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Welcome to Bar Leader Weekly

Learn what's on the minds of staff of the ABA Division for Bar Services. This weekly newsletter helps busy bar leaders stay up to date with the latest in bar association news and key issues in the legal profession. Check your inbox each Tuesday to be in the know.



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People on the Move

Longtime Monroe County Bar Association executive director, Mary Loewenguth, has been appointed as clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. Mary's last day at the MCBA was December 29, 2015.



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The new year brought a new executive director for the Oregon State Bar. Helen Hirschbiel replaced the retiring Sylvia Stevens.

Law Firms in Transition

We've all heard about big changes in the legal profession, but how do you quantify them? [A new survey shows](#) that law firms are facing increasing competition from nontraditional sources and that the most profitable law firms have embraced innovative staffing and pricing models. It's a compelling snapshot of where the profession is now—and where it might be headed.

Alternative Careers? Tell Me How!

Does the notion of alternative careers for lawyers still carry a stigma? If so, perhaps it shouldn't—and at least one bar association is taking that idea head-on. The State Bar of Texas [has produced a series of free, non-MCLE-accredited videos](#) for its members on how to build a successful, satisfying career outside of the traditional firm model.

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