

## When Violent Threats Become a Reality

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### State Bar of Wisconsin President: Lawyer's Death Illustrates a Common Risk

The recent fatal shooting of Wisconsin lawyer Sara Quirt Sann by the estranged husband of her client in a divorce case was an unusual event — but the risk, according to Fran Deisinger, president of the State Bar of Wisconsin, is all too common. The threats “almost never” result in actual violence, he told [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), but the potential danger is always present, particularly in domestic matters. Also sharing his thoughts was Stephen Kelson, a Salt Lake City attorney and well-known expert on the subject of violence toward lawyers. What percentage of lawyers in Kelson's recent survey said they'd been threatened at work? And what else did Deisinger say about this tragedy and about lawyer safety in general?

### Coalition of Nonprofits Tells Congress Not to Scrap Johnson Amendment

Who cares about the Johnson Amendment, which, since 1954, has prevented 501 (c)(3) organizations from supporting or opposing political candidates? A nationwide coalition of almost 4,500 nonprofits, which delivered a letter earlier this month asking Congress not to invite partisan politics into their charitable organizations. What were some of the participating nonprofits, and why do they value this restriction on their activities? A [press release](#) from the National Council of Nonprofits explains what could be at stake.

### Another Meeting? That's ... Awesome!

Chances are, no one wants meetings to be a chore, a bore, or a waste of time. Sometimes, that just happens. But fixing it doesn't just happen — leaders must intentionally design their meetings to offer a quality experience for each participant. That's according to Paul Axtell at [Harvard Business Review](#). What is a high-quality experience? For a lot of people Axtell interviewed, it means that they had a chance to contribute and feel productive as part of the team. Sounds great ... but how do you get there? Axtell gives practical tips to help you make your next meeting meaningful, not miserable.

### MetLife GC to Outside Firms: What Is Your Diversity Plan?

It's well known that one of the best ways to make sure something gets done is to put a deadline on it. That's the idea behind a summit to be held next week by Ricardo Anzaldúa, general counsel for MetLife. He plans to tell lawyers from all over, including those from up to 75 outside firms, that if they don't create a formal plan by June 2018 to retain and promote their diverse talent — and make any necessary revisions by December 2018 — they will no longer be working with the insurance giant. Why is Anzaldúa focusing on retention and promotion rather than recruitment, and what drove him to this point? [Bloomberg Law](#) has more details on the ultimatum and on MetLife's own diversity plan.

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