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[Can the Legal Profession Adapt to the Changing Market?](#)

When the Game Keeps Changing, Are Small Regulatory Moves Enough?

In the face of unprecedented changes in the legal services market, are bar associations? including the ABA? adapting their rules and regulations enough to help lawyers stay in the game? Not if you ask Bob Glaves, executive director of the Chicago Bar Foundation: While he praises some recent revisions, he believes that what's really needed is a major regulatory overhaul rather than smaller moves that amount to "[I]ipstick on a pig, as the saying goes." The rules pertaining to advertising and other communication (even with the recent ABA revisions) are too confusing, he writes, and the Rules of Professional Conduct that prohibit lawyers from sharing fees, ownership, or profits with anyone who is not a lawyer in their own firm present a serious hindrance. What major changes would Glaves like to see? Find out via a thought-provoking [CBF blog post](#).

This Year's Uptick in Law School Applicants, Enrollees: Good News?

This year's law school applicant pool was up 8 percent from last year's, and now some schools are reporting double-digit percentage increases in first-year enrollees, meaning some will have record class sizes. But is this unalloyed good news? At [Above the Law](#), Staci Zaretsky points out that the recent upturn in employment outcomes for recent law grads has largely been due to smaller class sizes and that "[m]ore graduates and fewer jobs is a recipe for disaster." What indicators might show that the recent law student boom is not all it's cracked up to be?

Law Day 2019 to Focus on Importance of Free Speech, Free Press

The ABA Division for Public Education has announced its theme for Law Day 2019: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. The theme for this year's event? always on May 1, though some extend it into the rest of the week or month? allows participants to explore such questions as: "Should all speech be 'free?' What is the role of government in regulating or protecting the press? Should speech or the press be constrained through laws or norms? Can a free society exist without free speech and free press?" Learn more? and watch a special address from ABA President Bob Carlson? at the ABA's [Law Day 2019](#) page.

Open Letter Offers Some Thorny Considerations for Prospective Law Students

Some BigLaw starting salaries are climbing as high as \$190,000 per year. But given volatility in the marketplace and the fact that there's no guarantee of landing a job with that kind of salary? and that student loans may total \$200,000? is law school a good choice? The answer, according to legal trend experts Nicole Black and Heather Morse: "It depends." Black and Morse want prospective law students to think long and hard about their motivations for going to law school, how they'll manage their debt, and how they'll stay abreast of changes in the marketplace (even if their law school is focused on the status quo). The two share more specific advice in a frank, open letter at [ABA Journal](#).



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