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ABA Governmental Affairs Office, NABE GR Section Offer Practical Guide to Effective Advocacy

As the U.S. heads toward a campaign and election season that's sure to be ... exciting, the ABA Governmental Affairs Office and NABE Governmental Relations Section have launched a new, free resource to help bar associations with their legislative advocacy efforts. Debuting last week, *All Politics Is Local: A Practical Guide to Effective Advocacy for State and Local Bars* is an e-book that provides nuts-and-bolts information and tools to help state and local bars navigate their legislative terrain and develop and deliver influential and effective messages to lawmakers. [Download your copy](#) today!



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A Vote of No Confidence: California State Assembly Vetoes State Bar Dues Reauthorization

Just two days after roundly rejecting a routine bill to reauthorize dues for the State Bar of California—a move that some legislators said was meant to send the bar a message—the state Assembly passed a heavily amended bill that doesn't deunify the bar but does shift the balance of power toward nonlawyers on its Board of Trustees. What, exactly, is specified in amendments that resulted from what [The Recorder](#) calls “two days of marathon negotiations?”

Success of South Dakota Project Rural Practice Spotlited by PBS

South Dakota – and of course, the State Bar of South Dakota — has long been considered a pioneer when it comes to encouraging lawyers to practice in rural areas. But how, exactly, has Project Rural Practice succeeded in attracting attorneys to the farthest reaches and most underserved areas of the state? [PBS NewsHour](#) recently interviewed a married lawyer couple who became the only attorneys in an 800-person town. What's in it for them — and what could other rural practice programs learn from what they have to say?

Want to Know What's New in Legal Tech? Ask a Legal Aid Attorney

While much of the profession continues to tussle over the use of online legal forms and other technology that might take the place of lawyers in some cases, those who work in legal aid often feel no such qualms. “Sometimes technology is the only thing that can level the playing field,” says the director of one nationwide access to justice initiative. [The New York Times](#) takes an in-depth look at some legal aid programs and attorneys who are at the forefront of developing and embracing new legal tech.

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