



## State Bar Roundtable Discussion

During the State Bar Roundtable Discussion during the 2018 NCBP Midyear Meeting, everyone at the table was asked to talk for a few minutes about the program/service at their bar that they are most excited about. Here's what we found out. If you want to know about any of these programs going on at state bars around the country, please contact the state bar directly.

State	Program
Missouri	Breakfast Collaboration – explores implicit biases and other challenges
Vermont	Meet regularly with the Supreme Court (brown bag lunches) – discuss challenges to the courts, the bar, and the profession
Hawaii	BLI and strategic planning committee. Focus on those 5-15 years in practice with monthly meetings.
Vermont	“Legislative Days” for judges and attorneys at the capitol to address budgetary issues for the legislature. Provide those attending with a focal point and pair judges and lawyers up with their legislators to meet with them.
Hawaii	Coffee hours targeting those in the practice longer (older lawyers), and what the bar can do for them.
Michigan	Affordable Legal Services Initiative, with modest means panel of LRIS, low-bono services, limited scope regulations, and matching under/unemployed lawyers with traditionally unrepresented clients.
Utah	Finalizing survey of legal services for consumers (attached). 800 respondents to the survey. These are PRELIMINARY results, and changes may occur.
Maine	Leadership Institute with Casemaker; 2-day summer conference in a resort location (Bar Harbor/Sugarloaf)
Montana	Ethics Road Show – provide scenarios, with table talks on the scenarios (3/afternoon). Free. Professional Committee and Staff. Expensive. 1 day CLE & Ski.
Colorado	Diversity Council; convene the affinity bars, and provide leadership pipeline for state bar council. Meets every other month, and is easy to replicate.
Mississippi	Florida summer school – 3 ½ days of programming; all substantive law, with judges there to present. All CLE for the year is covered, and the substance of the program is decided by a committee of 6 attorneys appointed by the state bar president, and 6 by trial attorneys.
Louisiana	character and fitness in law schools. The bar goes in 2nd semester of 1Ls and 1st semester of 2Ls and if they discover a problem, refer them to law student assistance program. 90+ students self-report.
Louisiana	Leadership LSBA; provide a gap for child-bearing years. Invite to participate in every level of leadership; provide mentorship and shadowing.
Nevada	Trial Academy for those with less than 5 years of experience, with judges and justices during the bar conference. Provide scholarships and easy to replicate.
North Dakota	(1) Rural justice program – funded by the state and the bar. Trial period as interns working in rural areas. Law schools to duplicate. Summer student internships; clerkships in rural counties. (2) Lawyer assistance program working with law schools. (3) Bench/Bar alternate hosting
Louisiana	(1) Wills for 1st responders. (2) Have deans be ex-officio members of bar leadership.

<b>Minnesota</b>	Next Gen Bar Summit – value add to bar membership; new lawyer-focus with diversity element. They’ve made it a standing committee.
<b>Virginia</b>	(1) Virginia State Bar Tech Show. National presenters talking about tech issues. (2) Rural Wednesdays to help solo and small firms in rural areas.
<b>Arizona</b>	BLI-like Leadership Academy (3 of the last 16 governors are graduates of the academy). Provide leadership skills and opportunities.
<b>New Mexico</b>	Bridging the gap with mandatory mentoring programs. Day-long and review of 12 required meetings.
<b>Virginia</b>	Indigent Defense Training; 1,000 attorneys per year are trained; \$100,000 budget and it’s telecast to remote locations. Day-long program.
<b>Iowa</b>	Rural area legal needs – matching interested students with lawyers who are in rural practice; set up internships to practice in rural settings.
<b>South Carolina</b>	Diversity Committee – changed from diversity project; putting out videos on “What Diversity Means To Me;” survey bar members on their experiences
<b>South Dakota</b>	(1) Rural Attorney Recruitment Project – contracts with 35% of county commissioners; provide a video series. (2) Lawyers helping lawyers – non-alcohol hospitality room.
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Partners overcoming domestic violence. Partnered with Royce Williams Law School Coalition Against Violence to provide free legal help in domestic violence court cases
<b>Utah</b>	Pro Se Calendars and Unbundled Services for Family Law, CLT and Debt Collection, using teams from firms and young lawyers
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Mini camps for young lawyers – civil procedure skills with scenarios and little mini trials. Day-long program. Develop county representation.
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Young Lawyer Program – Leadership Development and service on committees and sections. YLD elects own member to ABA house.
<b>Iowa</b>	Rural Meet-and-Greet program: Interview with 1Ls at law school; match lawyers with students to develop greater rural practice.
<b>Michigan</b>	“Professionalism in Practice” program w/ law schools (5) in a round table setting. This is professionalism training, not ethical issues; issues such as “supervisor gives you an assignment you don’t agree with;” and “How to deal with a nasty deposition.”
<b>Montana</b>	Guardianship Program and pro bono for disabled persons who don’t have economies to cover legal services.
<b>Rhode Island</b>	(1) Traveling play company – “Defamation – The Play,” which deals with implicit bias. The play has the audience as the jury. (2) Speed Dating for Committees – New Lawyers and 3Ls learn about bar committees and ways to serve.