New Map from ABA Committee Pinpoints Law Firm Incubators

Chances are, you’ve heard about law firm incubators here and there, often under the auspices of a bar association or foundation. But where are they, exactly? A new map and accompanying information from the ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services makes it easy to see how many incubators there are now, where they operate, and how you can stay current as more of them come onto the scene.

‘Robot Lawyer’ ROSS Gets a Job in BigLaw

Every new lawyer knows that intelligence can only take you so far, and the real question is whether you can actually find — or create for yourself — a job in the legal profession. Well, now “robot lawyer” ROSS, powered by IBM’s Watson technology, has done just that ... and without having to hang out a shingle. BakerHostetler is the first law firm to publicly announce that it has “hired” ROSS, the Washington Post explains. What, exactly, will ROSS do there — and what implications could this have for the profession and for real, live, human lawyers?

University of Minnesota Law School Cuts Admissions Based on Decreasing Interest

Ever since the bubble burst and law became a much less desirable career option for a lot of college graduates, law schools across the country have taken different approaches to ensure their survival. Some, to keep their enrollment up, have thrown their doors open wider, admitting applicants they would have passed on before. Others, with an eye toward preserving their national standing, have cut their admissions considerably. Among those, says The New York Times, is the University of Minnesota Law School. By how much has it reduced its admission numbers in recent years, what went into that decision, and has it had the result that the school hoped for?

New Rules Could Mean Millions More Workers Must Be Paid Overtime

New overtime pay rules announced last week by the U.S. Department of Labor will likely mean that millions more workers must be paid overtime when their work week exceeds 40 hours, according to the ABA Journal. When the rules take effect on Dec. 1, the annual salary ceiling use to determine who automatically receives overtime pay will be roughly double what it is now. Just what is that new figure, and — whether you’re an employee, an employer, or both — what else do you need to know about these changes?