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## **What's Happening in Legal Regulation**

### **A Look at the Most Recent Efforts to Study New Regulatory Models, Access to Justice**

At the 2020 ABA Midyear Meeting next month, the association's House of Delegates will consider a resolution by the ABA Center for Innovation proposing that more states consider new regulatory models to increase access to justice. You've probably heard of at least one or two states where working groups, task forces, and other such bodies are studying or have made similar recommendations, including that the door should be open for nonlawyer ownership of law firms. [Law.com](#) shares news along these lines, from groups in four states and the ABA center.

### **5 Questions to Help Your Board Focus on Sustainability, Not Just Financial Oversight**

In the years before and after the 2008 recession, there's been a lot of discussion regarding the need for nonprofit boards to exercise financial oversight. But that's not the same as sustainability, writes Jeanne Bell, co-author of books on this subject and director of Nonprofit Quarterly's Advancing Practice program. Often, she explains, boards take a "siloed" approach in which they rigorously examine financial statements, but without also fully considering the organization's programming, its sources of revenue, and how all of those factors interrelate. At [Nonprofit Quarterly](#), Bell lists five questions to help your board members become better stewards of the bar and its sustainability.

### **ABA Book Offers 'Modern' Alternative to Robert's Rules**

*Robert's Rules of Order* is an important backbone for many meetings. But does its fairly rigid focus on procedure sometimes impede productive discussion and nimbleness? A new book from ABA Publishing, the fifth edition of *The Modern Rules of Order*, aims to promote decorum and fairness while keeping the focus more on the substance of the meeting than on procedure. In a podcast at [ABA Journal](#), author and lawyer Donald Tortorice shares some tips on how to create an effective agenda and run an efficient meeting.

### **Women Are Powerful Mentors to Each Other, and to Men**

What often happens in a women's professional mentoring group? Personal stories (including those that involve vulnerability) are shared. Commonalities are found. Problems are solved. Powerful stuff, according to [Fast Company](#)? and it's in keeping with a recent study that suggests that while men benefit most from building broad networks, women do best when they have both a broad network and a smaller "inner network" of women. [Harvard Business Review](#) shares another perspective on men, women and mentoring: While it is important for men to be allies and sponsors to women, speaker, author and executive business coach Rania H. Anderson writes, women can also be valuable mentors for men. Why is it important to challenge gendered ideas about mentoring?

### **January-February 2020 Bar Leader: How Are Bars Adapting to a Profession with Fewer Borders?**

Increasingly, market forces and a focus on providing efficient access to justice are creating a legal profession where state borders aren't quite as firm as they used to be. The [January](#)

2020 issue of *Bar Leader* looks at how some bars and other groups are reckoning with these changes.



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