

State Bar of California to Shed Sections?

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The Latest from California: Sections Consider Breaking from State Bar

The State Bar of California's long, painful journey isn't over yet, and the next step may be losing its sections, including the California Association of Young Lawyers. The 16 sections, most of which are devoted to different areas of practice, got approval last week from the bar's board of trustees to begin discussing with the state Legislature and Supreme Court how to split off from the bar. What do the bar's executive director and the chair of its Council on Sections have to say about this idea and what it may mean? Find out at courthousenews.com.



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The **ABA TECHREPORT** for 2016, the fourth annual and always eagerly anticipated, has just been released by the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center. What are the latest developments in technology training, cloud computing, practice management software, and just about everything else related to legal tech?

**It's Here! 2016 State and Local Bar Benchmarks:
Membership, Leadership, and Governance**

Great news, especially if you responded to the survey requests (which means you get a discount): The 2016 State and Local Bar Benchmarks: Membership, Leadership, and Governance is now available from the ABA Division for Bar Services. Dues structures, member benefits, and nomination and election processes are just a few of the topics it covers. As you might recall, Benchmarks will be an annual publication that alternates among a set of different subject areas and takes the place of the Membership, Administration, and Finance Survey and the Bar Activities Inventory. If you liked those two, you'll love Benchmarks ... [download your copy today](#). Questions about the publication? Responded to the survey but misplaced your discount code? [Contact Joanne O'Reilly](#).

Not Just Another Good Intention: Florida's Tech CLE Requirement

"That technology is now central to the delivery of legal services has gone from heresy to orthodoxy in record time." That's according to John Stewart and Casey Flaherty, two well-known figures in the world of legal tech. But still up for debate is how lawyers can best be encouraged to leave their comfort zone and learn the skills they need today, rather than treating this as just an admirable resolution, like getting more sleep or going to the gym. One answer may be making technology topics part of MCLE, as The Florida Bar has done. Learn more about that bold move — and how the tech instruction will be delivered — at ABA Journal's [Legal Rebels blog](#).

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