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San Antonio Bar Association launches project for integrated membership database and new website

SAN ANTONIO, TX — The **San Antonio Bar Association (SABA)** broke virtual ground in June 2016 on **Raising the Bar**, a major technology initiative that will streamline the customer service experience for SABA's members and the general public. Raising the Bar, which will continue into fall, will bring SABA systems up-to-date with technological advances and increase the ease of access to community information, membership benefits and the local legal directory.

SABA's **Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)** is one of the main beneficiaries of Raising the Bar. The LRS is a community and consumer protection service for Bexar and surrounding counties that provides quality attorney referrals to those who do not have a personal network to identify legal representation appropriate to their problem. It's been more than 15 years since the LRS has upgraded its attorney-client database. The improvements to the LRS system will allow staff to process referrals and account updates rapidly, thus increasing the volume of clients LRS can serve.

The project as a whole will consolidate the LRS processes with other SABA and SABA-related systems, including SABA membership and the San Antonio Bar Foundation. An integrated system will greatly improve overall Bar customer service and unify member communications. Raising the Bar also includes the development of a new SABA website that will bring member benefits and community services to the forefront on an easy-to-navigate web plane with mobile device optimization.

An **\$11,750** grant from the Texas Bar Foundation helped fund the project. Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$16 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably funded bar foundation.

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The San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) was established in 1808 to serve their clients and the public with the highest degree of dedication and professionalism in the continuing pursuit of equal justice for all under law. SABA provides continuing legal educational programs for the legal community and legal outreach for the public. For more information, visit www.sabar.org. The San Antonio Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the association, supporting programs including Amigos for Mediation, The Community Justice Program (CJP) and St. Mary's University School of Law Pro Bono Award.