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State Bar of Texas Investigates Attorney General Ken Paxton's Efforts to Overturn 2020 Presidential Election

Did Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's attempts to overturn the 2020 presidential election amount to professional misconduct? The State Bar of Texas is considering this question, via an investigation that's expected to take several months. The bar initially declined to take up a complaint by a Democratic Party activist, but the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, a group of 12 lawyers appointed by the state Supreme Court, decided differently late last month and ordered the investigation. [NBC 5 News DFW](#) has more information about Paxton's efforts to challenge the election results, other recent news involving Paxton, and what's at stake in the bar investigation.

LegalZoom Files for IPO, Big Four Accounting Firms Hold off on Competing in Utah, Arizona Legal Markets

Earlier this month, LegalZoom filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission for an IPO. LegalZoom had previously filed for an IPO in 2012 but postponed and then withdrew that offering. IPOs are rare in this field, writes Robert Ambrogi, but this news comes close on the heels of a similar filing by legal tech company Intapp. What revenue figures did LegalZoom cite in its filing, and what did it say about its plans and its growth potential? Find out at [LawSites](#). Meanwhile, the Big Four accounting firms appear to be biding their time rather than directly competing with law firms in Utah and Arizona in response to regulatory changes in those states. Deloitte, EY, KPMG, and PwC think in terms of scale rather than focusing on opportunities in one or two states, notes the chair of the ABA Center for Innovation. [Bloomberg Law](#) looks at the current status and at what developments might cause the Big Four to enter the legal market more fully.

ABA President Patricia Lee Refo: Biden Administration Should Ease Student Loan Debt

In a letter last week, ABA President Patricia Lee Refo asked the Biden administration to suspend or forgive some student loan debt. The ABA appreciates congressional efforts to relieve the student loan debt burden, Refo wrote. "[b]ut we also urge the executive branch to assist student loan borrowers by forgiving or canceling some level of debt." At [ABA Journal](#), learn how law school debt fits into the context of student loan debt overall, and the options that Refo highlighted in her letter to the COO of the Office Federal Student Aid in the U.S. Department of Education.

National Conference of Bar Examiners Pulls Plug on Remote Bar Exams After July 2021

The July 2021 bar exam will be the last one for which the National Conference of Bar Examiners will provide materials for remote testing?beginning in February 2022, jurisdictions using NCBE materials should expect to administer the bar exam only in person. Since October 2020, each jurisdiction could choose either in-person or remote formats for exams developed by NCBE; for July 2021, 29 jurisdictions will offer remote exams, and 24 have opted for in-person. Why does NCBE believe in-person exams are better, whenever possible, and what will happen if a public health authority prohibits in-person testing? [ABA](#)

[Journal](#) has more details.

Registration Now Open for September 2021 Commonwealth Law Conference in Nassau

Want to convene with legal practitioners from around the world to gain a broader perspective on current issues and experiences in the profession and the future of law?all while enjoying a few days in The Bahamas? Early bird registration is now open for the Commonwealth Lawyers Association's Commonwealth Law Conference, September 5-9, 2021, in Nassau. The conference, which is sponsored by LexisNexis, offers a track specifically for bar leaders. To learn more and to register, visit the [conference website](#).



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