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Who's Hanging out a Shingle, Why ... and How's It Going?

"I made more money cleaning pools than I did at this law firm as an associate lawyer." Add that to \$75,000 in law school debt, and you have a compelling reason why one fairly recent law grad decided to go solo. What are some of the other reasons why 4.4 percent of each year's new JDs start their own practice, and how are they making a living (if they are, that is)? To find out, [law.com](#) recently spoke with five who have taken the plunge.

Stop! Don't Plan Another CLE Until You Read This

What can help drive up attendance and maintain attendees' interest at your next CLE program? A compelling topic — maybe one ripped from the headlines — certainly helps. So do effective use of technology and diversity among your presenters. In a post at [Bloomberg Law](#), Microsoft Assistant General Counsel Dennis Garcia shares what he has learned from being in the audience and from being in front of it.

Who's Going to Fill Those Big Shoes at the NC Bar? Meet Jason Hensley

Though some have found it hard to believe, it's long been known that Allan Head will retire on January 1, 2017, after 43 years at the North Carolina Bar Association (35 as the executive director). Recently, the bar announced on [its website](#) who its new executive director will be. What will Jason Hensley bring to this position, and why was he the search committee's unanimous choice?

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How much time are you wasting at work with those short little breaks to play on your phone (or, umm ... tend to important matters)? It might add up to more than you think — and in fact, all that time spent bouncing around and multitasking might ultimately leave you with less time for the things you really enjoy. A new app that's currently in beta testing just might help you gain back some of that lost time — by first being honest about it. What did one writer for [Fast Company](#) learn when she gave it a try?



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