

## Is Your Association Thriving?

Issue 53, February 21st, 2017

### Attributes of a Thriving Nonprofit: Can You Guess What the Top One Is?

How many of the 14 attributes identified by nonprofit consultant Joan Garry does your bar association currently have ... and what are some that you might need to work on? Check out [Garry's list](#), which covers such areas as effective governance, diversified revenue, and the association as a great place to work. As for what she says is the single most important attribute of a thriving nonprofit, here's a hint: It takes two.

### State Bar of Wisconsin Names Associate ED Larry Martin as Next Executive Director

Earlier this month, the State Bar of Wisconsin announced its next executive director: Larry Martin, who currently serves as associate executive director and will be promoted in June with the retirement of long-time ED George Brown. A [press release](#) from the bar notes that Martin was the only candidate to receive a unanimous "yes" vote. Read more about Martin's accomplishments as associate ED and in his prior roles at the bar, and why the board believes he was the best choice to move the association forward.

### Bills in Four States Aim to Give Legislators Veto Power over 'Activist Judges'

In the ongoing skirmish between the executive and legislative branches and the judicial branch, lawmakers in four states have introduced bills that would increase their legislatures' power over the courts and even give them the ability to overrule federal court decisions. Meanwhile, bills in two other states would give the legislature more power over the makeup of the courts. Which states currently have bills along these lines, and where can you read more about them? The [ABA Journal](#) gives an overview with links for more information.

### Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Debuts 'Hot Talks' Series, Immigration Is First Topic

If you read the bimonthly Bar Leader or attended the recent NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting, then you're aware that some bar organizations have been addressing "flashpoint" issues that affect their community. Last Tuesday, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association took another step in that direction by conducting the first in a planned series of public forums that it calls Hot Talks. The first topic for discussion was immigration and the related issues that have arisen recently. At [Crain's Cleveland Business](#), find out what topics might be next ... and why the bar believes the series will help further its mission.

[Read the latest issue of Bar Leader Magazine](#)

Your e-mail address will only be used within the ABA. We do not sell or rent e-mail addresses.

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Contact Us](#)

American Bar Association | 321 N Clark, Chicago, IL 60654-7598 | 800-285-2221 | 312-988-5356



Like us  
on  
Facebook



Follow  
DBS on  
Twitter