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## **Bleak Picture for Black Law School Graduates**

### **New Data: Black Law Grads Have Lowest Employment Rate, Also Lower Rate for Jobs Requiring Bar Passage**

Employment figures released last week by the National Association for Law Placement paint a bleak picture of racial disparity among 2019 graduates of ABA-accredited law schools. Black law school graduates had the lowest employment rate, at 85.4 percent, compared with 92.9 percent for Pacific Islander graduates and 92.1 percent for white graduates. There were also disparities when it comes to jobs for which bar passage is required or anticipated: White graduates had the highest rate of employment in these jobs, at 79.8 percent, compared with 62.4 percent for Black graduates. [ABA Journal](#) offers more details, including comparisons of median salaries; what the data showed for women, nonbinary graduates, and those with disabilities; and what NALP's executive director had to say about this new report.

### **5 Storytelling Tips to Rally a Crowd, Promote a New Idea**

Want to inspire a group of people, get them to rally around you, and show them why a new idea deserves their support? Try storytelling. That's according to Jeff Gothelf, a coach, consultant, author, and frequent speaker on organizational culture and other business topics. At [Harvard Business Review](#), Gothelf explains five techniques to help build and deliver a stronger story. How did one of his own clients fall short in explaining a new plan? and how could storytelling have helped?

### **Where Are New Law Grads Allowed to Waive the Bar Exam or Temporarily Practice Under Supervision?**

Across the country, various jurisdictions have taken a wide range of approaches when it comes to bar admission during the COVID-19 pandemic. While some have moved bar exams online, others are offering diploma privilege or a period in which new law grads can practice under supervision by a licensed attorney—all with certain conditions. A blog post from [Lawline](#) lists which jurisdictions are allowing admission without a bar exam, which have established a system of supervised practice, and which have not yet made any modifications to their admission process. Also, the web page for the [ABA Center for Professional Responsibility](#) links to the ABA Model Rule on Practice Pending Admission and to related rules in several jurisdictions.

### **Thursday, October 29: First-Ever ABA Giving Day to Support COVID-19 Relief, Racial Justice**

October 29 marks the first-ever ABA Giving Day, with a focus on informing members about the work of the association and inspiring lawyers and others to invest in projects that "counter the impact of COVID-19 and champion racial justice across America." Held in conjunction with the National Celebration of Pro Bono, ABA Giving Day was organized by the Fund for Justice and Education, which is the ABA's charitable arm. What eight specific programs are donors encouraged to support, and how? Find out at [ABA Journal](#).

### **Law Day 2021 Theme: 'Advancing the Rule of Law Now'**

The ABA Division for Public Education has announced the theme for Law Day 2021:

"Advancing the Rule of Law Now." This theme is intended to remind everyone that in times of calm and in times of unrest, "we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice." To sign up for updates on Law Day 2021 plans (which have been adapted to protect public health during COVID-19) and to watch an address by ABA President Patricia Lee Refo, visit the [Law Day page](#).



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