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Licensed Paralegal Practitioners ? Coming Soon to Utah

Utah Supreme Court Expected to Move Forward with Plan for Licensed Paralegal Practitioners

Next month, the Utah Supreme Court is expected to approve and enact final rules for licensed paralegal practitioners, a new category of legal professionals who will provide legal advice and assistance in certain areas of law without lawyer supervision. Utah will then be the second state, after Washington, to build a system in which paralegals can independently provide legal assistance to underserved clients in some areas of law. [2civility.org](#) has more details about how LPPs will be trained, the scope of their work, and how this idea relates to Washington's similar limited license legal technician program.

What's Next for LegalZoom, and How Soon?: A Candid Q&A

Where is LegalZoom focusing its attention and resources, now that it has settled with the North Carolina State Bar and isn't currently facing any other challenges regarding unauthorized practice of law? In a Q&A at [Corporate Counsel](#), LegalZoom's general counsel, Chas Rampenthal, shares the company's plans for international expansion, how it intends to use blockchain technology, and when its "smart legal contracts" product might hit the marketplace. What does Rampenthal say about how some lawyers and some bars view LegalZoom?

Two Case Studies in Diversity and Inclusion Offer Practical Tips for Organizations and Their Boards

One organization believed it was exempt from diversity and inclusion efforts because it dealt with technology, making it "colorblind." Another had a diversity and inclusion statement, but it was just that? a statement. So, how did the Online News Association and the Maryland Psychological Association, respectively, become role models when it comes to diversity and inclusion on the board and throughout the organization? In short, writes Mark Athitakis at [Associations Now](#), it took being honest about the status quo, reaching beyond the usual pool of potential new leaders, and never becoming complacent or thinking the work was finished. Find out what specific steps each organization took, and how each continues to move forward.

New Disaster Legal Services Hotline for Florida Victims of Hurricane Michael

Victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida can receive legal assistance by calling a new hotline established by a partnership among the Disaster Legal Services Program of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, The Florida Bar, and legal aid agencies throughout the state. As with many other disasters, the legal issues that hurricane victims may face include landlord/tenant problems, insurance claims, FEMA claims, and consumer issues such as contractor fraud. An [ABA news item](#) gives the number to call, the hours of operation, and what information callers should be ready to provide.



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