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Updates from the 2010 Annual Meeting in San Francisco



Outgoing ABA President Carolyn Lamm passes the gavel to her successor, Stephen Zack of Miami. Judge Bernice Donald, ABA secretary, looks on.

**[Incoming ABA President Stephen N. Zack receives gavel from outgoing President Carolyn Lamm](#)**

On Monday afternoon, House delegates saw the passing of the gavel from outgoing President Carolyn B. Lamm to Miami lawyer Stephen N. Zack. In a speech before the House, Zack outlined the initiatives for his presidential year. [Read more...](#)

**[Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court receives ABA's highest honor](#)**

The association honored U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with the ABA Medal on Monday. "For more than one-half century, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has made vast and lasting contributions to the law and to the profession," said outgoing ABA President Carolyn Lamm in introducing Ginsburg. [Read more ...](#)

**[ABA adopts policy on federal preemption of state tort law, civil right to counsel, other key legal issues](#)**

During its two days of debate, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a broad range of policies relating to federal preemption, the criminal justice system, principles relating to right to counsel, and training of judges, along with many others. [Read more ...](#)

**[Nation's new indigent defender praises recent U.S. Supreme Court pick, Proposition 8 ruling](#)**

One of the nation's top constitutional law experts shared his views on the nation's newest Supreme Court associate justice and the recently overturned Proposition 8 in "A Conversation with Larry Tribe, Senior Counselor for Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice" at the ABA Annual Meeting. [Read more ...](#)

**[Genetics, gene patenting, the cause of myriad legal and ethical complexities](#)**

Predictive genetic testing and gene patenting may sound like something from A Brave New

World,” but these seemingly science fiction-related issues have become the basis for recent headlining litigation, said Nanette R. Elster, director of the DePaul College of Law’s Health Law Institute, at an ABA Annual Meeting program. [Read more ...](#)

**[The perception of a post-racial society and its real effects on law and policy](#)**

Are we living in a post-racial society? Does color still matter? How does race affect the law? These questions and others were tackled by a panel of legal, legislative and public policy experts during the Friday ABA Annual Meeting program, “Debunking the Myth of a Post-Racial Society.” [Read more ...](#)

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