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Raising the bar ... by how much? ABA committee proposes new standard for bar exam pass rates

For ABA-accredited law schools, the standard for bar exam passage rates might soon get tougher—and simpler. By how much? ABA Journal has [all the details](#) on the proposed new standard that was just approved by the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar's Standards Review Committee.



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Loss of Scalia may tip balance toward teachers' union in case watched by bar associations

The possible implications of the death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia just keep unfolding. For example, what could it mean for *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, a case that many unified bar associations have followed with great interest? Scalia ripped apart pro-union arguments in that case with what *The Atlantic* calls "his trademark gusto." What happens now that the justice—and his gusto—are gone?

Proposed changes to Oregon's disciplinary system spark debate

There's a strong cup of controversy brewing in the Pacific Northwest as the Oregon State Bar considers an overhaul of its disciplinary system. What's at issue, who would gain new authority, and why do some say the proposals will make the process less transparent? *The Oregonian's OregonLive* looks at the proposals—and the skirmish over them.

Time is running out! Registration for BLI 2016 closes Friday, February 26

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