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Avvo Launches New Online Legal Forms – for Free?

There's a new player when it comes to vendors that offer online legal forms, but with a twist: All the forms are free of charge. The launch of Avvo Legal Forms, announced at the company's recent Lawyernomics conference, was close on the heels of another recent introduction: Avvo Legal Services, which offers fixed-fee legal services in a number of states. What are Avvo's plans for the new form service –and why is it free? Learn more at Robert Ambrogi's [LawSites blog](#).



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Lawyers' Tech Competence: Necessary, and Not Just for Client Information

More states should adopt the ABA'S 2012 Model Rules amendments that added technological savvy to the definition of lawyer competence – and they should realize that it doesn't just involve protecting client information. That's according to lawyer Steven M. Puizsis, in [a post at Bloomberg BNA](#). Over the past decade, Puizsis writes, technology has altered every aspect of a lawyer's professional life, including in ways you might not think of. For example, what legal ramifications could Fitbit and other "wearables" have?

NC Teeth Whitening: Implications for Bars Continue to Come to Light

It's been more than a year since the U.S. Supreme Court made its ruling in the North Carolina "teeth whitening" antitrust case, but the shock waves are still being felt among mandatory bars. Which bar directed its ethics committee to temporarily stop issuing advisory opinions that could be viewed as efforts to restrain legal services trade? What bar temporarily stopped issuing cease-and-desist letters for UPL and is instead referring complaints to the state attorney general? [ABA Journal](#) looks at how bars are responding, and what the farther-reaching effects of this ruling could be.

NYC Bar: Free Legal Counsel for Low-Income Tenants Could Save City Hundreds of Millions

Would providing free legal counsel to low-income tenants facing eviction in New York City create an undue financial burden – or save the city hundreds of millions of dollars? A new study on behalf of the New York City Bar Association's Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee found that a recent bill along these lines could bring significant savings, whereas a previous analysis by two city departments projected financial hardship. The bar's [44th St. Blog](#) says one reason for this disparity is that the new study takes into account several costly consequences of eviction and homelessness that the city had overlooked.

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