Does Technology Really Help Increase Access to Justice?

One justification for the increasing use of technology in delivering legal services is that it can dramatically improve access to justice. But does it really? The answer is a pretty definitive “yes,” writes Robert Ambrogi — despite skepticism among some in the legal profession ... and bar association community. As evidence, Ambrogi points to the results achieved by recipients of the Legal Services Corporation’s Technology Initiative Grants. Read more about those results at Above the Law.

Asian American, South Asian, Muslim Bar Associations Confront Rise in Hate Crimes

What has life been like for many Asian Americans, South Asian Americans, and Muslims in the weeks since the presidential election? Cyndie Chang’s story may be illustrative: While standing on the steps of the Capitol Building, she was told to "go back to her country." She canceled a trip to visit family because she feared driving alone. She’s also the president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. NAPABA, the South Asian Bar Association of North America, and the National Association of Muslim Lawyers have all taken steps recently to address what they say is a troubling climate of increased xenophobia and hatred. What have they seen, and how have they responded so far? ABA Journal takes a closer look.


December usually brings a flurry of “What’s hot and what’s not” lists, and among the most eagerly anticipated ones in the legal profession is Bob Denney’s. His 28th annual trends report is now live at attorneyatwork.com. In terms of practice areas, industries, geographic locations and more, what’s hot, what’s cold, and what’s as lukewarm as Grandma’s leftover stuffing?

4 Tips to Ease End-of-the-Year Member Burnout

Who sometimes feels a bit burned out during the holidays and the end of the year? Pretty much everyone who marks those occasions, including you, your staff ... and your members. Now is the time to keep your member communications light and positive — and maybe not quite as numerous as usual, advises Callie Walker at MC Talks. Check out her four tips to help you and your members get through this often joyous yet often stressful time of year.