More Staff Transitions
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Another Addition to the Retirement Club
There's another upcoming retirement to add to the recent wave, and this one will affect everyone reading this message (and everyone writing and editing it, too): After nearly 40 years at the ABA and 23 years as the director of the Division for Bar Services, Roseanne Lucianek is retiring, effective September 1, 2017. Read this Facebook post from the Division for Bar Services, and perhaps share your good wishes, too.

Tennessee Bar Association, The Florida Bar Name Their Next Executive Directors
Speaking of transition, both the Tennessee Bar Association and The Florida Bar have announced who their next executive directors will be. The TBA has selected Joycelyn Stevenson, a Nashville lawyer and a past president of both the Nashville Bar Association and the Lawyers' Association for Women ? Marion Griffin Chapter. Stevenson, who succeeds Executive Director Emeritus Allan Ramsaur, was the first African American woman as president of both of those bars and will be the first African American woman to lead the TBA as ED. At the Florida Bar, Joshua E. Doyle will succeed John "Jack" Harkness Jr. as ED after a six-month transition period that begins in July. Doyle is also a lawyer and has worked as a lobbyist, including as an outside legislative counsel to the bar; more recently, he has been a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its Tallahassee office. Learn more about Stevenson at TBA.org and about Doyle at floridabar.org.

[VIDEO] With Justice Gorsuch in Place, Pro-Union Abood Ruling Faces a New Challenge
The U.S. Supreme Court's 4-4 split in the Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association case didn't end the debate over whether public-sector unions can collect fees from nonmembers to cover the cost of collective bargaining. Now that Justice Neil Gorsuch has been sworn in, union opponents planned to bring a different case before the court last Tuesday: an appeal of a federal decision in Illinois involving state employee Mark Janus and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. All challenges to the 1977 ruling in Abood v. Detroit Board of Education have been closely watched by leaders at some unified bars; what implications could this new case have for unions, for similar professional organizations, and for other stakeholders? Watch or read to learn more from CBS News.

Jurisdictions Where More Than Half of Lawyers Don’t Work as Attorneys: Is Your State on the List?
It's no secret that, for a variety of reasons, a lot of people who earn JDs don't end up working as lawyers. But would it surprise you to know that there are nine U.S. jurisdictions (Puerto Rico, plus eight states) where that's true for at least half of all the lawyers? In fact, almost 70 percent of lawyers in Puerto Rico aren't employed as attorneys, and for two states, the percentage is at or near the mid-50s (for the other six jurisdictions, it's right around 50 percent). What states are on that list, and which states have the highest percentage of lawyers working in attorney jobs? At ABA Journal, Debra Cassens Weiss shares this information, plus a link to a blog post that has further analysis.