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Law Day 2018 Planning Guide Available Now

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner—which means that now is the time to start planning for Law Day 2018. This year's theme for the annual May 1 event is Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom. As always, the ABA Division for Public Education has all the information you need to get started. Visit the [division's website](#) to read more about the theme, learn about materials available for purchase, view a special message from ABA President Hilarie Bass, and download this year's planning guide.

Heads Up: A New Overseas Venture May Change the Legal Landscape

While we've all been watching Avvo and LegalZoom, another disruptor of the legal profession has been gathering steam—within a major accounting firm in Switzerland. In late 2017, reports [The American Lawyer](#), the legal arm of PricewaterhouseCoopers Switzerland began selling automated contracts directly to clients. That's not all: Eventually, this accounting firm legal department wants to take over the entire in-house legal function for clients. And earlier this month, that same business unit hired a top executive from Axiom. What does it all mean—and will it spell big changes for the U.S. legal profession, too?

Hurricane Harvey: A Case Study in Lawyers Using Social Media to Help

In these fast and nimble times, many lawyers are forming their own ad hoc groups and getting things done. The Texas legal profession's response to Hurricane Harvey is a great example of how a self-formed social media community pulled together during a natural disaster, according to [ABA Journal](#). When one lawyer met with Lone Star Legal Aid and saw that the number of flood victims seeking shelter at Houston's convention center complex would exceed her big firm's pro bono capacity, she posted a request for help in the Texas Lawyers Facebook group, and almost immediately recruited 38 volunteers. Read more about how this group helped during Hurricane Harvey—and how it connected with resources from the State Bar of Texas.

Proposed Bill in Wisconsin Would Increase Protections for Attorneys, Others in Family Law Cases

Last March in Schofield, Wis., a man fatally shot four people in an office building, including his intended target: family lawyer Sara Quirt Sann, who was representing the man's wife in a divorce case. It's an all-too-common risk in family law, experts say, because of the emotionally charged nature of the work. Now, a proposed Wisconsin state bill called Sara's Law would build in additional protections for attorneys, corporate counsel, and guardians ad litem (and their family members) in instances where someone commits or threatens harm as a result of legal proceedings and actions involving his or her family. The [Wausau Daily Herald](#) has more details on the proposed bill.



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