ from the current listserv service for communicating with my group?

The current system allows you to send a message to the group (e.g., LFA@ALALIST.ORG) by sending to the email address.

The new system allows you to set up optional preferences to receive posts that you'd like to see. [Check out the video tutorial to learn more.](#)

NOTE: As of June 3, access to your new online community will be available after you log into the ALA website at the “My Communities” link at the top of the homepage. If you post to the current listserv address (e.g., LFA@ALALIST.ORG) after June 3, you will receive an auto-responder with instructions for accessing the new version.

Archived listserv discussions moved, too. You will find them in the Online Communities in “Forums” with the same or similar names.

Your online community will help you collaborate on common issues that administrators like you grapple with every day — just like you always have on your listserv.

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

DID YOU KNOW?

We're still accepting nominations for leadership positions. Consider nominating a fellow member or even yourself this year. Find more information and a nomination form at alanet.org/volunteer/nominationsfaq.aspx.

Deadline: July 31

CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A big thank you to the 1,200 attendees of the Annual Conference & Expo in Nashville, Tennessee. We hope you walked away with plenty of inspiration, new connections and solutions that you can put into practice right now at your law office.

Were you unable to attend this year's ALA Conference & Expo? Or are you looking to relive some of the fun you had? We've got you covered! See a day-by-day recap of the conference as told by attendees' tweets: [Monday](#), [Tuesday](#) and [Wednesday](#).

And be sure to check out the July/August issue for complete coverage of the 2015 Annual Conference & Expo, including award winners and photos.