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COMMITTEES EXPAND WEB CONTENT

With the new Web design, many committees have jumped on board to expand site content. In addition, staff have been instrumental in identifying content that was once isolated to other areas of the site to tie directly to the committees who have been involved in specific efforts. Some of the new or expanded sites developed include:

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** The site includes ADR/Mediation Procedures Act of 2007, committee reports, ADR reports, and the means to join the ADR list serve where arbitrators and mediators can network and share information.
- **Board of Editors:** Information on the Board of Editors and their role in editorial content responsibility for the *Bar Bulletin* and the *New Mexico Lawyer* is now tied directly to the committee site. The editorial policy and committee reports are available.
- **Delivery of Legal Services to People with Disabilities:** Information on the Pro Bon Interpreter program and committee reports are available.
- **Diversity in the Legal Profession:** Biographies of committee members are available so bar members can contact the committee and provide input regarding opportunities for minorities in the legal profession. The *Status of Minority Attorneys in New Mexico* report is also referenced from this site.
- **Ethics Advisory Committee:** Ethics advisory opinions are included from 1983 to present along with a topical index, reports, proposed revisions and analysis of the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct.
- **Historical Committee:** The publications and articles that the Historical Committee has authored are available from their site.
- **Law Office Management Committee:** The committee continues to develop information as it sets the benchmark for helpful site content. Over 27 law management areas provide information on, or links to, other resources around the country.
- **Lawyers Assistance Committee:** The committee sponsors a 24-hour response line where trained professionals discuss the concerns of members who may be dealing with alcohol or substance abuse. The site provides information on available resources.
- **Lawyers Professional Liability Committee:** The site provides a list of insurance providers in New Mexico.
- **Technology Committee:** The site includes a helpline and software review where members can submit questions about technology or provide comments on specific software. The committee chairs will respond to inquiries, and comments will be posted on the Web site. In addition, the committee has information on legal technology sources and trends dealing with legal case management software or technology resources. Future plans include addressing emerging technology that affects the legal profession.
- **Women and the Legal Profession Committee:** The site addresses issues affecting women as lawyers and judges and monitors substantive issues of interest to women. The site references the *Study on Women and the Legal Profession* and *Ask Pat* articles, published in the *Bar Bulletin*, that address issues about gender bias in the legal profession.

Comments about the new site design or any features of the site are welcome. Call (505) 797-6039 or e-mail vcordova@nmbar.org. Look for this column next month for more information about SBNM on the Web.