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**New data from the ABA National Lawyer Population Survey**

## **2022 ABA National Lawyer Population Survey: Number of Lawyers Has Grown in Past 10 Years, but Percentage of Black Lawyers Remains Flat**

In the past 10 years, the overall lawyer population in the United States has increased by 6.6%, but among states that report demographic data, the percentage of lawyers who are Black has remained the same—5%. That's according to the 2022 National Lawyer Population Survey released by the ABA earlier this month. There have been increases in other races and ethnicities since 2012, with the percentage of Asian American lawyers rising from 2% to 5% and the percentage of Hispanic lawyers growing from 3% to 6%. Among active lawyers in the reporting states, 38% are women, up from 33% in 2012. [ABA Journal](#) has more details about how this data was collected, including some limitations based on whether and how state bars or licensing agencies gather certain types of information.

## **Lawyers, Jurists, and Bar Leaders in Georgia Work Together to Strengthen Pipeline for Diverse Students Interested in Law School**

Spurred by what he read in last year's ABA National Lawyer Population Survey—which found that the number of Black lawyers had declined in the previous 10 years—Georgia Legal Services Program General Counsel Ira Foster created a program to help guide Black college students through the law school admissions process and in understanding their career options. Earlier this month, Foster shared information about this problem and his Road Map to Law School program at the annual meeting of the State Bar of Georgia. At another event this month, the Judicial Council of Georgia's Access to Justice Committee convened judges, lawyers, and affinity bar leaders to discuss how to help increase diversity, equity, and inclusion within the state's legal profession. Affinity bars that highlighted their related initiatives included the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association. Learn more about these efforts in Georgia at [the Daily Report](#).

## **Big News in Legal Tech: LawPay Parent Company AffiniPay Acquires MyCase**

In what legal tech expert Bob Ambrogi called a "major deal," AffiniPay, the parent company of electronic payment platform LawPay, has acquired the law practice management company MyCase. MyCase itself had acquired four other practice management products over the past year or so: CasePeer for personal injury firms, Soluno for billing and accounting, Woodpecker for document automation, and Docketwise for immigration practices. Dru Armstrong, CEO of AffiniPay, said that LawPay had been looking to expand beyond payments since at least July 2021, when she came on board. At [LawSites](#), Ambrogi shares an exclusive podcast interview with both Armstrong and MyCase CEO Jim McGinnis.

## **Nevada Supreme Court Considers Unbundled, Limited Scope Services in Some Family Law Cases**

The Nevada Supreme Court is considering opening the doors for limited scope and unbundled services for family law matters. In a public hearing on June 21, the court discussed proposed rules of conduct for lawyers representing children in welfare cases. On August 2, at 3 p.m. Pacific Time, in another public hearing, the court will discuss proposed rules for a pilot program related to the unbundling of legal services in certain family court cases. Written comments for the August 2 hearing are due by 5 p.m. Pacific Time on July 22. The ABA Center for Legal Innovation's [Legal Innovation Regulatory Survey](#) breaks down how the proposed rules differ from relevant ABA Model Rules, and the [Nevada Supreme Court website](#) shares links to the orders for the hearings and instructions for anyone interested in commenting or participating.

## See You in Chicago August 2-4 for the 2022 NABE Annual Meeting and August 4-6 for the 2022 NCBP Annual Meeting!

NABE and NCBP are back live and in person—just in time for the summer travel season! Chicago's sunny skies, warm temperatures, and beautiful city views await you, along with unique learning experiences and unparalleled networking opportunities at the 2022 NABE and NCBP Annual Meetings. The [NABE Annual Meeting](#), August 2-4, and [NCBP Annual Meeting](#), August 4-6, both at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, are your opportunity to hear from the experts on topics that are important to you and your bar, exchange ideas with fellow bar staff professionals and bar leaders, and have fun! NABE and NCBP joint programming will feature world-class athlete and Olympian Khadevis Robinson on peak performance. [NABE programming](#) also includes sessions on nondues revenue, member benefits and more; [NCBP programming](#) features sessions on member engagement, bar finances and more. [Register for both now!](#)



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