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The Future of Bar Admissions?

After COVID-19, Are Bar Exams, Bar Admissions Due for an Overhaul?

Amidst the coverage of how various jurisdictions are handling bar exams during the pandemic, there have been some suggestions that bar exams in general need to be reappraised. Does the current model work well, even in normal times? How soon might there be more focused discussion of what the bar admissions process should look like once COVID-19 is no longer a factor? [Bloomberg Law](#) addresses these questions directly and gathers a wide range of opinions on how well bar exams assess future aptitude and whether some changes or alternatives should be considered.

Pennsylvania Bar Association, County Bars Help Homeowners, Renters Learn Their Rights

Earlier this month, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, along with 26 county bars in that state, launched a public information campaign to help both renters and homeowners understand their housing rights, especially during COVID-19. With missed rent and mortgage payments piling up, notes PBA President David E. Schwager, many who are unemployed because of the pandemic may need assistance even after temporary protections and programs come to an end. A news item on the [PBA website](#) has more details about the "Pandemic preparedness: When your home is at risk" campaign.

Arizona Task Force Recommends Ways to Counter Misinformation Campaigns Against Courts

How can courts, lawyers, and others help resist information warfare by Russians and others with an interest in discrediting the judicial branch? The Arizona Supreme Court Task Force on Countering Disinformation issued specific recommendations in a report released earlier this month. Some are particular to Arizona (but may provide a model for other states), and some would require multistate partnerships and years of follow-up. Which of the recommendations call for broader cooperation, and how does this report compare with other, similar efforts? Find out at [ABA Journal](#).

For Lawyers, Pandemic Brings Increased Stress but Also Increased Empathy

Within the legal profession, stress is nothing new. But what is new for many lawyers during the pandemic is that a common coping strategy?pushing away emotions and powering through daily tasks?no longer works. The bad news is that many lawyers who had been on the verge of burnout, depression, anxiety, and other issues are experiencing increased challenges because of this ongoing global crisis. The good news? Some professionals who are familiar with the legal profession's chronic mental health problems say that COVID-19 and its additional stresses are encouraging lawyers to be more open and to express more empathy toward each other. [Law.com](#) takes a hopeful look at this moment and how it could lead to lasting, positive change.



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