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El Paso Bar Association Signs with Partners Across the Border

El Paso Bar Association Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Two Bars in Mexico

Last week, the El Paso (Texas) Bar Association signed a memorandum of understanding with two bar organizations in Mexico: the Barra y Colegio de Abogados de Ciudad Juárez, and the Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa, Sección Chihuahua. Representatives from all three bars met via Zoom to sign the agreement, with the president-elect of the State Bar of Texas serving as a witness. The MOU indicates that the bars will work together to strengthen the rule of law in both countries, facilitate educational and networking opportunities, and expedite transactional legal services on both sides of the border. Learn more about this historic signing at [Texas Bar Blog](#).

U.S. District Judge: Ethics Rule Against Bias, Discrimination Infringes on Free Speech

In a ruling last week, U.S. District Judge Chad Kenney of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania blocked a Pennsylvania ethics rule that bans lawyers from knowingly manifesting bias or engaging in discrimination in the practice of law. At issue in this case is Rule 8.4(g) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct, a variation of an ABA model ethics rule adopted in 2016. Philadelphia lawyer Zachary Greenberg, who works for a foundation defending the First Amendment rights of students, had argued that the ethics rule would infringe on his freedom of speech. In presentations about the constitutional rights of people who do and say offensive things, Greenberg mentions slurs, epithets and demeaning nicknames. [ABA Journal](#) has further information about the ruling, as well as links to additional coverage.

1,500 Lawyers Sign Letter Asking Bar Associations to Investigate Trump's Legal Team

In an open letter, nearly 1,500 lawyers across the country called on bar associations to investigate the members of President Trump's legal team, including Rudolph Giuliani, and penalize them if necessary. "It is indefensible for lawyers to falsely proclaim widespread voting fraud, submit a pattern of frivolous court claims and actively seek to undermine citizens' faith in our election's integrity," said last week's letter, which was signed by several former judges, former federal prosecutors and law professors. Read more about the letter at [The New York Times](#), which also links to the full text.

November-December 2020 *Bar Leader* Takes an Honest Look at a Challenging Year

From surprisingly high engagement in virtual meetings to more "real" connections among members and among staff, many bars have found some real upsides during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, it can't be denied that this crisis has also caused a significant loss in revenue for many bars, and a great deal of stress and uncertainty. The [November-December issue of *Bar Leader*](#) takes a thorough and candid look at 2020 and at bars' outlook for the year ahead.



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