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Subpoenas for Lawyers Under Investigation?

Texas Amends Disciplinary Rules to Allow Subpoenas for Lawyers Under Investigation

Should attorney disciplinary counsel be able to subpoena lawyers who are under investigation? The Texas Supreme Court recently changed the state's disciplinary procedural rules to allow this, and also created new guidelines for imposing sanctions. The changes were first called for last year when the Texas Legislature passed the sunset review bill pertaining to the State Bar of Texas. The court is seeking public comment until April 30; the revised procedural rules are scheduled to take effect for any grievance filed on or after June 1. [Texas Lawyer](#) has more details about these changes and what the bar's Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel has to say about them.

Duty of Technology Competence Gains Steam, Is Adopted by One More State

If you've been keeping track of how many states have adopted the ABA-recommended duty of technology competence for lawyers, here's one that you might have missed: Missouri, which brings the current number of states to 29. In amending one of the state's Rules of Professional Conduct, the Missouri Supreme Court used the same wording as in the ABA's Model Rules, indicating that lawyers must stay abreast of "the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology." Learn more at [LawSites](#), where Robert Ambrogi also includes a link to the full list of states that have adopted the duty of technology competence.

When it Comes to Telecommuting, Policy Lags Behind Reality

In 10 years, writes Suzanne Lucas at [Inc.](#), one-third of employees will be working from home but that doesn't mean you should wait another decade before establishing a telecommuting policy. But many employers do seem to be waiting: According to a new report from a freelancing website, nearly two-thirds of companies now have some remote workers, but fewer than half have a policy in place. How can you get ready now for the coming boom in remote work? Lucas helps you get started, with practical tips on five areas that could form the backbone of your new policy.

Palm Beach County Law Firm Tests Limits of Limited Representation

When it comes to limited representation for pro se litigants, just how limited is "limited?" That's a matter of considerable debate in Florida, where one law firm in Palm Beach County is getting pushback from judges and lawyers over "ghostwritten" pleadings. Ice Legal founder Thomas Ice says that his firm's work for pro se clients is well within The Florida Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct and that many people simply don't know what is allowed. On the other hand, pro se litigants often receive leniency from judges because they're going it alone—is that fair, if a litigant has worked with a lawyer behind the scenes? [Daily Business Review](#) takes a closer look at both sides of the controversy.



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