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Fake Bar Associations in KY

Louisville Lawyer Accused of Setting up Sham Bar Associations

What do you call a bar association that has no members, no officers, no meetings, and no address in the county it supposedly serves? Many lawyers and bar leaders in Kentucky are calling it deception. A lawyer based in Louisville established the "Shelby County Bar Association" but runs it as a lawyer referral business venture out of his law office, which is not in Shelby County. He has registered similar assumed names for "bar associations" that supposedly serve three other counties. The [Louisville Courier Journal](#) shares some thoughts from leaders of actual bar associations in Kentucky, and a video in which a reporter visits the law office/fake bar office.

Are the Legal Profession and Organized Bar Prepared for an Increase in Lawyers with Dementia?

By 2025, the number of Alzheimer's sufferers age 65 and older is estimated to reach 7.1 million, and it's likely that many of them will be practicing law during the years when their symptoms first appear and gradually become more pronounced. The size of the baby boom generation and the decline in mandatory retirement policies mean that the legal profession will soon have to confront the issue of age-related dementia (both Alzheimer's and other forms) more effectively than it has in the past, [The American Lawyer](#) says. What contributes to the shame that prevents many impaired lawyers from disclosing their illness? And do differences in lawyers' brains mean that many can safely keep working during the early stages? Learn more in this sobering and thought-provoking article.

Abod Challenge Back in the U.S. Supreme Court: What Could it Mean for Bars?

It's the same issue as two years ago but a very different U.S. Supreme Court: Justice Neil Gorsuch is expected to break a tie in a case involving whether public-sector workers can refuse to pay union fees. The case, which originated in Illinois, is a challenge to the 1977 Abod ruling and has been watched closely by many bar associations, as it involves the use of mandatory fees by an organization that represents a profession or type of professions. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg specifically asked whether the opponents of mandatory union fees would also challenge things like mandatory bar dues, what answer did she receive? Find out at [BloombergPolitics](#).

New Study: Only 23% of Recent JDs Strongly Agree that Degree Was Worth the Cost

In a previous issue of Bar Leader Weekly, we highlighted a study of people with postgraduate degrees in any discipline, earned between 1941 and 2017, in which many with JDs were fairly positive toward the value of that degree. Perhaps not surprisingly, a new Gallup study with a narrower time period, 2000 to 2015, paints a less rosy picture. In the broader study, 48 percent of JD holders said they strongly agreed that their degree was worth the cost, but in the new study of more recent JDs, only 23 percent gave that response, and only 20 percent strongly agreed that their law school education prepared them for life outside of school. For both questions, those with JDs had the smallest

percentage of "strongly agree" responses for any postgraduate discipline in the study; the difference was especially pronounced in terms of the question of cost. [ABA Journal](#) has all of the percentages, and a link to the study itself.



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