Mandatory Malpractice Insurance in Washington?

Washington State Bar Association Mulls Mandatory Malpractice Insurance

The Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association is considering a move toward mandatory malpractice insurance?and they're making sure to bring members into the discussion. The board first took up the idea at its May 2017 meeting; the September issue of NWLawyer explains all the factors at play (including limited license legal technicians) and invites member input. Currently, 25 states (including Washington) require some form of mandatory disclosure, and only Oregon and Idaho have made the insurance itself mandatory. Will Washington join its two bordering states?

CLE and Chill? Researchers Look at Binge Watching, Learning

If Netflix and other such services have taught us one thing, it's that people love to sit down and consume a whole lot of content at one time. If you can "learn" a whole season's worth of plot twists and interconnected characters in one feverish sitting, could you also learn other things this way? Researchers from the Wharton School recently studied some data from online learning platform Coursera, comparing results when a course was delivered in weekly sessions versus when it was made available all at once. Did scores go up or down when people were able to binge learn?and what implications could that have for your online CLE? Read more (or listen to the podcast) at Knowledge@Wharton.

Disaster Preparedness at Work: Learn from HR Professionals Who Have Been There

As Texas and Louisiana were recovering from Hurricane Harvey and Florida was bracing for Hurricane Irma, a very timely discussion was occurring on Facebook, where a group of human resources professionals?including many in disaster-prone areas?were sharing their tips on how to make sure the workforce is prepared for natural disaster. Robin Schooling, an HR vice president from Baton Rouge, was part of that discussion. At Fast Company, she organizes some of those ideas into a checklist, and adds her own insights. Are there items on her list that you haven't thought of yet?

Trouble Ahead for a Small State Where Business Is Big?

For many years, the tiny state of Delaware has been home to a disproportionate number of corporations. Because of some recent changes, however, those companies just might load up the wagon trains and head west?to South Dakota, which now ranks as No. 1 in a Harris Poll regarding states with the most business-friendly legal climate. In this year's survey for the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Legal Reform, Delaware, which had been No. 1 for the past decade, slipped to No. 11. What one legislative change helps explain this drop? and how likely is it that some corporations will pull up stakes? ABA Journal has more details.
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