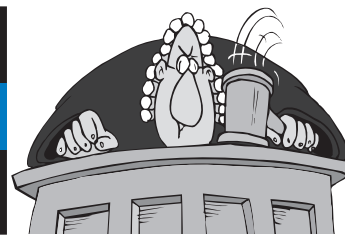


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How ABE helped me—

Rod's story

Making sure my family is financially secure if something happens to me is something that concerned me. Then in the late 90s, I decided to purchase an ABE-sponsored life insurance plan to supplement the life insurance I already had. Because ABE has been a trusted source for insurance while offering solid insurance at a good price, I decided to purchase *an additional* life insurance plan in 2004. With these plans, I no longer worry about how my family will continue to meet their financial needs if I am no longer here to support them.

ABE understands the needs of lawyers and their families, and that is why I place my trust in and get peace of mind from their programs.



Rod Mathews

*ABA Member/ABE Director
ABE Insured since 1997*

Do you have an ABE story? Tell us about it! Call, or write us today!

Meet Your American Bar Endowment Staff



Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams is the ABE's Information Services Manager. Having worked at the ABE for 17 years, Cheryl fulfills members' requests for information regarding ABE-sponsored insurance and the ABE's Charitable Gift Fund (Donor-Advised Fund).

Cheryl ensures that mail correspondence between ABA members and ABE staff are directed appropriately. She makes sure that ABA members' inquiries are answered as quickly and accurately as possible.



Look at what you supported!

ABF Research Fellow James J. Heckman is Keynote Speaker at National Summit

CHICAGO - James J. Heckman, Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation, gave the keynote address at the National Summit on America's Children in Washington, D.C. on May 22, 2007. The summit, convened by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, brought together leading scientists and experts in the area of early childhood development. The goal of the summit, said Pelosi in the conference, was "to hear from the experts on how federal policies can so that families are given advantage of scientific development. The goal of a statement announcing hear from the experts on match the latest research what they need to take advances."

"...sponsored in part by support from the ABE..."

Heckman, a 2000 Nobel Laureate in Economics whose work examines human development with a special emphasis on the economics of early childhood and life cycle skill formation, brought his research, sponsored in part by support from the ABE, directly to bear in his presentation to the conference. In his address, he argued that data show that "many major economic and social problems such as crime, teenage pregnancy, dropping out of high school and adverse health conditions can be traced to low levels of skill and ability in the population," and "the longer we wait to intervene in the life cycle of the child, the more costly it is to remediate."

Heckman's address, titled, "Investing in Disadvantaged Young Children is Good Economics and Good Public Policy" highlighted key findings from his empirical research and established the context for the day-long series of four panel discussions featuring some of the nation's leading experts on early childhood development.



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Donating Dividends— A win-win for members!

If you are one of the more than 80% of ABE insured members who donate your dividends, you “win” in two ways:

1. You are helping to fund more than 200 law-related research, public service and educational programs of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) and the American Bar Foundation (ABF); and
2. You are eligible for a charitable contribution deduction on your income taxes.

Thank you to all insured members who donate their dividends! This support is vital to the success of the more than 200 law-related projects of the FJE and ABF. For more information about the projects these grants support, please call the FJE at 312-988-5404 or the ABF at 312-988-6500.

What's new—Secure Life Planner

The ABE recently developed a Secure Life Planner for ABA members. Contained on a flash drive, this brief and easy to follow presentation provides a portable and convenient tool that helps members analyze their current life and disability insurance portfolio. The Secure Life Planner also helps members assess areas in which additional insurance coverage may be needed. If you would like to obtain your free Secure Life Planner, please contact us today at **1-800-621-8981**, or email us at information@abendowment.org. The flash drive will assist you in getting the most out of these insurance programs for ABA members.



ABE-sponsored insurance— Insurance that makes a difference

ABE sponsors insurance exclusively for ABA members. What makes ABE insurance unique is the charitable giving feature that is built into all of our plans. When members purchase their insurance coverage through a trusted source such as ABE, they are encouraged to donate any insurance-generated dividends to the ABE to support the profession. This means that members **GET** quality insurance and **GIVE** back to the profession at the same time. That's insurance that makes a difference—*that's the ABE difference!*

**Insurance
for ABA members**

ABE-sponsored insurance and charitable giving products

- Term Life
- Hospital Indemnity
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Disability Income
- Office Overhead
- Excess Major Medical
- Retirement Contribution Disability
- Charitable Gift Fund (Donor-Advised Fund)

ABE Vision

Making a difference by funding programs that advance the American justice system and the rule of law.

ABE Mission

To generate funds for the support of law-related public service, educational, and research programs by building and sustaining the Legal Legacy Fund and by sponsoring insurance and other programs for the legal profession that encourage charitable giving.

Dear Member:

At the American Bar Endowment, we are determined to make your experience with us a great one. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our relationship with members, and that's why we need your help. We'd like you to tell us how we're doing.

Please take a moment to complete and return the attached survey in your billing envelope, or fax it to us at (312) 988-6401.

Thank you for your participation in one of the only insurance programs that allows you to provide quality insurance protection for yourself and your family, and also to give back to the public service activities of the Bar.

Renee Z. Leskiw
Executive Director



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Member Survey

1. What coverage do you currently have through ABE?

(Check all that apply.)

- Group Term Life
- Disability
- Excess Major Medical
- Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Group Hospital Indemnity
- Group Office Overhead Expense

2. Do you feel the plan(s) sufficiently meet(s) your needs?

- Yes No

If not, what changes would you recommend to better meet your needs? _____

3a. Are you aware of our Automatic Payment Plan—a way to make premium payments directly from your checking account?

- Yes No

3b. If No, would you like to receive more information about the plan:

- Yes No

4. Overall, how would you rate the billing format as far as readability and clear instruction:

- Superior Very good Good
- Fair Poor

5a. Would you like information sent to you regarding other ABE Charitable and Insurance plans or increasing your current insurance coverage?

- Yes (complete the below address section)
- No

5b. If Yes, please indicate the plan(s) for which you would like more information*:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Office Overhead Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Contribution | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you changed: Address Phone number

Date: _____

Member ID Number: _____

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

6. Would you like to receive the following via e-mail?

- Quarterly Newsletter Weekly health tip
- New product/rate information GiftLaw e-mail

* Including plan features, costs, eligibility, renewability, limitations and exclusions. All 3 Group Term Life Plans, HIP, ADD and OOE are underwritten by New York Life Insurance Co., 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010 on Policy Form GMR. Disability and Excess Major Medical Plans are underwritten by The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, a member company of American International Group, Inc. Plans may vary and may not be available in all states.