

Assessing the Big Law Job Market

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Law Firms Hired Fewer Summer Associates for This Year, NALP Survey Finds

For anyone who took it as a good sign when summer associate hiring rebounded in recent years, there appears to have been a wobble: For the first time in four years, slightly more than half of law firms in a NALP survey said they made fewer summer associate offers than they did the year before. What else does the report—released last week—have to say about the state of the profession and about law school enrollment numbers? Bloomberg Law's [Big Law Business](#) takes a closer look.



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Something Happened on the Way to the 21st Century Workplace

You walk into your open-air workspace—maybe after a little team building at the ping pong table—and you get down to business by whipping out your smartphone and collaborating via Slack or another chat tool. Right? As it turns out, that might be true in Silicon Valley and in stock photos, but the majority of U.S workplaces still mostly rely on “old school” communication tools like email, phone calls, and text ... and the most commonly used device is still a company-owned desktop PC. Does this vary by age? And why are most workplaces hanging on to old tools and old habits? At [Recode](#), Bob O'Donnell shares some thoughts, along with some other findings from the study.

Nebraska Lawyers, Bar Speak out Against Proposed Changes to Judicial Commissions

Should Nebraska change the way it appoints, disciplines, and distributes judges throughout the state? One legislative committee thinks so—but nine lawyers recently spoke in defense of the current judicial commissions, which they say help keep politics out of such matters. The chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee says he proposed the changes because the judiciary refused to answer a survey from the Legislature last year; the judiciary wrote that as a separate branch of government, it was not obliged to do so. Find out what's in the current proposal, and what the bar has to say about it, from the [Omaha World-Herald](#).

A Note to HR: If Someone Asks You to Email Employees' W-2 Data ... Don't

As if tax time weren't nerve-racking enough, some nonprofits, schools, and hospitals in the Minneapolis area have been hit with a scam involving their employees' W-2 forms. The scam involves an email sent to the HR or finance department, asking either for scans of all employees' W-2 forms or for a compilation of all the data—including names, addresses, and Social Security numbers. A few have fallen for it (in one case, sending the requested data on 2,800 employees) ... with serious repercussions. [Nonprofit Quarterly](#) shares more details on a seasonal scam that you might see, too.

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