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Bar Associations Speak Out in Support of Asian American & Pacific Islander Communities

Bars and Lawyers Respond to Atlanta Killings, Other Instances of Violence Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

After the March 16 killings in Atlanta, in which six of the eight victims were of Asian descent, several bars across the country released statements to condemn this act and what they see as a pattern of discrimination and violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The National Association of Bar Executives has established [a page for these statements](#); bars whose statements are not already on the NABE page are encouraged to submit them via [this Google form](#). At [Bloomberg Law](#), columnist Vivian Chen explores whether the Atlanta killings, recent assaults on elderly Asian Americans, and other similar incidents will lead to a tipping point for Asian American lawyers. Does the "model minority" stereotype come at a significant cost, and are there ways in which Asian American lawyers are not fully included? and promoted? at their firms?

In a First for the United States, a Fully Nonlawyer-Owned Law Firm Opens in Utah

In the most recent development from Utah?originator of the "regulatory sandbox"?the first entirely nonlawyer-owned law firm in the United States is now open. Clients will pay \$9 per month for unlimited phone access to lawyers who can advise on business law, end-of-life planning, contracts, employment, and housing and real estate. If legal work is required, discounted rates start at \$100 per hour. Law on Call has also applied to operate in Arizona under that state's new rules, and it hopes to serve clients in other states that lift restrictions on nonlawyer ownership of law firms. Learn more at [ABA Journal](#).

Remote? In Person? Both? Making the Hybrid Workplace Work

In the past year, many employers and employees have learned that remote work is more feasible, and has more rewards, than they might have thought. For many, the best approach for the near future seems to be a hybrid workforce, with some working remotely at least some of the time and others working in person. But there are some possible pitfalls, such as managers losing track of projects being completed off site and remote workers feeling isolated or lacking in resources they need. In [a podcast and related article](#), The Wharton School's Martine Haas shares insights on optimizing the hybrid way of working?and whether it's here to stay.

The Rules of Engagement for Board Members: Healthy Disagreement Without Lingering Conflict

For a board, disagreement is healthy, says association consultant Mary Byers. But conflict doesn't age gracefully?it should be resolved right away. How can board members have a challenging discussion that remains productive and doesn't result in lingering bad feelings? Establishing some rules and shared expectations ahead of time can help; in fact, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has a civil discourse guide that's used throughout the organization, by both staff and board members. At [Associations Now](#),

Rasheeda Childress, associate editor, offers board communication tips from Byers and from ASHA CEO Arlene A. Pietranton.

ABA Standing Committee on Professional Regulation Seeks Comment on a Draft Resolution Regarding Registration of In-House Counsel

The ABA Standing Committee on Professional Regulation welcomes early input from a wide range of stakeholders on a possible resolution and report urging amendment of the ABA Model Rule for Registration of In-House Counsel. The committee would appreciate receiving feedback on its [comment draft](#) by April 20, 2021. After considering and incorporating the comments from a broad spectrum of stakeholders inside and outside the ABA, the committee plans to file a resolution on this subject for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates in August at the 2021 ABA Annual Meeting.



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