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State Bar of Michigan Scores a Court Victory

6th Circuit Ruling: State Bar of Michigan's Mandatory Structure Is Constitutional? For Now

Earlier this month, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled that the State Bar of Michigan's current structure is constitutional, but two judges indicated that it may only be a matter of time before the U.S. Supreme Court overrules *Keller*, perhaps establishing *Janus* as the precedent in First Amendment cases against mandatory bars. In writing for the court in the case, *Taylor v. Buchanan*, Judge Karen Nelson Moore noted that while the case that *Keller* relied upon, *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, was overruled by *Janus*, courts of appeals are still bound by *Keller* because the U.S. Supreme Court has not explicitly said that it no longer holds. [Bloomberg Law](#) has more details, including what one of the other judges wrote in a separate concurrence.

As Regulatory Change Occurs Across the Country, What Do Some Lawyers Think?

Indiana is home to one of the earlier and more vocal proponents of allowing new models for legal services delivery? Indiana University Maurer School of Law Professor William Henderson? but that doesn't mean lawyers in that state are similarly enthusiastic. Lawyers can find other innovative ways to meet legal needs, says Indiana State Bar Association President Michael Tolbert, who is concerned that partnerships between lawyers and nonlawyers would compromise lawyers' professional independence and ethics. Meanwhile, how have lawyers in Arizona responded to that state becoming the first to eliminate Professional Conduct Rule 5.4, and what's happening in some other jurisdictions? [Indiana Lawyer](#) takes a thoughtful look at recent developments and at some lawyers' reactions to them.

Survey: Many Associations Report Decline in Membership, but Better Times May Be Ahead

For the first time since the Great Recession of 2008, more associations surveyed by Tony Rossell at Marketing General Incorporated said their membership had declined than those that reported an increase. A total of 47 percent of the responding associations reported a decline in membership, and among those, the median for this decline was 9 percent. But the news in the 2021 Membership Marketing Benchmark Report isn't all bad, Rossell writes at his [Membership Marketing Blog](#). How have some associations innovated to engage members and meet their changing needs, and what new approaches could help spark recovery in the year ahead?

Outside Law Firms Working with Morgan Stanley Should Bring all Lawyers, Employees Back to Physical Office, Memo Says

Just when it seemed as if remote work was almost universally here to stay, even in Big Law, the chief legal officer at Morgan Stanley sent a memo to the contrary: The finance giant believes a return to the office will improve client service, wrote Eric Grossman? and any outside law firms that don't put an end to remote work risk losing the company's business. Morgan Stanley has asked its own employees to return to the office by Labor

Day, with some flexibility for those who have health issues or who are caring for family members. A leader at one law firm that received the memo praised Grossman for speaking out and said that Morgan Stanley and some other large companies that feel similarly may influence the legal profession to resume working mostly in person. Learn more at [Bloomberg Law](#).

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