

Save the Dates!

ALA's Annual Educational Conference and Exposition is the legal profession's most comprehensive event of its kind, featuring dynamic, relevant education presented by recognized leaders in their fields, outstanding networking opportunities, and a world-class trade show with more than 300 exhibiting legal vendors. More information will be posted on ALA's Web site soon regarding the 2009 event. Put the following information on your calendar now and stay tuned!

ALA's 38th Annual Educational Conference and Exposition

May 18-21, 2009

New Orleans Morial Convention Center

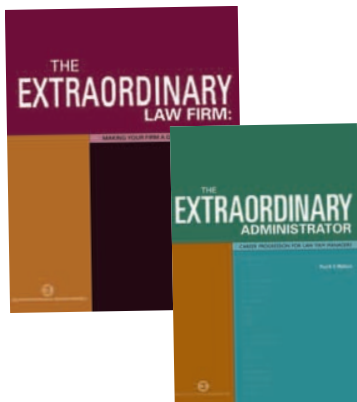
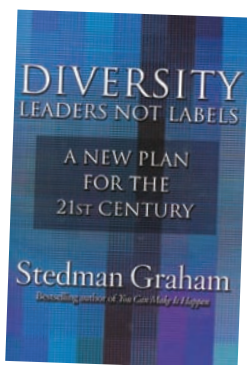
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gear Up for the Holidays

Looking for a professional gift for a fellow legal administrator or your ALA chapter leader? Check out the *Extraordinary Bundle* and *Diversity: Leaders Not Labels*, both of which can be purchased in the ALA Bookstore.

ALA's Extraordinary Bundle contains two outstanding books: *The Extraordinary Law Firm: Making Your Firm a Great Place to Work* and *The Extraordinary Administrator*. In *Diversity: Leaders Not Labels*, ALA Annual Conference speaker Stedman Graham teaches that, in the 21st century, your talent and skills above all else will define your value. He shows you how to break out of the box that keeps you from growing to your full potential, and reveals that success is truly based on results, performance, and excellence.

Order these books now at www.alanet.org/bookstore.



On the Agenda

Key Events for ALA Members

The following calendar lists selected meetings and other events sponsored by the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA), its regions, and its chapters. Also incorporated are educational programs, industry expositions, and similar activities directed to the legal management profession. Please note that some events are by invitation only. Visit www.alanet.org/calendar for more information, including how to submit events for inclusion in the calendar.

DECEMBER 2008

10 ALA Webinar – Trends and Best Practices in Strategic Planning

Scheduled Speakers:

John N. Childers and **Terri Pepper Gavulic**, Hildebrandt International

JANUARY 2009

21 ALA Webinar – Indispensable Legal Technology

Scheduled Speaker:

David Bilinsky, Law Society of British Columbia

FEBRUARY 2009

6-7 ALA Regional Team Orientation

Hyatt Deerfield

Deerfield, Illinois

18 ALA Webinar – Leaves of Absence

Scheduled Speaker:

Keith Harrison, Crowell & Moring, and **Martha Youngblood**, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP

19-21 ALA Extraordinary Law Firm Conference

Carefree Resort & Villas

Carefree, Arizona

MARCH 2009

9-11 ALA Essential Competencies for Legal Administrators

Sheraton Inner Harbor

Baltimore, Maryland

Download Free PLMWSM Webinar

If you missed the 2008 Professional Legal Management WeekSM (PLMW) Webinar, "The Greening of the Legal Profession," you can now download it for free from the official PLMW Web site, www.plmw.org. This informative Webinar offers the latest thinking on ways to make your law firm or office more environmentally friendly, with three speakers who share their sustainability experiences and practices within their organizations as well as "green tips." This 90-minute program also includes a question-and-answer segment.



New to the Legal Profession?

New to the legal profession? ALA's three-day comprehensive curriculum in Essential Competencies for Legal Administrators (ECLA) has been amplified, resulting in a new, even more powerful educational program for principal administrators, functional specialists, or anyone new to the legal profession.

ECLA will be held twice in 2009, and class sizes are limited. Check the ALA Web site in December for registration information. The ECLA dates and locations for 2009 are:

- **March 9-11, 2009**
Sheraton Inner Harbor
Baltimore, Maryland
- **November 2-4, 2009**
Hampton Inn & Suites
Chicago, Illinois



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