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[New ED at the South Carolina Bar](#)

## South Carolina Bar ED David M. Ross Starts Today

The South Carolina Bar has named David M. Ross as its new executive director, succeeding Bob Wells, who has retired after 33 years. Ross is a longtime lawyer and member of the bar whose most recent professional role was as executive director of the SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination, a state agency. Ross's first day was scheduled for May 15; learn more about Ross and his background via [a news item on the bar's website](#).

## North Carolina May Become Second State to Mandate Tech Training for Lawyers

Last month, North Carolina took a major step toward becoming the second state to mandate technology training for lawyers, says Robert Ambrogi at his [LawSites](#) blog. The North Carolina State Bar Council approved a proposed amendment that would mandate that one hour of the annual 12 hours of required CLE be focused on technology training. If the state Supreme Court approves, North Carolina will join Florida in mandating technology training for lawyers. How does the proposed amendment define "technology training?"

## West Virginia State Bar, WVU Launch Rural Practice Scholarship

Two promising students in West Virginia have received a full scholarship to law school at West Virginia University, in exchange for their commitment to practice in one of the state's rural counties for at least three years. Nathan Bennett and Sarah Petitto are the first-ever recipients of the Rural Practice Scholarship, established by the West Virginia State Bar through the WVU Foundation. The [Dominion Post](#) has more details about the new scholarship and its first two recipients.

## Has the U.S. Lawyer Population Increased over the Past Decade?

It likely wouldn't surprise many people to learn that the number of lawyers in the United States has changed by about 15 percent over the past decade?but the direction of the change might be a different story. The recently released annual ABA National Lawyer Population Survey shows that the total number of U.S. lawyers as of Dec. 31, 2017, was 1,338,678, up from 1,162,124 at the end of 2007. However, changes in state bar and licensing agency reporting standards might account for much of the increase. [ABA Journal](#) takes a closer look at the data.



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