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D.C. Bar Exam Adds Additional Seats

450 Seats Added for July D.C. Bar Exam After Outcry, but Will They Be Enough?

After criticism from law school deans and others who worried that not enough people would be able to take the July 2022 bar exam in a highly desirable legal market, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals has added a second location for the test. In addition to the 1,100 seats already secured at the DC Armory on July 26-27, another 450 law grads can take the bar exam at the University of the District of Columbia. But the new capacity of 1,550 may still not be enough: Typically, between 1,700 and 1,800 people take the July D.C. bar exam. Larger venues used in previous years are not available; earlier, the court sparked controversy with its decision to deal with this shortage by prioritizing first-time test takers from seven local law schools. What will some examinees need to do if all available seats fill up? Find out at Reuters.com.

New Research Shows How Microaggressions Erode Professional Teamwork

Just 3% of Black professionals recently reported feeling ready to resume in-person work, compared with 21% of their white peers—and one reason is that in the remote workplace, they've been shielded from the microaggressions that they often experience in the office. Microaggressions are intentional or unintentional behaviors that convey insults or negative attitudes, often toward people of color. These comments and other behaviors happen so often and are perceived as so minor that they often go unreported or aren't recalled when asked about after the fact. Malissa Alinor, a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford, recently did an experiment to discover microaggressions' real-time impact not only on the recipients but also on the teams they're part of. Alinor shares her research at Harvard Business Review.

Several University of California Law Schools to Cover Tuition for In-State Members of Federally Recognized Tribes

Starting this fall, several University of California law schools will waive tuition for in-state students who are members of federally recognized Native American tribes. The University of California at Los Angeles School of Law already has a program that provides full-tuition scholarships and living expenses for member of federally recognized tribes or future tribal advocates; law schools at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC San Francisco all recently announced that they will launch similar efforts. Do any of the law schools hope to also cover tuition for students who are members of federally recognized tribes but don't yet reside in California? Learn more at ABA Journal.

ABA Diversity Survey: At Law Firms, White Men Disproportionately Earn More Money, Hold More Power

A report released last week by the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession reveals some glaring disparities among high earners at law firms: In 2020, 71% of lawyers who were in the top 10% of their firms by pay were white men, 13% were white women, and less than 1% were Black lawyers, regardless of gender. The Model Diversity Survey also found that white men accounted for 60% to 70% of law firm leadership, which

includes hiring partners, members of compensation committees, office heads and other committee posts. Reuters.com highlights other key findings from the survey.



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