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[Legal Answers for Hurricane Victims](#)

[Hurricanes Harvey and Irma: Texas and Florida Bars Use ABA Legal Answers Tool to Help](#)

After the hurricanes in both states, the State Bar of Texas and The Florida Bar are using the ABA Legal Answers tool newly launched this past August to help with legal questions on such topics as insurance concerns, renter's rights, employment matters, and consumer protection issues. The Texas bar added dozens of volunteer lawyers to help answer Hurricane Harvey-related questions via Texas Legal Answers, a state-specific resource developed in partnership with the ABA. Meanwhile, The Florida Bar raised the income cap for Florida Free Legal Answers, also a collaboration with the ABA, to allow more victims of Hurricane Irma to use it. A [press release](#) offers more information about the State Bar of Texas' recent work, and [ABA Journal](#) covers efforts by both The Florida Bar and the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

[Are You Prepared for a Competitive Hiring Market? Many Nonprofits Aren't, Survey Says](#)

It's a common theme for bar associations: For-profit companies keep coming onto the scene, potentially taking business away from you or from your members. Well, now they might want your employees, too. In a soft economy, many nonprofits can use their mission to help attract and retain staff members who want to make a difference. But a study from Nonprofit HR notes that hiring is now picking up among nonprofits and for-profits alike and many of the for-profit employers also emphasize "social good." Is your bar among the 64 percent of nonprofits without a formal talent acquisition strategy or 81 percent without a formal retention program? And if so, will that still fly? At [Associations Now](#), Ernie Smith shares more data and insights from the recent study.

[NYC Bar ED to Run 7 Marathons on 7 Continents in 7 Days for Parkinson's Research](#)

Bret Parker, the executive director of the New York City Bar, has a personal reason to support the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research: He was diagnosed with an early-onset form of the progressive central nervous system disorder about 10 years ago. Parker will put that support into action, in a big way, in January 2018 by completing seven marathons on seven continents in seven days. What is driving Parker to complete the World Marathon Challenge and who inspired him to go public with his diagnosis, after keeping it secret for the first five years? Read more about this man on a mission at [27east](#).

[Legal Aid Organization in Chicago Helps with Dire, Little-Known Need Among Incarcerated People](#)

Among all the unaddressed legal needs that many people have, here's one that you might never have thought about: divorce proceedings on behalf of spouses who are currently incarcerated. The repercussions of being unable to divorce can be serious, complex, and long-lasting, according to [The Atlantic](#) especially if domestic violence, child custody, or both are involved. How are some incarcerated divorce litigants being helped in the Chicago area and could it serve as a model for other jurisdictions?



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