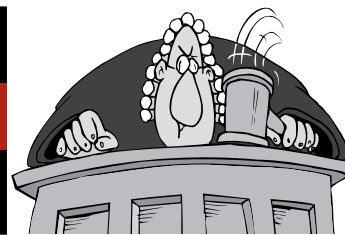


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## ABE-Sponsored Insurance Plans — Your Story

The ABE has been highlighting ABA members' stories about their experiences with ABE-sponsored insurance plans. Now, we want to hear **YOUR** story!

Is ABE-sponsored insurance important protection for you and your family? Have you had an experience with the ABE that you would like to share with fellow ABA members? Please contact us and provide your thoughts and stories.

Call your Personal Insurance Representative today at 800-621-8981, or e-mail us at [information@abendowment.org](mailto:information@abendowment.org).

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

### Meet Your American Bar Endowment Staff



**Charlene Stubbs**

As a New Application Representative, Charlene has been assisting ABA members with applying for ABE-sponsored insurance for 9 years. Asked what her favorite part of working at the ABE is, she said, "The opportunity to help ABA members in all fifty states with their insurance needs."

If you have any questions regarding your application for insurance, which is exclusively available for ABA members, feel free to call Charlene at 800-621-8981 ext. 6419 or email: [cdstubbs@abendowment.org](mailto:cdstubbs@abendowment.org).

### Commission on Law and Aging Senior Attorneys Volunteering for the Elderly (SAVE)

Many senior lawyers, after spending numerous years perfecting their craft, are resolving to remain active and searching for opportunities to employ their skills during retirement. The ABA Commission on Law and Aging, in collaboration with the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly and the ABA Senior Lawyers Division, is tapping into these resources through a nationwide program called SAVE - Senior Attorneys Volunteering for the Elderly.

SAVE helps create a regional network of senior attorney volunteers wanting to reinvest their legal skills and experience back into our justice system. By matching interested volunteers with legal services programs serving older people, SAVE encourages senior attorneys to help fulfill the unmet legal needs of low-income persons, especially fellow seniors, across the country.

"There is now a great opportunity to enlist the services of senior volunteer attorneys," states Jan Allen May, Director of the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly. An active member in the ABA Senior Lawyers Division, he estimates that 40,000 lawyers a year will retire or consider significantly altering their work environment over the next several years. Based upon 50 hours a year per affected attorney, two million volunteer hours potentially may be cultivated annually.

As a significant number of attorneys are expected to retire or modify their practices in the coming years, the Association, through entities like the Commission on Law and Aging, hopes to provide opportunities to senior lawyers looking to contribute back to their community. **Through the generous support of the American Bar Endowment**, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education continues to help expand the scope of pro bono and public service programs available through the American Bar Association.

## Donating Dividends—A win-win for members!

Approximately 85% of ABE-insured members donate annual dividends, and “win” in two ways:

**1** Help 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).

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**2** Are eligible for a charitable contribution deduction on their annual income tax returns.

Thank you to all insured members who donate their dividends! This support is vital to the success of the 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 at ABE— Your Online Needs Assessment

Have you been considering additional insurance coverage for you and your family, but are unsure of which insurance plan to choose or how much coverage you need? ABE has made it easy to research your ABE-sponsored insurance options online, at your convenience. Visit us at [www.abendowment.org/need.asp](http://www.abendowment.org/need.asp) to use our new, free online needs assessment tool.

Simply answer a few questions regarding your current insurance needs, and you can navigate through the ABE-sponsored plans that may meet those needs. (Our primary goal is your privacy, so we do not store your information online. Please read our privacy policy at [www.abendowment.org/about/privacy.asp](http://www.abendowment.org/about/privacy.asp).)

Just enter your information into the online needs assessment tool and review the ABE-sponsored plans available. Once you've viewed all the plan information (including features, costs, eligibility, renewability, limitations and exclusions), you can even download and print the online application.

Have questions about coverage available exclusively to ABA members and want to talk to your Personal Insurance Representative? Feel free to call toll-free at 800-621-8981 or email [information@abendowment.org](mailto:information@abendowment.org).

## ABE-sponsored Insurance and Charitable Giving Plans

- Group Term Life
- Group Hospital Indemnity
- Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Group Disability Income
- Group Professional Overhead
- Group Excess Major Medical
- Group 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



**Insurance  
EXCLUSIVELY  
for ABA Members**

## Member Survey

1. What coverage do you currently have through ABE?  
(Check all that apply.)

- Group Term Life
- Group Disability Income Protection
- Group Retirement Contribution Disability
- Group 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3a. Are you aware of our Automatic Payment Plan — a way to make premium payments directly from your checking account?

- Yes  No

b. 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 the ABE CGF, insurance plans, or increasing your current insurance coverage?

- Yes (complete the address section below)  
 No

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

- |                                                                    | New                      | Increase                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Gift Fund                      |                          |                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Group 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"/> Group Retirement Contribution Disability‡ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you changed:  Address  Phone number

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you like to receive the following via e-mail?  
(Please be sure to update your e-mail address above.)

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

\*Including plan features, costs, eligibility, renewability, limitations and exclusions. †Underwritten by New York Life Insurance Co., 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010 on Policy Form GMR. ‡Underwritten by The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. Plans may vary and may not be available in all states.