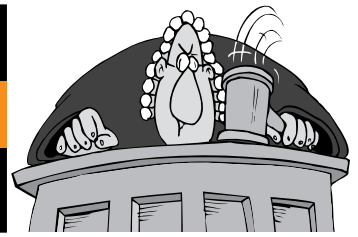


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ABE-Sponsored Insurance Plans — Your story

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 a good 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.

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

Meet Your American Bar Endowment Staff



Bonnie Czarny

Bonnie Czarny is the Insurance Administrator Supervisor, and she has been with the ABE for almost 20 years. Bonnie leads a four member team of personal insurance representatives dedicated to helping ABA members understand the insurance plans sponsored by the ABE and available exclusively to ABA members.

Thanks to Bonnie and her team, ABA members can rely on a positive and friendly experience when they contact the ABE.



NEW Increased Benefits — ABE-sponsored Long-Term Disability Plan*

To better meet members' needs, the ABE-sponsored Long-Term Disability Plan has a new increased benefit of up to \$12,000 per month.

There is no better time than now to review your income replacement needs and increase your ABE-sponsored disability coverage to a level that better suits your current financial obligations.

Chances are you've taken on added debt or new responsibilities and your current level of ABE-sponsored disability coverage may not be enough. What's more, with today's stress-filled lifestyles, disabilities are on the rise. You have a 1 in 3 chance of being disabled sometime in your life for a period of more than 90 days.**

Having additional disability coverage may make all the difference between having to use your savings and worry about the future ...and having the cash benefits that can help you stay focused on getting better.

You never know when or where a disability may strike, but you can count on the ABE-sponsored Disability Insurance Plan to help you prepare for the future. Do what's best for you and your family. Call your personal insurance representative at 800-621-8981 and apply to increase your coverage today!

*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.

** ABC News, "Good Morning America", 3/1/07

History of Law in America (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

Almost ten years in the making, the recently published *Cambridge History of Law in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) is the first comprehensive history of American law in a generation. Co-edited by American Bar Foundation Research Professor Christopher Tomlins and **funded in part by a generous grant from the ABE**, the three-volume set consists of fifty-five chapters, by sixty different authors and co-authors, spanning 2,415 pages. Volume I covers the years 1580-1815, Volume II, 1789-1920, and Volume III 1920 to the present. By addressing the history of law in the broadest terms, it “locates legal history in the contours of American history at large,” according to Tomlins, and, in doing so, reveals new insights into familiar historical events.

Volume I breaks new ground in several ways. First, by choosing the late 16th century as its starting point, it challenges a long-held assumption of American legal history: that the first 200 years of Anglo-American history and law are insignificant, having no bearing on “American” legal history, except as a point of departure. Reflecting the “explosion” of scholarship on legal history of the early period in the last thirty years, the first volume, “ensures that the early history of law in America is fully and properly treated,” Tomlins states. Furthermore, the volume’s depth reveals how historians have been able to develop an understanding of law in early America that departs from the stereotype of legal scholarship of this period as being “thin and antiquarian,” according to Tomlins.

The essays in Volumes II and III discuss and analyze state formation, the growth of the legal profession and the formalization of legal education, and the relationship between social and legal developments. Certain areas that have received little attention in previous histories of law in America are also included, such as environmental and military law, and the relationship between diplomacy, foreign relations and the law. Volumes II and III also address the “rights revolution” of the twentieth century, particularly in the areas of labor, race, suffrage, gender and sexual orientation.

ABE-sponsored insurance and charitable giving plans

- Group Term Life
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- Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Disability Income
- Group Office Overhead
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- Retirement Contribution Disability
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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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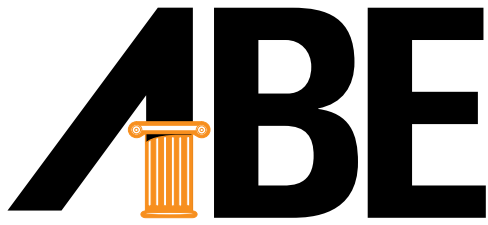
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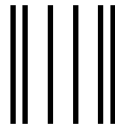
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