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A Spike in Law School Applications

'RBG' or Something Else?: How to Explain a Dramatic Increase in Law School Applications

The total number of law school applicants is up 32 percent compared with this time last year, and the total number of applications submitted is up by almost 57 percent. Is this an "RBG moment," meaning that the death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg inspired many people to go to law school? Is it because of other political and cultural factors today? Or is this phenomenon more attributable to the LSAT going digital because of COVID-19? At [Above the Law](#), Senior Editor Staci Zaretsky gathers several explanations from a variety of experts.

Toward Better Meetings: 3 Facilitative Phrases You Can Use Even if You're Not the One in Charge

What does it mean to facilitate a discussion or meeting, and whose responsibility is it? While it is true that there may be a designated facilitator, writes consultant and frequent BLI presenter Jeffrey Cufaude, to facilitate really means to help things go better and more easily—and that's everyone's job. If you're not the one leading the meeting, how can you still be facilitative in your contributions? At [Association Chat](#), Cufaude, a frequent speaker at the [ABA Bar Leadership Institute](#), explains how three key phrases can help promote a discussion that is open, helpful, and inclusive.

New Fellowship Program in Utah Offers Full Tuition, Mentoring for Law Students with Hardships

A new fellowship program at Utah's two law schools will provide full-tuition scholarships for admittees who have significant hardships. The Achievement Fellowships Program, through Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School and the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, is funded by five law firms, with more firms expected to join as sponsors. In addition to the scholarship, awardees will also receive mentoring via participating law firms. [ABA Journal](#) has more details, including examples of what forms of hardship will be considered and the other qualifications the reviewing committee will seek.

Podcast from Co-Chairs of National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being Spotlights Leaders in Wellness

In a few short years, the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being has succeeded in calling more attention to the serious health and wellness concerns that are prevalent within the legal profession. Now its co-chairs, Bree Buchanan and Chris Newbold, have found a new platform: a podcast called the Path to Well-Being in Law. In six episodes thus far, starting in August 2020, the podcast has featured conversations with recognized wellness leaders from a variety of sectors, including: legal employers, judges, law schools, regulators, bar associations, state well-being task forces and commissions, professional liability carriers, and lawyer assistance programs. Learn more at [Texas Bar Blog](#).

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