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Orange County Bar Association Starts Legal Hotline after Mass Shooting

In the days following the mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, the Orange County Bar Association established a legal counsel hotline and emailed all of its 3,000-plus members to recruit volunteers. Probate claims, disability claims, and landlord-tenant issues are among the matters that survivors and the families of survivors and the deceased can receive help with. The [Orlando Business Journal](#) offers more details regarding how the OCBA is responding to this attack.



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The Law Store: Coming to a Wal-Mart Near You?

Is a law firm still a law firm if it calls itself The Law Store—and is located inside a Wal-Mart? The firm's chief public relations officer, who is also a lawyer, says yes. Opening earlier this month in two Wal-Mart locations in and near Joplin, Mo., The Law Store focuses on basic transactional matters with “menu-style” pricing and no charge for the initial consultation. The [Joplin Globe](#) takes a closer look at how it works—and at the prices for some common services.

Associate Pay Rising at Many Big Firms, and That's ... Not Entirely Great News

After one large law firm announced that it would increase starting salaries by \$20,000 and also increase salaries for its junior and senior associates, around 40 other firms said that they would follow suit. Yay ... right? According to [Bloomberg Law](#), this news is actually a bit mixed. Will it become that much harder to obtain an entry position at those law firms? And will partners feel more justified in working their associates around the clock?

So, You Have a New ED ... Who's in Charge of Onboarding?

After the lengthy, intense, and often stressful process of selecting a new chief executive, the tendency for many board members is to breathe a sigh of relief, welcome the new CEO or ED with a “getting to know you” event or two, and pretty much leave it at that. That's understandable, writes Dr. Eugene H. Fram at his [Nonprofit Management](#) blog, but board members should be aware that some serious transition work lies ahead—and that someone needs to be in charge of it. Fram outlines a nine-step process that will help the board create a customized plan for “onboarding” the new ED in a way that ensures the continued vitality of the organization.

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