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Houston Bar Sues Fake Law Firm

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Houston Bar, Texas State Bar Strike Back Against Phony Estate Planning Firm

The Houston Bar Association and Houston Bar Foundation have filed a lawsuit against an apparently fake estate planning firm that was using their logos on its website—as well as head shots of real lawyers who have no affiliation with the phony firm. Last month, a trial lawyer in Houston was surprised to learn that his photo was on the website with an incorrect name and a false title as partner in the firm of Walsh & Padilla. How have the State Bar of Texas and the Supreme Court of Texas responded to the alleged scam aimed at the elderly? Find out more at [Texas Lawyer](#).

The In-Person Conference Isn't Dead: 5 Hot Trends for Meeting Planners

Despite technology that can help people connect any time and all the time, there's still something to be said for a good old-fashioned in-person meeting or conference. But if people actually get up and go somewhere, these days, they want an experience rather than just another hotel ballroom that could be anywhere. [Associations Now](#) identifies five trends affecting association meeting planners today. (Note: This is sponsored content from a Canadian conference bureau, so cities in Canada are identified as being especially in tune with these trends.)

ABA Launches Free Legal Checkup Service for Veterans

If you were at last year's Annual Meeting, you may have heard about a new, free service from the ABA called the Legal Checkup, aimed at helping consumers identify their legal needs (which research suggests many people fail to do, even if they have a problem that could be remedied with the help of a lawyer). The first such Checkup, one specifically for veterans, has just been launched. Check it out, and see what organizations have partnered with the ABA on this service, at [veteranslegalcheckup.com](#).

A Familiar Face Joins the Court TV Circuit

If you've ever heard Dana Tippen Cutler speak at an NCBP meeting or other bar-related event, you know just how dynamic a presence she is. Starting this fall, she—and her husband Keith—will be present in living rooms across America on a televised court show. What will be the focus of Couples Court with the Cutlers, what makes the show a "first," and where can you tune in? [Broadcasting & Cable's The Wire](#) can help you plan that viewing party.



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