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The Essential Information from Clio's Legal Trends Report

## Clio Legal Trends Report: Law Firms' New Business Grows, but Fees Not Keeping Pace with Inflation

The legal sector is booming, with law firms seeing an average 10% increase in the growth of new business since last year—but their fees aren't keeping up with inflation and are 3% below where they should be. That's according to the latest Clio Legal Trends Report, released last week at the law practice management company's annual conference. The report also notes that the Great Resignation has hit the legal industry, with resignation rates as high as 19% and many lawyers changing jobs in pursuit of increased work-life balance. At LawSites, Robert Ambrogi shares more key findings and a link to the full report.

## **State Bar of Georgia: April 2022 Ransomware Attack Exposed Members' and Bar Employees' Information**

The State Bar of Georgia recently confirmed that member and employee data, including names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, direct deposit information, or name change information, was compromised in a ransomware attack earlier this year. The incident occurred in April 2022 and was disclosed in May; at that time, the bar said there was no evidence that personal information was compromised. The bar is offering complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services to all bar members and to all current and former bar employees. Learn more at Securityweek and in an announcement from the bar.

### Lawyers Devote More Hours to Self-Care, Prioritize Physical Fitness Far Above Mental Health

The most recent Workload & Hours Survey from Bloomberg Law shows an increase in the number of hours lawyers report spending on self-care—an average of 6.6 hours per week in the first half of 2022, compared with 5.6 hours per week in the fourth quarter of 2021. Consistent with earlier surveys, women reported fewer self-care hours than men. For the first time, the most recent survey asked what forms of self-care lawyers were practicing; exercise was most popular (66% of respondents), in contrast with attending to mental health (14%—the least popular choice besides "other" and "none"). At Bloomberg Law, senior legal analyst Jessica R. Blaemire highlights the important role played by bars and by lawyer assistance programs and shares some thoughts on what might help more lawyers focus on mental health.

# As Test-Optional Discussion Continues, More Than Half of ABA-Accredited Schools Now Accept GRE

As the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar continues to mull whether to discontinue the standardized testing requirement for accredited law schools, another recent change appears to be gaining ground: More than half of all ABA-accredited law schools (100 out of 199) now accept the GRE as well as the LSAT in their admissions process. The first to do so, in 2016, was the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, and the most recent is Drake University Law School, in Iowa. ETS, which administers the GRE, says this has helped law schools consider a more diverse pool of applicants. What have been some of the latest reactions to the test-optional proposal? Find

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