

4 Steps to Bring Back a Lapsed Member

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Come back ... Please! What to Do about Lapsed Members

Those of you at voluntary bars, what happens when members lapse? Do they continue to receive free stuff (which you may not even realize)? Do you pick up the phone right away and beg them to come back? Do you just let your lapsed members go ... and never ask why they left? At [Associations Now](#), Tim Ebner offers some proven tips on how best to learn from your lapsed members and – after giving them some space, and some time to start missing you – how to re-engage them and make sure they never leave again.

Texas Access to Justice Foundation Launches Endowment for Veterans

Joe Jamail was something of a legend – and mentor – among trial lawyers in Texas. But before he became a lawyer, he was a Marine ... which is why it made sense to honor his memory via a Texas Access to Justice Foundation endowment specifically to support legal services for veterans. At [Texasbar.com](#), Eric Quitugua shares more details about the new Joe Jamail Endowment for Veteran Legal Services and the people it's expected to help.

ABA President Linda Klein Expresses Concern with Border Searches of Lawyers' Devices

If you've been following the news, you know that some travelers entering the United States recently have had the content of their electronic devices reviewed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. But unless there's reasonable suspicion or a warrant, should lawyers' laptops, phones, and other such devices be subject to this kind of search? Earlier this month, ABA President Linda Klein sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security to express the ABA's concerns. A news item on the [ABA website](#) summarizes what those concerns are and contains a link to the letter itself.

Kicking the Habit: How to Help Your Board Stop Micromanaging

Many nonprofit boards have a propensity toward micromanagement. In fact, at his [Nonprofit Management blog](#), Dr. Eugene H. Fram says this can rise to the level of an addiction. Often, he writes, this habit begins during an organization's start-up phase, when board members and leaders naturally take on staff duties because there is little to no staff. The problem, though, is that micromanagement often persists even once the organization has been operating for a number of years and has a full staff in place. If board members at your bar association or foundation are obsessing over things like table arrangements and invitations, you'll want to read Dr. Fram's practical tips for how to initiate a dramatic shift in focus.

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