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Challenge to Wisconsin's Unified Bar Structure

State Bar of Wisconsin BOG Opposes Hybrid Dues

At its first meeting of the fiscal year, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin voted to oppose a petition to establish a "hybrid" dues system in which some bar functions are paid for by mandatory dues and others by voluntary dues. The petition, currently pending before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, came from a familiar source: a longtime opponent of the unified bar structure who happens to also be a past president. How would the proposed two-budget model work, why does the board oppose the petition, and is it likely to gain traction? Find out more at wisbar.org.

State Bar of Montana Names John Mudd as its Next Executive Director

The State Bar of Montana recently announced that John Mudd, a lawyer who has long served on the bar's Professionalism Committee, will be its next executive director, effective January 2, 2018. Mudd, currently the director of development and alumni relations at the University of Montana's law school, will succeed Chris Manos, who is retiring. What is Mudd's professional background, and could this new role help further the relationship between the bar and the state's only law school? A [bar news release](#) shares more details.

Reminder: Free ABA Resource Can Help Your Bar with Disaster Planning

It's not a new resource, but one that's especially timely in this season of powerful hurricanes: a customizable business continuity plan template from the ABA Special Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness. Prepared by the University of Maryland Center for Health & Homeland Security, "Surviving a Disaster: Guide to Disaster Planning for Bar Associations" covers the full scope of business continuity planning and offers helpful tips on how to tailor it to your bar's needs. [Download your copy](#) today.

Reinvigorating Civics Education: An Idea Whose Time Has Come (Again)?

The topic of civics education seems to ebb and flow over the years; a new research paper from Tufts University suggests it's time for a renewed focus, as young people are losing faith in democracy and Americans of all ages struggle to discern reliable information from "fake news." The paper was presented at a recent summit aimed at reinvigorating civics education for grades K-12 by investing \$100 million to reach 10 million students by 2021. Read more about this effort?and the researchers' six tips for adding civics to an already crowded curriculum?at [NPR ED](#).



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