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#MeToo in the Legal Profession

#MeToo, Say Many Respondents to Survey on Harassment at Law Firms

What drives sexual harassment and inappropriate workplace behavior in law firms? Often, according to a recently released survey report from the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, it's the marked power imbalance between young associates and well-established partners. And if someone has a negative experience when he or she reports harassment within the firm, it can cause others to decide not to report it at all when it happens to them. What percentage of respondents said they'd experienced certain forms of harassment?and what sobering insights did they share in response to open-ended questions?

U.S. Supreme Court Decides Janus v. AFSCME

Though it's not expected to directly affect unified bars, many bar leaders have been closely watching the *Janus v. AFSCME* case because it could overturn *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*?which was cited in *Keller v. State Bar of California*. On June 27, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mark Janus, delivering what both *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post* called a "major blow" for public-sector unions. ABA Journal has more details, including quotes from the majority and dissenting opinions.

Circuit Court to Hear Dispute Between Fastcase and

Casemaker

In a dispute that dates back to 2016, this August, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Atlanta, will hear oral arguments from Fastcase and Casemaker. The crux of the disagreement is that Casemaker sent Fastcase a notice to remove Georgia administrative rules and regulations from its research collection, as Casemaker is designated as the exclusive publisher; Fastcase believes this improperly impedes access to public law. At his LawSites blog, Robert Ambrogi recaps what has happened thus far in this conflict between legal research giants.

Launching Soon: The Uber of Legal Service?

More and more, it seems that consumers don't want to talk on the phone or send an email when they're buying a product or service?and they want all pricing to be clear and easy to understand. Various online legal services have tapped into those trends, but now a new player wants to introduce another way to receive a lawyer's assistance: by text. Slated to launch next month, Text A Lawyer aims to be the Uber of legal help, writes Robert Ambrogi at LawSites blog. How will clients and lawyers connect, how much will it cost to receive legal answers?and how does Text A Lawyer plan to avoid allegations of fee splitting?



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