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Employment Data on 2015 Law Grads Is Here – Any Surprises?

If it seems like every new law grad hangs out a shingle these days, the key word may be "seems": In fact, just 1.7 percent of the 2015 class is in solo practice, compared with 40.7 percent who work in law firms. Where else are the 39,984 graduates of ABA-accredited law schools in 2015 working? And the big questions: How many have been able to find a job that's either "JD required" or "JD preferred?"... and what about those who are unemployed and looking for work? The [ABA Journal](#) recaps the employment data that was just released by the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

This Just In: Recommendations from the State Bar of Michigan's 21st Century Task Force

Some news that many have been anxiously awaiting: The State Bar of Michigan's 21st Century Task Force has published its analysis and recommendations. The task force has often been cited as a leader when it comes to examining where the profession is now, where it may be headed, and what the organized bar can do to help both lawyers and the general public navigate in a decidedly changed legal landscape. What five problems did the task force identify, and what are its recommendations? The bar's [SBM Blog](#) offers a synopsis and a link to the document itself.

Will Arizona Law's Decision to Accept GRE Scores Cause It to Be Bounced from LSAC?

The University of Arizona College of Law recently announced that it will allow its applicants to submit Graduate Record Examination scores, rendering the LSAT strictly optional. Perhaps not surprisingly, Law School Admission Council, Inc. -- which controls the LSAT and acts as an application clearinghouse for more than 200 law schools — is not happy about that. In fact, LSAC's general counsel notified Arizona Law that this decision may result in it being expelled from LSAC membership, which would effectively exclude it from a key admissions pipeline. The Wall Street Journal's [Law Blog](#) looks at what's at stake for both sides in this dispute.

Here's a Disruptive Idea: What a Lawyer Can Add to a Tech Startup Team

Those rabble-rousing entrepreneurs and their new economy ... Bachelor's degrees would only stifle their innovative thinking! So it's logical that a lawyer — someone who has freely chosen more school, not less — would be a terrible candidate to join a tech startup that's still in its infancy. However, just the opposite is true, says [Harvard Business Review](#): A lawyer can bring real value to a startup, and can be a feature rather than a "bug." Beyond the most obvious ones, what special skills — and ways of thinking — can a lawyer bring, even to a company that wants to shake things up?



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