

## **ABA Announces Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts**

The American Bar Association announced the winners of the 2008 Silver Gavel Awards for Media and the Arts. Presented annually since 1958, the awards recognize outstanding efforts to foster the American public's understanding of law and the legal system. This year's four Silver Gavel Award winners are:

*The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin (Doubleday);

*The Denver Post* series, "Lawless Lands" about the failure of the federal judicial system to investigate and prosecute serious crime on American Indian reservations;

WNET New York's four-part PBS television series, "The Supreme Court"; and

Nova/WGBH's documentary, "Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial," which examined the federal court case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* (Pennsylvania).

Also selected for Honorable Mention were *Monkey Girl* (HarperCollins) by Edward Humes, which also treats the *Kitzmiller* case; a second *Denver Post* series on lost DNA evidence; a series of death penalty editorials by *The Dallas Morning News*; an investigation by *The Nation* magazine into military discharges for "personality disorder"; a documentary on "Hitler's Courts;" and a WMAR-TV Baltimore report, "Mortgage Meltdown."

American Bar Association President William H. Neukom will present the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Silver Gavel Awards at a special program event at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Tuesday, August 5.

More details on the Silver Gavels and 2008 award winners is at [www.abanet.org/publiced](http://www.abanet.org/publiced).