

The Independence of the Judiciary is Not Up for Negotiation

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At Midyear, ABA President Linda A. Klein Urges Lawyers to Uphold Rule of Law

In an address to the ABA House of Delegates at the association's Midyear Meeting in Miami, ABA President Linda A. Klein said all lawyers must uphold the Constitution and the rule of law during what she called a defining moment for the profession. "Make no mistake, personal attacks on judges are attacks on our Constitution," Klein said. "Let us be clear. The independence of the judiciary is not up for negotiation." What specific issues did Klein identify, and how did she call on lawyers to help? Read [the full text](#) of her remarks.

Nebraska Lawmaker Aims to Fill Budget Gap with \$200K in State Bar Dues

Many states have gaps in their budgets are looking to fill them any way they can. In Nebraska, this means that a state senator is eyeing \$200,000 from the attorney services fund that is entirely made up of mandatory dues to the Nebraska State Bar Association. How big is the total shortfall, how does the state senator explain this proposal, and how might the bar respond? The [Omaha World-Herald](#) has the answers.

ABA Groups Help Immigration Lawyers Build Website

In an example of working on the fly, at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Miami, the ABA Law Practice Division Futures Initiative and ABA Center for Innovation built a pro bono portal for the American Immigration Lawyers Association. The AILA had been struggling to coordinate all the offers to assist immigrants blocked by the recent travel ban, and the ABA groups knew they could help — if they scrapped their original plans for the meeting. [ABA Journal](#) takes a closer look at the project, what will happen next, and what ABA President Linda Klein said about it in a speech last week.

What's Disrupting Your Bar? 6 Issues That Challenge Associations

"Many associations are slow to change," writes Jeff Hurt at [velvetchainsaw.com](#). Does that ring true for you? Hurt identifies six issues that associations are having a particularly tough time responding to ... and technology underlies almost all of them. See how many of these six are challenges for your bar, too, and read Hurt's recommendations for how to take them on and move forward.

Be More Specific: Fastcase Refiles Its Lawsuit Against Casemaker

After its federal lawsuit against Casemaker was dismissed without prejudice, Fastcase has refiled it — this time, with some specific details that a judge in Georgia said were lacking. To refresh your memory, the suit involves whether Fastcase can offer its subscribers access to Georgia state regulations to which Casemaker says it holds copyright. Robert Ambrogi gives an update at his [LawSites blog](#), including the amount of damages that Fastcase claims in its new complaint.

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