Cleveland Metro Bar, Four Minority Bars Enter Agreement to Share Space, Other Resources

In an effort to diversify the legal profession in Northeast Ohio, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and four local minority bars signed a memorandum of understanding earlier this month to formalize several initiatives that had been under discussion for some time. The four minority bars are: the Asian American Bar Association of Ohio, the Norman S. Minor Bar Association (whose members are predominantly African American), the Ohio Hispanic Bar Association, and the South Asian American Bar Association of Ohio. The five bars will share access to each other’s membership bases to cross-promote events, and the CMBA will provide the other four bars with storage space, access during normal business hours, and a regular mailing address instead of their current P.O. boxes. Learn more about this initiative and about recent membership trends for the bars, and diversity statistics in Northeast Ohio at Crain’s Cleveland Business.

Too Attached to Your Phone? Here's How to Give Yourself Some Space

It's no secret that we love our smartphones. But as in any relationship, sometimes, time apart can be healthy. Did you know that the average American spends three and a half to five hours each day on their phone? with mobile app use accounting for 92 percent of that time? Recently, ABA columnist and legal writer Jason Tashea reduced his phone use by 80 percent. How? The first step, he writes at ABA Journal, was to get his baseline (yes, by using an app to track how much time he was spending). From there, most of his success was in culling the number of apps on his phone and turning off notifications for everything except text, phone calls, and work email. What else worked, and didn’t work? and how have these changes helped Tashea decrease some anxiety and regain some free time?

App Helps Co-Parents Resolve Custody Disputes, Stay out of Court

For parents who are divorced, separated, or were never married to the other parent, a custody dispute often means a trip to court—which can be expensive and stressful, including for the child. A new app called coParenter uses artificial intelligence to help parents resolve custody disputes outside of court and better plan and manage their co-parenting. Available features include coordinated calendars, a location-based "check in" for handling transfers of the child, and easy access to legal documents. The AI technology is designed to predict and help prevent conflict, using language filters and context clues. If conflict does arise, there's an on-demand mediation service with a live co-parenting professional. How many disputes has the app helped resolve? and what if only one parent wants to use it? Learn more at Yahoo! Lifestyle.

9 Crisis Communications Practices That Can Help After a Data Breach

Data breaches are in the news more and more lately, and they can cause significant damage to an organization’s reputation. Often, writes William Comcowich, interim CEO at Glean.info (a cybersecurity company), when someone’s information is compromised, they
blame the organization almost as much as they blame the hacker or bot. After all, aren't organizations supposed to protect their members and customers? From preparation to communication, at ragan.com, Comcowich shares nine steps to prevent a data breach from becoming a PR crisis as well.

**Early Registration for 2019 ABA Bar Leadership Institute Ends January 30**

You've probably heard about the 2019 ABA Bar Leadership Institute, the premier event for presidents-elect and other incoming bar officers, to be held March 13-15 in Chicago. But did you know the early registration period ends very soon? If you're seeing this on January 29, make sure to register?the early discount expires on **February 1**. Don't miss out?register now! Questions? Email BLI Registrar Katie Binhack, or call her at (312) 988-5349.