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State Bar of Wisconsin Faces First Amendment Lawsuit that Cites *Janus*

In another example of a *Janus*-fueled challenge to a mandatory bar, two lawyers (one a former state representative), are suing the State Bar of Wisconsin over possible violation of their First Amendment rights. The lawyers, Michael Dean and Adam Jarchow, claim that the state bar uses member fees to propose legislation, advocate on public policy issues, and publish material on "matters of intense public controversy" with which members may disagree. Represented by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, the two are asking the court to make the bar voluntary, and seeking a refund of the member fees they have already paid. [WORT FM](#) has more information, including what the plaintiffs' lawyer says about *Janus* and its relevance to this case.

Multiple Lawsuits, Departures, Discord Roil the Washington State Bar Association

What's going on at the Washington State Bar Association is a matter for the courts to decide, but this much is clear: The bar is in turmoil on several related fronts. Earlier this year, a bar staff member filed a sexual harassment claim against a member of the bar's Board of Governors, who then filed a counter-claim against the bar. The chief justice of the state Supreme Court has called for an investigation into broader claims of a hostile work environment allegedly created at the bar by a controlling majority of the board. Another lawsuit contends that the board's recent dismissal of Executive Director Paula Littlewood was a retaliatory act carried out illegally and in secret. WSBA President William Pickett is at odds with the board majority, and the president of the Washington State Bar Foundation, Ken Masters, abruptly resigned after the decision to dismiss Littlewood. The [Seattle Times](#) offers more details about these and other recent developments at the WSBA.

Chicago-Kent College of Law to Debut Legal Tech Master's Program

Future technology is notoriously hard to predict, especially now that things develop and change so quickly. But Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology believes it's important to try to prepare future legal employees for the workplace they might soon enter. Last year, the school approved a master's of law degree in legal innovation and technology; its first students will arrive in fall of 2019. The one-year program will cover legal analytics, machine learning, and technology-aided access to justice, all aimed at meeting an increased demand for that type of knowledge, not only at law firms but also at providers of legal tech. Learn more about this new degree program and how it will help students develop sought-after skills at [Legaltech news](#).

Ernst & Young Entity Buys Legal Services Business from Thomson Reuters

Law firms may want to take note of a recent event that some observers say is another big step in the development of alternative legal service providers: EY, the corporate entity that includes accounting firm Ernst & Young, will purchase Pangea3 from Thomson Reuters. Created in 2004 and bought by Thomson Reuters in 2010, Pangea3 is a legal managed

services business that employs more than 1,000 legal professionals on three continents. A statement from Mark Weinberger, global chairman and CEO at EY, indicates that this acquisition "will make EY one of the leading professional services organizations for global legal advisory services and legal operations services." What could that mean for law firms? Find out at [ABA Journal](#).

What's Your Diet Dr Pepper? Advice for Incoming Board Chairs

As he approached his two-year term as chair of BoardSource, philanthropy consultant Rick Moyers balked at having a preparatory conversation with CEO Anne Wallestad. After all, he thought, he had once worked at BoardSource, and he was an agreeable person who would easily go along with her way of doing things. But she insisted, so they had a detailed, productive talk about their communication preferences and other likes and dislikes? including that Moyers would require a lot of Diet Dr Pepper to get through board meetings. Do have that conversation, Moyers advises other incoming board chairs and presidents?and don't assume that the transition in and out will be seamless for you, your predecessor, your successor, or the chief staff executive. On [his blog](#), Moyers shares more insight on this and two other important lessons he learned by being a board chair.



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