

**New ED at NYSBA**

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**New York State Bar Association Names Pam McDevitt as ED**

Last week, the New York State Bar Association announced its new executive director, and her arrival is also a bit of a homecoming: Pam McDevitt is returning to NYSBA after several years as director of the ABA Law Practice and Technology Group. A press release shares more details regarding McDevitt's experience at both of those bars and elsewhere — and what makes her an especially good fit for NYSBA today.



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**5 Questions to Encourage Strategic Leadership**

If you or other leaders at your bar wish to be more strategic in your approach, does that mean you have to have all the answers? Not at all, writes Lisa Lai at [Harvard Business Review](#) — it's more about knowing the right questions to ask. Strategy is complex, she explains, and a clear, ongoing dialogue can help keep you from getting so lost that you can't weave it into your day-to-day operations. So, what are those five questions that can get everyone talking ... and moving toward strategy?



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**Faced with 600+ Pipeline Protest Cases, North Dakota Eases Pro Hac Vice Rules**

What happens when hundreds of people are arrested in a relatively short time, in a state whose lawyer population is fairly sparse? That's the situation in North Dakota, where more than 600 Dakota Access Pipeline protesters face criminal charges and need legal help. After a petition by 10 lawyers and organizations in North Dakota and Minnesota, the state's supreme court recently issued a temporary order to relax some of the rules regarding pro hac vice representation by out-of-state lawyers. What requirements have been temporarily set aside, and which ones remain? And what do the petitioners and the court have to say about the order? [The Bismarck Tribune](#) takes a closer look.

**ICYMI: January-February Bar Leader Looks at 'Flashpoint' Issues, Technology**

How have some bar associations responded to police shootings and other issues that can create tension and division in their communities? The [latest issue of Bar Leader](#) looks at how some bars fulfill their role as "convener" and help keep communication lines open during troubling times. Several other articles focus on technology, including cybersecurity (if your members got any of those emails about phony disciplinary complaints, this one's for you).

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