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Podcasts Capture the Best of NCBP's Annual Meeting

Legal Talk Network Podcast Series Spotlights National Conference of Bar Presidents Meeting

Whether you missed the 2021 National Conference of Bar Presidents Annual Meeting last week or want to absorb some of the same information in a completely different way, make sure to check out several [NCBP-focused episodes of the On the Road podcast on Legal Talk Network](#). Hosts and guests include a roster of well-known bar leaders, judges, and other presenters at the NCBP meeting, in conversations that build from those programs while adding a whole new perspective.

State and Local Bars: Please Respond to Benchmarks Survey by September 10

It's that time of year again: The ABA Division for Bar Services is seeking responses to the 2021 State and Local Bar Benchmarks Survey: Membership, Administration & Finance, so the resulting report can be as comprehensive and useful as possible. All responding bars will receive a substantial discount on the final report (which contains data that can't be found anywhere else) as well as complimentary access to supplemental visual reports. If yours is a state or local bar, please make sure the chief staff executive [completes the Benchmarks survey](#) by September 10!

Not Just a U.S. Phenomenon, Regulatory Sandboxes Also Being Built in Canada

Chances are, you've been following what's happening with regulatory sandboxes and alternative business structures in Utah and Arizona. But if you haven't been looking across our northern border, it's time to catch up: Two of Canada's largest provinces? British Columbia and Ontario? are well under way with sandboxes of their own. British Columbia launched its sandbox project in December 2020; Ontario, which has Canada's largest lawyer population and biggest concentration of legal technology companies, will begin accepting applications later this year. What will these two sandboxes test, and what's the latest from California, Florida, and other U.S. jurisdictions? Find out at [Bloomberg Law](#).

State Bar of Georgia Board to Consider Several Options for Mandatory Liability Insurance Disclosure or Coverage

In a meeting last month, a State Bar of Georgia study committee narrowly approved a measure that would require most lawyers to disclose to the mandatory bar whether they have liability insurance, which would then be posted on the bar's website. However, this was just one of a few options that will be presented to the bar's Board of Governors in advance of its meeting in October; though this disclosure proposal garnered the most votes, it did not achieve a majority. Among the other options the board will consider is whether most lawyers should be required to carry this insurance, not just required to disclose whether they do. What are all the options, what opinions does bar President Elizabeth Fite say she's hearing from members, and what steps will occur before any potential change is implemented? Learn more at [Daily Report](#).

Faced with Delta Variant, Big Law Firms Rethink

Reopening Dates, Health and Safety Requirements

Just when many big law firms were spurred in part by a memo from finance giant Morgan Stanley were set for a full return to the physical office, the Delta variant took off and changed some of those plans. At least one firm, Schiff Hardin, has pushed back its reopening date from September to November, and is also requiring that all attorneys, staff, and visitors to its offices be both vaccinated and masked. [Reuters](#) takes a closer look at changes to reopening dates, vaccine and mask requirements, and other ways that big law firms across the country are adapting to the fact that the pandemic isn't over yet.

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