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[More Bars Move Toward Free CLE](#)

[New York City, Nassau County Bars Continue Trend Toward Free CLE](#)

It used to be that CLE was a reliable source of nondues revenue for bar associations. With the explosion of affordable or free CLE from other sources, many bars are now thinking differently about how CLE can drive new membership and member engagement?by making all or some of their CLE free to all or some members (and easier for other members to purchase). Recently, both the New York City Bar and the Nassau County (N.Y.) Bar Association announced plans to use free CLE as a way to entice lawyers to join or to become more involved. [New York Law Journal](#) shares more details, and also gives a preview of another approach that the New York State Bar Association will launch this fall.

[Los Angeles County Bar Association Launches Podcast for Law Students](#)

What is it really like to practice law? And what are some of the important first steps that a new lawyer should take? Many law students are keenly interested in those questions?and many younger people in general are big fans of podcasts. In order to meet law students where they are and give them the guidance and connection they need, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and its Barristers Section recently debuted a new podcast called "ADMITTED." Each month, a diverse group of LACBA members will share their tips and experiences. Where is the podcast available, and what does the June 1 pilot episode cover? Find out via [a press release from LACBA](#).

[Illinois ARDC Calls for Loosening For-Profit Referral Rules, Takes Profession to Task](#)

"Despite the fact that some bar associations have adopted flat-fee referral service approaches similar to Avvo Legal Services, many states either have prohibited their lawyers from participating in for-profit services like Avvo Legal Services, or have not proposed any modifications to their rules." That statement appears in a recent report from the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, which recommended loosening the state's rules on lawyer participation in for-profit referral services. By making this statement, writes Robert Ambrogi at [LawSites](#), the Illinois ARDC may be suggesting "hypocrisy" in decisions made by other states' regulatory bodies?and throughout the report, it is critical of the legal profession's resistance to change. What else does the ARDC have to say, and when is the deadline for public comments?

[Past ABA President Hubbard: Organized Bar Must Defend Independent Judiciary](#)

Attacks on the judiciary are increasing lately, writes a past president of the American Bar Association, even as public knowledge regarding the importance of the judicial branch continues to decline. In an article at [ABA Journal](#), William C. Hubbard?currently chair of the board of the World Justice Project?calls on the organized bar to "directly and forcefully address these attacks and defend the judiciary." Learn more about the historical roots of the independent judiciary, what some U.S. Supreme Court justices have said about its ongoing importance, and why Hubbard believes the organized bar has a duty to take

action.



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