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Legal Tech for a Change

New Partnership Between ABA, LSC Connects Legal Aid with Free Legal Tech

A partnership between the ABA Center for Innovation and the Legal Services Corp., to connect legal aid providers with free legal technology, formally launched on April 30 and is accepting applications from both legal aid providers and legal tech companies. The project, called Legal Tech for a Change, was successfully piloted last year with six legal aid providers across the country. The project's current legal tech partners are MetaJure and Ross Intelligence. Learn more about the project ? including how the idea first arose, and how the ABA center defines its role ? at [ABA Journal](#).

Amazon Legal Services? Food for Thought, Ed Walters Says

"If Amazon ran a law firm, what would it look like?" Ed Walters, CEO of Fastcase, begins a post at [Medium](#) with this attention-grabbing question. He even includes a logo and a banner to help readers visualize how Amazon could package and promote these services. But relax: It's all hypothetical (for now). Even if such a thing never happens, Walters writes, the legal profession could learn a great deal by considering how Amazon might approach legal services. Walters believes that, as it has with other types of products and services, Amazon would be data driven; would automate many typical law firm processes; would be transparent in its pricing; and, in general, would aim to make the transaction "frictionless" for the consumer. What could forward-thinking lawyers and law firms take away from Walters' imagined scenario?

Employment Data for 2017 JD Class Is in, Bears Careful Reading

The ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar recently released the employment data reported by ABA-accredited law schools for the 2017 JD class, and at first, it seems like good news. According to the aggregated data, by about 10 months after graduation, 75.3 percent of the 204 ABA-accredited law schools were employed in full-time, long-term Bar Passage Required or J.D. Advantage jobs. Last year, that percentage was 72.6 percent. But there's a catch. What is it ? and did the actual number of those jobs increase or decrease this year? Find out via [an ABA news release](#).

State Bar of Texas Launches Online Knowledge Center

Many bar associations offer a wealth of information and resources, especially when you factor in the additional tools provided by their vendors ? but it can be difficult for members to find them. Recently, the State Bar of Texas launched a new online Knowledge Center, with the aim of corralling in one location the latest vendor-sponsored whitepapers, case studies, trial reports, and relevant news and information. Visit [the Knowledge Center](#) to see what resources are currently available, and from which vendors.



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