

Survival Tips for New Law School Grads

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New Law Grads, Technology Is Your Friend

When you Google “law school grads,” chances are, the results are ... not ... good. Yes, writes Jeff Bennion at [Above the Law](#), by now, many people have heard all about the less-than-ideal career prospects that new JDs face. But regardless of what those search results and news headlines say, their future is not so “bleak,” Bennion believes — if those new law grads embrace technology rather than balking at it like some of their older counterparts do. What technologies does Bennion, who is about a decade out of law school himself, think can especially help new lawyers un-bleak their futures today?

New York City Bar to Launch Summer Diversity, Inclusion Program for Associates

This summer, the New York City Bar Association is trying a different approach to help stem the distressingly high attrition rate among lawyers of color, women lawyers, LGBT lawyers, and/or those who are diverse in other ways, by bringing together 50 midlevel associates from many firms and many backgrounds and aspects of diversity for a five-week series of career-related programs. The Associate Leadership Institute is sponsored by 28 law firms but will take place at bar headquarters so that no one’s boss will be present. [Bloomberg Law’s Big Law Business](#) takes a closer look at the new program, including how it was developed and what specific topics it will cover.

Insurance Giant, Disability Rights Group Team up to Start Pro Bono Program

Navigating the Medicaid appeals process can be a daunting challenge for anyone. Now, Ohioans with disabilities, and their loved ones, have someone on their side, thanks to Columbus-based insurance firm Nationwide and an organization called Disability Rights Ohio. The pilot effort, which began last month, pairs volunteer lawyers and paralegals from Nationwide with clients who need Medicaid-related legal help. How many cases will the pilot program handle, and what percentage of appeals are successful when the individual has legal representation? Find out more at [Disability Scoop](#).

2017 ABA Day Storify Story Captures Excitement, Urgency

Perhaps naturally enough, given the possible elimination of the Legal Services Corporation and other closely watched current events, the 2017 ABA Day in Washington seemed to inspire even more enthusiasm among bar leaders than it has in the past. Bar leaders, others stakeholders, and members of Congress from all along the political spectrum met late last month to discuss issues of pressing concern. One of the best ways to get a sense of who met with whom — and the kind of energy and excitement that was involved — is via this [ABA Day Storify story](#).

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