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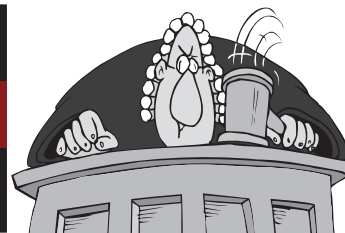
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**Please return this completed survey either by mail,
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better serve ABA members like you!**

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A newsletter for ABA/ABE members Fall 2007

How ABE helped me— William's story

I decided to purchase the ABE-Sponsored Group 10-Year Level Term Plus Life Insurance plan in 2003.

This protection gives me peace of mind knowing that my family will be able to continue its current lifestyle if I should die. As long as I pay my premiums and remain an ABA member, I know that this coverage will remain with me even if I move or leave my firm—until age 75. Plus, ABE's charitable giving component allows me to **GET** insurance and **GIVE** back—*that's the ABE difference!*

I care about my family, and I know I made a wise choice to purchase ABE-sponsored insurance.



William Hubbard

*ABA Member/ABE Director
ABE Insured since 2003*

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

Meet Your American Bar Endowment Staff



Joanne Martin

Joanne Martin joined the ABE staff this April as the Administrative Services Manager. A lawyer who also holds an MBA, she has worked for both the ABA and ABF and brings a knowledge of and enthusiasm for working with the ABA "family."

Joanne works with other ABE staff on special projects such as the Business Interruption Plan and a review of the records retention policy. She also utilizes her legal training to review contracts, business meeting minutes, and other institutional documents.



Look at what you supported!

Darfur Dying: The Criminology of Genocide

Since it began in 2003, the conflict in Darfur has dominated the news. The killing, rape and displacement of non-Arab tribal groups in this western region of Sudan by government forces and "Janjaweed" militias have drawn the attention of the international community and the media, yet consensus on the true nature and scope of the tragedy has not been reached. Information gathering in Darfur is hampered by many logistical and technical factors, but also by the volatile internal political situation and the intricacies of international relations. Nevertheless, the article "Death in Darfur," which appeared in the Sept. 15, 2006, issue of *Science Magazine*, American Bar Foundation Senior Research Fellow John Hagan and co-author Alberto Palloni (partly funded by generous grants from the ABE) worked with the available data to arrive at the first scientifically-rigorous estimate of the death toll in Darfur.

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Drawing on survey data compiled by the World Health Organization and Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), and subjecting them to a detailed statistical analysis, the authors arrived at an estimate of deaths in the hundreds of thousands—far more than most press accounts. Hagan and Palloni concluded that the death toll in Darfur was at the least 200,000 and most likely amounted to a figure closer to 400,000. The *Science* article had an almost immediate effect on media reporting. Today, most news reports cite the 200,000 figure from the *Science* article.



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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—“Create Your Plan”

We recently added some helpful sections to the “Create Your Plan” area of our Web site. Designed to provide resources for ABA members, this area now offers comprehensive information to help members assess their needs for insurance products. By using information available on the ABE’s Web site, members can help to determine if there are any gaps in their current insurance coverage, and will find suggestions for filling these gaps to create a financially-sound insurance portfolio. Go to www.abendowment.org/needs to learn more.

**ABE-sponsored insurance—
Insurance for ABA members**

We are committed to sponsoring high-quality insurance and charitable giving plans for ABA members. To help members who may not know about the unique insurance plans provided by ABE, we worked with the ABA to position ourselves as “Insurance for ABA members.” This positioning immediately identifies the ABE as a top-of-mind source for ABA members searching for insurance. You will soon see the identifying graphic, to the right of this text, associated with information about insurance plans available to ABA members.

**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 relations 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 where you can provide quality insurance protection for yourself, your family, and also 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?

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

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? _____

3. Do you receive your bills each billing cycle?

- Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

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

- Superior Very good Good
 Fair Poor

If no, please explain: _____

5. 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

If Yes, please mark the plan(s) you would like information* on:

- Charitable Gift Fund

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<input type="checkbox"/> Group Term Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Excess Major Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Accidental Death	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Hospital Indemnity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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"/>

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Name: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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 New product/rate information GiftLaw e-mail

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