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NYC Bar Statement on Barr Prompts Debate

New York City Bar Association Statement on Barr, Ukraine Prompts Mixed Reactions

Even bars not bound by *Keller* tend to put a great deal of thought into whether to make a statement about politics or current affairs, and how the statement is likely to be received. Recently, the New York City Bar Association called for U.S. Attorney General William Barr to recuse himself from investigations pertaining to the Trump administration's dealings with Ukraine?which has garnered a lot of response, both positive and negative. The bar took no position on the phone call and whistleblower complaint at the heart of the investigation, according to [New York Law Journal](#), but said the mention of Barr's name was enough to require recusal. Now, ethics professors and legal practitioners are divided on whether making that statement was a good idea for the bar, or a bad one. What are some experts saying, on either side of this debate?

Bar President: Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Should Have Say in Plans for Justice Center

The Cuyahoga County Justice Center in Cleveland, Ohio, is widely known to be in ill repair and in need of improvement or replacement. But who should be involved in making decisions regarding the complex, which houses Cuyahoga County and Cleveland city courtrooms, administrative offices and jails? The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (which has a [website](#) devoted to this issue) believes that it should have a say?and now, President Ian N. Friedman has voiced that opinion in a guest column. A single "no" vote by a county council member effectively led to the bar being left off the steering committee that will determine the future of the complex, Friedman writes, likening this decision to constructing a new hospital without input from nurses and doctors. Learn more about this matter, and the bar's point of view, at [Cleveland.com](#).

Finances, Revised ABA Standard Prompt Possible Decision to Close Law School

Citing concerns with both financial viability and the recently amended ABA Standard 316 (which allows two years, not five, for 75 percent of a graduating class to pass the bar), the Board of Trustees at University of La Verne will decide on November 18 whether to close the College of Law. How big a role does the fear of losing accreditation play?and what provisions will be made for current students if the California private law school does close? Find out at [Above the Law](#).

Largest Ever Clio Cloud Conference Gathers People with a Passion for Legal Technology

There's one word that legal technology expert Robert Ambrogi keeps coming back to, in describing the annual Clio Cloud Conference: "cult." Not in the sense of blind adherence, he explains at his [LawSites blog](#), but in the sense of people coming together because of their shared devotion to new ideas. This year's conference, held last month in San Diego, had the event's largest ever attendance, Ambrogi reports. His post focuses primarily on the conference's "energy and vibe"?for an in-depth look at some of the trends that were discussed this year, also check out the [Clio Legal Trends Report](#).



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