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NYSBA Urges State to Drop the UBE

New York State Bar Association Task Force Recommendations: Drop the UBE, Develop New Bar Exam, Create Alternative Pathways to Admission

"The UBE places a premium on subject matter that new lawyers do not use," according to the chair of the New York State Bar Association Task Force on the New York Bar Exam. Earlier this month, the task force recommended that the state withdraw from the Uniform Bar Examination and develop its own bar admissions test and also that it create two alternative pathways to admission. One such pathway would be concentrated study of New York law while in law school; the other would be supervised practice in New York. How many jurisdictions currently administer the UBE, how long has it been in place in New York, and what specific issues did the task force cite? Find out via a [news item on the NYSBA website](#) and [in the task force report](#).

New Survey Reveals How Pandemic Law Students Felt About Remote Learning

In a recent survey about law students' experiences with online learning, 59 percent of participants said their schools had successfully responded to the challenges of the pandemic, but only 43 percent rated the quality of their education as "excellent" or "good." One factor seemed to be whether the students had also experienced law school before the pandemic: 64 percent of first-year students said their online education was excellent or good, compared with a combined 43 percent of 2L and 3L students. [ABA Journal](#) spotlights more findings from the survey by the AccessLex Institute and Gallup, including which online teaching methods seemed especially popular with law students.

Are You an Ally? How to Take a Step Toward More Active Allyship

It's one thing to say you're an ally, writes lawyer and speaker Ellie Krug, but it's another to show allyship—to take bold, specific steps to support people who are LGBTQ, people of color, people with disabilities, and others who are marginalized. Krug, who is transgender, experienced allyship in unexpected ways when she transitioned 12 years ago: Two partners at a major law firm in her town called to congratulate her and offer their help, and an older couple who were her clients declined switching lawyers and said that in court, she should appear as a woman because that was more comfortable for her. In both examples, the people expressing support took risks: The partners were at a conservative law firm, and the clients affirmed Krug's gender even though she was early in the cosmetic process of transition and still looked masculine in some ways. At [ABA Journal](#), Krug shares her experience and offers three powerful ways to express allyship.

Four Factors That Decrease Cybersecurity for Lawyers, and How to Fix Them

What makes lawyers (especially solos and those in small firms) perfect targets for data breaches? They underestimate the threat, they lack time to focus on security, they lack proper expertise, and they find it hard to ask for help. But all of these can be worked on, says legal technology and security expert Tom Lambotte before disaster strikes. At [Solo](#)

[Practice University](#), Lambotte walks lawyers and others through these four factors that increase their risk, with case examples and practical tips for developing a new, much more secure mindset.

How Did You Celebrate Law Day 2021? ABA Division for Public Education Wants to Know

Whether it was virtual or in person, and whether you used the ABA theme and resources or went in a different direction, the ABA Division for Public Education wants to know how you observed Law Day 2021, how everything went, and what resources you need for next year. Share your thoughts via this [brief survey](#).



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