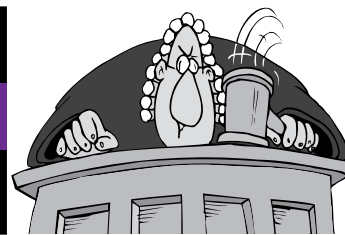


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ABE-Sponsored Insurance Plans — Tom's Story

Over 25 years ago, I purchased an ABE-sponsored disability policy and hoped that I would never need it. At the time I was quite healthy and I exercised regularly. It wasn't until I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that the true value of the disability policy became obvious. I was quite sick and unable to work. Had it not been for the policy, my family's financial situation would have deteriorated rapidly. And thanks to the attention of Juanita Thompkins, my ABE Personal Insurance Representative, I was able to provide for my family despite fighting my illness.

Tom McCabe

ABA member since 1980

ABE insured since 1982

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

Meet Your American Bar Endowment Staff



Andrea Galvez

The newest member of the ABE staff, Andrea, joined as the Communications Designer/Production Supervisor in early December. In addition to assisting with program communications, she also designs and coordinates the *Bench Press* each quarter!

Have thoughts or ideas on how to better present the message and mission of the ABE? Just let us know by calling (800) 621-8981 or e-mail us at information@abendowment.org.

Your Donations Make a Difference Judicial Intern Opportunity Program

Sean Herring, a first generation college graduate, credits the ABA Section of Litigation's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP) for his success as a lawyer. Recommended to the program by ABA member John Mathias, Sean spent six weeks developing a one-on-one working relationship with U.S. District Court Judge, the Honorable Sydney I. Schenkier.

The Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time summer internship that awards \$1,500 to minority and financially disadvantaged law students seeking to conduct legal research and writing for state or federal judges. When JIOP was first founded in 2000, only 15% of all judicial clerkships were held by minority lawyers. Through training programs, orientation sessions, and supplemental programming, JIOP provides an opportunity to increase minority participation while helping students establish a strong foundation and support system needed for a successful career in law.

Through the generous support of the American Bar Endowment, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education provides crucial financial resources to programs, like JIOP, that are helping minorities and the financially disadvantaged pursue a career in law. For Herring, his experience with Judge Schenkier was invaluable. "Not only did I experience the legal system in action, but it provided me with the confidence needed to succeed in such a competitive field."

Originally created by the Section of Antitrust Law, the Section of Litigation has administered the program since 2002. In its first year, the program placed 14 students in internships in Illinois and Texas. Since then, ABA members from around the country have volunteered to conduct over 1,500 interviews and helped place more than 800 students in clerkship programs in Texas, Illinois, Miami, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

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 Eligible for a charitable contribution deduction on 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.

NEW Increased Benefits — ABE-sponsored Group Hospital Indemnity Insurance Plan*

To better meet members’ needs, the ABE-sponsored Group Hospital Indemnity Plan has a new increased benefit of \$500 per day.

With this coverage, you can receive as much as \$500 per day in benefits to help defray the high cost of hospitalization and related medical services.

What’s more, these funds are paid above and beyond any other coverage you have, and come with no restrictions on their use. This means you can use them however you like – to offset deductibles, drug co-payments, even help pay the mortgage on your home.

Plus, the ABE-sponsored Group Hospital Indemnity Plan offers a limited home health care benefit following a covered hospital stay.

Enhance the financial security of your family. Call your Personal Insurance Representative today at 800-621-8981 and apply to increase your coverage to the new increased benefit of \$500 per day!

**Underwritten by New York Life Insurance Co., 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010 on Policy Form GMR-FACE/G-11459-0. Information provided will include plan features, costs, eligibility, renewability, and exclusions.*

ABE-sponsored Insurance and Charitable Giving Plans

- Group Term Life
- Group Hospital Indemnity
- Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Disability Income
- Group 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



**Insurance
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for ABA Members**

Member Survey

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

- Group Term Life
- Disability
- Retirement Contribution 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

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*:

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Office Phone Number: _____

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E-mail: _____

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

- 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.