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Diploma Privilege Gains Momentum

Deans of all Three Oregon Law Schools Ask State Supreme Court to Waive July 2020 Bar Exam, Grant Diploma Privilege

Will Oregon become the second state, after Washington, to grant diploma privilege for law grads who have applied to take the pandemic-affected July 2020 bar exam? The deans of Oregon's three law schools hope so: Last week, they sent a letter to the Oregon Supreme Court, urging it to establish diploma privilege rather than one of the other measures that some states have adopted. Allowing limited supervised practice isn't an acceptable compromise, the deans wrote, because many law graduates would be unable to find this kind of work and because those who did would then need to prepare for the bar exam while also representing clients. [Above the Law](#) has more details, including comments from many bar applicants who sent their own letter.

Latest Clio Briefing Shows Sign of Recovery in Legal Market

In the second of a planned series of COVID-19 briefings in the coming months, last week, Clio released data that showed a promising sign of recovery in the legal market. While the number of new legal matters is still significantly lower than in the same period a year ago, the decline is now much smaller: 14 percent according to data through the first week in June, compared with 26 percent just one month earlier. The news wasn't entirely rosy, writes Robert Ambrogi at [LawSites](#): Nearly a quarter of law firms have laid off staff, about 30 percent say they expect to, and 71 percent of lawyers are concerned about clients' ability to pay their legal fees. What else did the latest Clio report reveal about the current state of the legal profession?

ABA Launches Website with Resources on Racial Equity in the Justice System

To make it easier for lawyers and others to access information and resources regarding racism, bias, and prejudice in the justice system and in society, last week, the ABA launched the ABA Racial Equity in the Justice System [website](#). Resources available through this central clearinghouse include statements from ABA President Judy Perry Martinez; ABA policies and positions; articles from publications; model rules and standards; CLEs and webinars; toolkits and training; links to ABA diversity, equity and inclusion entities; resources addressing law enforcement, courts and access to justice; and related statements from across the organized bar. Learn more via an [ABA news item](#).

Want to Be a Good Leader? Develop Your Organizational Intelligence

What does it take to be a good leader? A high IQ? Emotional intelligence? Technical competence? Personal characteristics such as fortitude and resilience? Yes to all of those, write George Yip and Nelson Phillips at [Harvard Business Review](#), but there's something else, too: organizational intelligence, which is the leader's ability to move the organization in a particular way. OQ, as Yip and Phillips call it, requires sending messages that reinforce strategy; fostering a certain ethos for the organization; using "action strategy" rather than

consensus building; rebelling from the top (meaning the leader strategically chooses certain things to challenge, and the right time to challenge them); and staging "moments of theater," which are out-of-the-ordinary, vivid moments that can become long-remembered stories. What does this look like in practice? Yip and Phillips share several examples of high-OQ leaders in the corporate sector and in academia.

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