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Indiana University's Bill Henderson: Legal Profession Struggles at Critical 'Last Mile'

Let's think back to the early '90s, when the internet was used mainly by academics, government workers, and the like. As demand grew, old-fashioned copper phone lines couldn't handle all that data, which meant there was a barrier in the "last mile" – the final, small space between the information and the people who needed it. Now, writes Indiana University law professor William Henderson, the legal profession is struggling with its own last mile problem, as there are plenty of legal service providers and plenty of potential clients – and yet? At [law.com](#), Henderson explains what's getting in the way and what steps the profession may need to take in order to solve its connectivity problems.

Lawyers, Do You Feel Out of Control? It Could Be Because You Are

When lawyers are surveyed about what keeps them up at night, the top response is pretty consistently a feeling that their office or their cases are out of control. And the really scary thing is, that's not such an unrealistic fear. In fact, writes Dustin Cole at [Attorney at Work](#), some of the most common lawyer personality traits, such as perfectionism and a distaste toward delegating, lead to chronic understaffing and lack of management tools – and then everything really does get off track. What four bad habits does Cole say lead to this worrisome situation, and how can a lawyer begin to "get a grip?"

Oklahoma Lawmakers Barely Avert Major Change to Legal System

Just in the nick of time – on the second to last day of the 2017 Oklahoma legislative session – lawmakers there sent a bill to Gov. Mary Fallin to restore the "American Rule," which had quietly been eliminated via an amendment in a recently passed bill. The American Rule is the idea that each party in civil litigation bears its own costs; in April, an amendment to HB 1470 removed that rule and would have established a "losers pay" system instead. Most U.S. jurisdictions have small exceptions to the American Rule, notes William W. Savage III at [NonDoc](#), but eliminating it entirely – and initially without much notice – is highly unusual. How did this amendment come to light, how did the Oklahoma Bar Association respond, and why did lawmakers decide restoring the rule was worth the last-minute scramble?

Run, Mike, Run! Florida Lawyer Completes 6 Marathons in 6 Days to Help Legal Aid

After a marathon, it's usual for runners to take at least a little time off to recuperate before heading to the next one. Not Mike Freed: On each of six days last week, the past president of the Jacksonville Bar Association ran 26.2 miles (marathon distance) from a different Florida courthouse, as a way to raise funds for Jackson Area Legal Aid. Freed only began running seriously in the past year, and his "Freed-to-Run" event began as a friendly competition with his wife, a human rights attorney with a fundraising passion of her own. How much money did Freed hope to raise, and what led him to make such a heroic effort on behalf of legal aid? [ABA Journal](#) has all the details.



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