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Who's Entering Utah?s Regulatory Sandbox?

Utah News: Rocket Lawyer Enters the Sandbox, Startup from BYU's LawX Lab Goes National

Rocket Lawyer has been approved to participate in Utah's new pilot program for nontraditional legal services providers, making it one of the first to enter the "regulatory sandbox." Rocket Lawyer already serves consumers in Utah, but now it will be able to hire Utah lawyers as staff and connect its users with them?a hybrid model that its CEO says has been working well in the United Kingdom for the past several years. ABA Journal has more details about how the pilot program is taking shape and about the other four sandbox applicants that have been approved by the Utah Supreme Court. In other news from Utah, a startup that originally began at the LawX legal design lab at Brigham Young University Law School is now going national. SoloSuit, whose owner and CEO helped develop it while in law school, assists consumers in responding to debt collection lawsuits. The national expansion was announced last week during a virtual tech conference's pitch competition for startups. At his LawSites blog, Bob Ambrogi shares more information about SoloSuit and its plans for growth.

How Much Have Alternative Legal Service Providers Changed How Law Firms Do Business?

When alternative legal service providers (ALSPs) first came onto the scene, many experts thought this might spur law firms either to embrace new technologies or, on the other hand, to give up their most innovative offshoots because of this new competition. What has happened instead, according to legal tech reporter Rhys Dipshan, is that many law firms have ceded contract review and other transactional work to ALSPs while focusing on more complex tasks that require high-level legal expertise. But what if ALSPs begin competing for those matters, too? In a series of graphics and captions at Legaltech news, Dipshan walks readers through the current situation and some future possibilities.

Thinking of Eliminating the House of Delegates? Pros and Cons to Consider

For the relatively few associations that have a house of delegates, says nonprofit expert Robert C. Harris, the question of whether to eliminate it can be a delicate one?especially when the chair or speaker of the house is present. The American Institute of Architects has transformed its house into "strategic councils" that are convened as needed for specific purposes, Harris writes at Multibriefs. But before other organizations follow suit, he says, they should carefully consider some advantages (such as broad input and a chance for engagement) and disadvantages (such as expense for meetings and role confusion) to keeping the house in place.

Burlington County Bar Association Launches Reduced-Fee Referral Program for Criminal and Civil Matters

Last week, the Burlington County (N.J.) Bar Association announced the launch of a reduced-fee lawyer referral program not only for civil legal matters but for criminal matters as well. The program, which was developed after a bar working group researched a similar one in a nearby county, will provide representation at flat fees or low hourly rates to

Burlington County residents who do not qualify for legal aid or a public defender and who cannot otherwise afford a lawyer. The Burlington County Times has more details, such as how many lawyers are on the panel, the areas of law that are included, and why the bar president thinks the program is needed in her area.



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