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ABA Issues Ethics Opinion Regarding ABS Investment

ABA Ethics Opinion Clarifies Whether, How Lawyers in non-ABS Jurisdictions Can Invest in an ABS Enterprise

With more states approving alternative business structures for legal services or considering doing so, some questions have arisen regarding the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and how they pertain in some new situations. Last week, the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility answered one of those questions via a formal opinion clarifying whether and how lawyers can invest in an ABS if they practice in non-ABS jurisdictions. A lawyer from a non-ABS jurisdiction can make a "passive investment" in an ABS without running afoul of Model Rule 5.4 if they don't practice law through the ABS, are not held out as being a lawyer associated with the ABS, and don't have access to information protected by other model rules, according to the opinion. An [ABA news item](#) has more information and a link to the opinion.

5 Key Questions that Can Help You Lead With Emotional Intelligence

If you're a leader or manager, chances are, you've heard of emotional intelligence and how important it is in increasing happiness and motivation among those you lead. Leaders who are high in emotional intelligence are always learning and always asking themselves questions that can lead to continuous improvement, writes emotional intelligence expert Harvey Deutschendorf. At [Fast Company](#), he shares five key questions that can lead to greater insight, satisfaction, and productivity.

Fighting Burnout During COVID-19 May Require Different Strategies

Are you or others you work with feeling burned out lately? If so, you're not alone: One survey in May 2020 found that 89 percent of U.S. workers had experienced burnout at least once in the past year. And that was before the COVID-19 era was in full swing. With so many new stressors and disruptions, how can association executives and managers tend to their staff's well-being without micromanaging or adding one more thing to their employees' to-do lists? At [Associations Now](#), Contributing Editor Mark Athitakis suggests how to open lines of communication, support professional development, and relieve the anxiety that can come from working everywhere, all the time.

A Few Things We Learned by Reading Bar Publications

If you're curious what's going on at other bars, one of the best ways to find out is by reading their publications. The staff of the ABA Division for Bar Services have long been devoted fans of bar magazines, journals, newsletters, and websites—and from now on, we'll be sharing some selected "finds" here in Bar Leader Weekly on a monthly basis. Here are some things we discovered in our recent reading: In his [president's column](#), North Carolina Bar Association President Mark Holt shared his thoughts on the bar's ongoing work to address its historical connections to systemic racism, including its advocacy to remove the literacy test from the state's constitution. In her [president's column](#), Illinois State Bar Association President Anna P. Krolikowska announced that all regular, dues-paying members are eligible for a 15 percent dues credit. Because the pandemic led to programmatic savings, the bar decided to pass those savings along to members. You can

learn more about the dues credit [here](#). The Oregon State Bar continues to be future-focused and has several active task forces and workgroups that are addressing the future of the profession, regulation, legal education, and the bar exam. You can follow their progress [here](#). Finally, the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco is taking collaboration to a new level as one of 15 organizations that make up the holistic [San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative](#).



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