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## **Florida Chief Justice Apologizes for Failure to Conduct Rescheduled July 2020 Bar Exam**

Many bar applicants in Florida have not been mincing words regarding the bar exam that was initially scheduled for July 2020, the way officials there have handled decisions about rescheduling and reformatting it, and the technical issues that put a halt to the August online exam. Last week, in a video posted online, Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady apologized for the multiple postponements and other hurdles. "We acknowledge and accept the criticism that has been directed at the Court and the Board of Bar Examiners," Canady said in the video. "Our inability to offer the bar examination in August was a failure. We apologize for that failure." What announcement did Canady make regarding applicants who are now awaiting a bar exam date in October 2020? Find out at [Tallahassee.com](http://Tallahassee.com).

## **State Bar of Nevada Recognized by ASAE for Its Research on Justice Gap**

When the State Bar of Nevada began, in 2016, to study the legal access challenges faced by people with low incomes, the bar encountered a challenge of its own: conducting a survey whose respondents were difficult to reach because of transitional housing, a lack of landlines, and other factors. So, a team of law students and other volunteers from legal aid and from the bar met with people in person, in such locations as dollar stores, Laundromats, and rodeos. This research, and the policy solutions it has helped to bring about, led to the State Bar of Nevada being identified by Associations Now as one of its "100 Associations That Will Save the World" and included in the ASAE Research Foundation's "Impact Every Day" Initiative. A [profile at Associations Now](#) shares more details about the bar's research and how it has helped increase access to justice.

## **How to Create Change? Bring Together the 'Cautious' and the 'Zealous' to Make Decisions**

Many within the legal profession agree that change and innovation are inevitable, and even desirable, writes Ivy B. Grey, vice president of strategy and business development at editing software firm WordRake. But if so many people fundamentally agree, then why does so little actually get done? One problem, Grey believes, is that there's a big gap between the "cautious," who want to review exhaustive study data before any decision, and the "zealous," who want to leap now and ask questions later. In a post at [WordRake's blog](#), Grey (herself a former practicing attorney) explains how a decision-making framework called "strong opinions, weakly held" can help the two factions compromise and move forward together.

## **Houston County (Ga.) Bar Association Uses Funds from Canceled Meeting to Pay Students' Lunch Debt**

When the COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Houston County (Ga.) Bar Association to cancel a meeting scheduled for September, the organization found itself with some surplus funds, so it donated \$1,500 to pay off all the school lunch debt of more than 200 students in 19 local schools. In Houston County, if parents accumulate lunch fees and don't pay

them off before the end of the school year, at the start of the next school year, their children will receive a sandwich each day rather than the standard hot lunch. In a news story at [wgxa.tv](http://wgxa.tv), HCBA President LaToya Bell explains why the bar decided to help in this way.



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