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As California Legislative Sessions Near an End, Competing Bar Dues Bills Emerge

Most dues reauthorization bills are perfunctory almost to the point of being boring. Not so in California, where the State Bar of California has faced a lengthy process rife with debate and counter-proposals. Now, days after the State Assembly introduced what [The Recorder](#) calls an amended “last-ditch effort,” one legislator introduced her own, competing measure. The new measure’s author said her purpose was to avoid “a reckless, hurried path toward de-unification of the State Bar.” How do the two bills compare ... and with only a few days left in the session, does either one stand a chance?



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New Hampshire Bar Survey Finds Members Want to Network at CLEs

What are your members doing during CLE sessions, besides learning? Catching up on emails? Hunting for Pokémon? Maybe they’re also connecting with each other – or would like you to give them a chance to do that, perhaps before or after the program. That’s true at the New Hampshire Bar Association, anyway, where [a recent survey](#) found that 26.7 percent of respondents like to make professional connections at CLE programs, compared with 12 percent who prefer to network on the bar’s Listservs and 6.7 percent who do so at its midyear and annual meetings. What else does the survey reveal about what members want from the bar?

Big Changes Coming to Your Financial Statements

If you’re in charge of your bar’s financial statements, what do you present in them, and how do you classify the bar’s assets? New guidelines from the Financial Accounting Standards Board aim to make that process much simpler and clearer. One major change is moving away from the current three-class net asset system to one in which an organization simply indicates whether or not the net assets have donor restrictions. [Associations Now](#) helps you understand the new guidelines, which were about six years in the making.

Mental Illness, Addiction ... and Law School

What’s it like to be a law student who struggles with an addiction or mental health concern – and to know that you’ll soon face a character and fitness examination? Above the Law’s ongoing series *The Struggle* has been spotlighting the various addiction and mental health challenges that many students face during the endurance test that is law school. The latest [installment](#) includes a first-person account by a 3L who entered a 30-day in-patient treatment program for alcoholism and depression right before graduation ... and now has no idea what that will mean for his or her future.

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