Hold Everything: New Overtime Rule Will Not Take Effect on December 1

We said we’d let you know if anything changed with the new overtime rule from the U.S. Department of Labor, scheduled to take effect on December 1. Well, this is that announcement: Last week, a federal judge in Texas blocked the new rule “indefinitely” so he can weigh a challenge against it. What about the employers who had already made changes to accommodate the revisions in overtime eligibility? And what do proponents and opponents of the rule have to say about this latest wrinkle? USA Today has all the details.

State Bar of California Authorized to Collect Interim Dues for Attorney Discipline

After a months-long skirmish in the Legislature and with the state Supreme Court, the State bar of California has been authorized to collect interim dues to provide funding for the state’s attorney discipline system in 2017. How much is the bar authorized to collect per active member, and how does that differ from what was in the defeated bar dues bill? ABA Journal takes a closer look.

Registration Now Open for BLI 2017

Called by many participants “the best thing the ABA does,” the ABA Bar Leadership Institute offers top-notch training for incoming bar leaders and bar executives alike. Registration for BLI 2017, to be held March 15-17 in Chicago, is now open. Don’t miss out!

Election Sparks Renewed Interest in Civics Education

For bar associations that for many years have provided “lawyers in the schools” programs, it’s no secret that civics education has been on a steady decline, perhaps because of the increased focus on standardized tests and the subjects they cover. In the wake of a presidential election fraught with “fake news” and vitriol — on both sides — this issue is now gaining new prominence. What are the bipartisan goals of civics education in school, how can it best be delivered, and what gets in the way? Learn more at Nonprofit Quarterly.

CEO of Los Angeles County Bar Association Resigns, Effective January 13

The Los Angeles County Bar Association has joined the ranks of those seeking a new chief executive, as CEO Sally Suchil recently announced her resignation, effective January 13, 2017. In a press release, the bar praises Suchil’s business perspective and how she has helped move the bar forward, especially given that the recession was in full swing when she arrived in 2009. Suchil says this was a difficult decision — and one that she discussed at length with the bar’s current president — and cites several accomplishments of which she is particularly proud.

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