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Robot Lawyer Is Programmed to Kill ... Your Parking Tickets

While ROSS the robot lawyer grinds away like a typical first-year associate, a similar technological marvel called DoNotPay has been getting a lot of people's parking tickets overturned. DoNotPay also helps people seek reimbursement for delayed flights, and may soon add an Arabic-language features that helps asylum-seekers from Syria understand their legal rights. Bloomberg Law looks at similarities and differences between the two bots, and at what might be next for each of them.



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Lawyers Do Take Vacations, and State Bar of Texas Has Photos to Prove It

In a bid to shatter stereotypes, encourage wellness, and perhaps dress up its social media accounts with more flip-flops and sunsets than usual, the State Bar of Texas has asked its members to share their vacation photos with the hashtag #lawyervacay. "Now, hurry up and relax," says a post on the bar's blog. "We can't wait to see how you're striking a healthy work-life balance!"

Got 5 Minutes? One Group Says That's All You Need to Give a Great Talk

How do you keep an audience's full attention for the duration of your speech or other presentation? According to a group called Ignite, one way is to make your presentation shorter — like, a lot shorter. How about five minutes, maximum? Of course, it's not quite as simple as just being brief; starting from the belief that every sentence counts, Ignite has developed a system to help make the most of that short time. Michelle Lam at Fast Company explains how the system works ... and shares seven tips for super-short speeches.

Spot On, Mate: South Australia Uses Webchat to Fill Legal Service Gaps

Maybe this will sound familiar to those in similarly wide-open spaces: The state of South Australia has 1.7 million residents spread out over 379,725 square miles ... and a legal aid organization with 40 attorneys who can't be everywhere at once. That's why the Legal Services Commission of South Australia launched a live webchat platform called Legal Chat. What other legal aid organizations — including in the United States — are using this kind of technology? ABA Journal takes a closer look.

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