

**The Best of the 2017 BLI**  
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### **Want the Scoop on This Year's BLI? Check out the Storify Story**

New ideas from great speakers. Insights from table neighbors at other bar associations. March Madness trash talk from just about everyone. If you missed the ABA Bar Leadership Institute this year — or if you just couldn't be in a bunch of different places at once — then this [Storify story](#) put together by Molly Kilmer Flood from the Division of Bar Services will help you catch up. What were some of the best quotes, slides, GIFs, and other "stuff" tweeted by this year's BLI attendees?



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### **Could Remodeling a Courtroom Improve the Delivery of Justice? Here's How**

Lately, we've heard a lot about how the bond court system is being "redesigned" to eliminate inequity for low-income defendants and their families. Cook County — home to Chicago and its metropolitan area — is working on that ... and on redesigning the courtroom itself. The county's bond courtroom was originally designed for jury trials, so it's dominated by a big, empty jury box. Families often can't hear what's going on, and there's a steady stream of people walking in and out. What's more, the design team that's working to fix these and other problems found that they're prevalent in bond courts throughout the country. What could your jurisdiction learn from this project? At [Fast Company](#), Adele Peters takes a closer look.



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### **A.I. Is Learning to Do Legal Work ... But These Things Take Time**

Not yet ... and not anytime soon. That's still the answer to the perennial question of whether — and when — technologies using artificial intelligence will replace humans in the legal profession. It is true that A.I. is already doing some legal tasks and will likely continue to take on more and more, writes Steve Lohr at [The New York Times](#). But it's a gradual process, he says, and automating one or even many tasks doesn't necessarily mean a lawyer's entire job will go away. What will the law firm of the future look like ... and what tasks will be left for people to do once a machine (or two, or more) is fully on the legal team?

### **The Proposed LSC Cut: What You Need to Know Now**

"Most Americans don't really have an idea of what civil legal aid is, but the Legal Services Corporation is absolutely the backbone of our nation's commitment to justice for all," says Martha Bergmark, a former LSC president. So, what will happen if the LSC completely disappears, as in the proposed budget released recently by President Trump? At [The Atlantic](#), Matt Ford explains what proportion of civil legal aid the LSC funds in some states, the extent of the impact that some stakeholders fear, and what happened when some previous presidents proposed major cuts and changes. (Note: Many bar associations, including the ABA, have written responses to the possible elimination of the LSC. The Division for Bar Services has gathered them at this [new resource page](#).)

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