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What does the legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died on September 18, mean to some prominent women lawyers? In [a video](#) on the ABA website, the organization's 10 women presidents (including current ABA President Trish Refo) honor Ginsburg's memory and share their reflections on her lifetime of service.

## **Bar Exam News: Diploma Privilege Narrowly Approved in D.C., In-Person Exam Held in Texas Hotels, and California Working Group Hears Suggestion of Supervised Practice**

In a 4-3 decision last week, the D.C. Court of Appeals opted to make the District of Columbia the fifth U.S. jurisdiction offering diploma privilege to certain bar applicants whose exam plans were affected by COVID-19. [Bloomberg Law](#) has more information about the order and its provisions. Earlier this month, in four cities throughout Texas, an in-person bar exam was held in which each test taker was in a private hotel room, with proctors walking the halls. What did some who took the hotel-based exam say about their experience? Find out at [ABA Journal](#). In other bar exam news, last week, the principal attorney to the chief justice of the California Supreme Court suggested a two-year supervised practice program for those who would have passed with the state's recently lowered cut score. [ABA Journal](#) has more details about this idea and about the working group that is now looking into provisional licensure.

## **7 Strategies for Group Decisions Without Groupthink**

Got a tough problem to solve? Chances are, one of your first thoughts is to put together a team and get them thinking and talking?but sometimes, the results aren't quite what you'd hoped. What if individual biases, a reliance on hierarchy, and a tendency to squash dissent all lead to conformist groupthink rather than great ideas? At [Harvard Business Review](#), behavioral science experts Torben Emmerling and Duncan Rooders outline seven strategies that can help keep a group working well and making decisions effectively.

## **Mentoring During the Pandemic: What Can Help Keep the Connection Strong?**

Just like other relationships, says networking expert Megan Burke Roudebush, those between mentors and mentees may require special?and different?tending during the pandemic. At a time when everything seems formless and emotional connection is challenged by distance and technology, how can this relationship stay vital? At [Fast Company](#), Roudebush gives some tips on how to reset expectations and adapt to current conditions so that mentoring continues to have meaning.

## **September-October 2020 Bar Leader: Bars Address Racial Inequity**

In the months since the shooting of George Floyd in Minneapolis, many bars have taken significant actions to address racial inequity in their communities. [The September-October](#)

2020 issue of *Bar Leader* looks at some of the work that has been done and at how it can be sustained going forward. Also, in a first-ever video for *Bar Leader*, a panel of current, past, and incoming bar leaders share their thoughts on what it means to be a bar president during COVID-19.



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