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Arizona Moves Toward Mandatory Malpractice Insurance Disclosure

State Bar of Arizona Petitions Court to Require Lawyers to Disclose if They Lack Malpractice Insurance

In a move that may help revive the nationwide discussion of whether lawyers should be required to inform clients if they lack malpractice insurance, late last month, the State Bar of Arizona petitioned the Arizona Supreme Court for a rule change to establish mandatory disclosure. The petition cited a finding from a 2022 survey that indicated the severity of legal malpractice claims has increased. The proposed amendment to Ethical Rule 1.4, Rule 42 would require a lawyer to inform clients in writing within 30 days of the date on which the lawyer knows their insurance has been terminated or has lapsed. Though not required, most private practice attorneys in Arizona carry professional liability coverage. [Bloomberg Law](#) has additional details, including how the bar plans to educate the public about malpractice insurance and encourage informed decisions when choosing a lawyer.

Survey Data: With Some Variation by Gender, Law Students Report Increased Participation When Most Classes Are Online

In at least one important way, online legal education appears to be a win: Across three gender categories in a recent survey, students taking most of their classes online were more likely to report that they participated in class "very often" than those attending in person. Among women, 30% taking online classes gave this response, compared with 23% in person; for men, the difference was 33% compared with 27%; and for students who are nonbinary, it was 32% compared with 21%. Overall, 31% of students with mostly online classes reported very frequent participation, compared with 25% among those attending in person. What percentage of respondents said they had at least one class online, and of those, what percentage said their experience was positive? [ABA Journal](#) shares this information.

City Bar Justice Center Teams Up with Local Nonprofit to Provide Legal Advice to Young Asylum Seekers in New York City

The City Bar Justice Center (a division of the New York City Bar Association's charitable affiliate, the City Bar Fund) has entered a new partnership to provide pro bono advice to young asylum seekers arriving in New York from the southern U.S. border. Lawyers working with the City Bar Justice Center's Immigrant Justice project will assist young people living in shelters run by Covenant House, a housing and homeless youth services nonprofit. Last month, New York City Mayor Eric Adams declared a state of emergency and said that because of actions by the governors of Texas and Florida, more than 17,000 asylum seekers had arrived in the city since spring, most without a place to stay. The City Bar and Covenant House are holding programs to help young people in this situation understand their rights; when possible, lawyers will also help young asylum seekers secure permanent status. Read more at [Law360](#).

ABA Formal Ethics Opinion: To Avoid 'Reply All' Problems,

Lawyers Should Not Copy Clients on Communications to Opposing Counsel

Despite its well-known ability to cause disasters, "reply all" has become the default in some email platforms—and lawyers need to be especially careful. In a formal opinion issued last week, the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility said lawyers should not copy their clients on emails or texts to opposing counsel but instead should forward those communications to their clients separately. With some exceptions, creating a group communication implies consent for the opposing counsel to "reply all," the committee wrote in its clarification of ABA Model Rule 4.2 regarding communications between a lawyer and another party in the litigation. What is one way to copy a client without implying consent? Find out at [Bloomberg Law](#).



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