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Traditionally, bar offices have been spaces for CLE seminars, meetings, and member gatherings. While many bar offices still carry those functions, COVID-influenced trends have forced bars to reconsider the most effective uses for their spaces. In this original article, we examine how local, state, and national bars have reevaluated their spaces. While some bars have remade or moved their offices, others have gotten rid of their physical location entirely. Read more at the [Center for Bar Leadership](#) website about how bar leaders have begun to rethink their spaces, all while prioritizing member satisfaction and staff engagement.

## **More States Embracing Innovation in Legal Workforce Development**

Two states are taking a fresh look at regulations surrounding who can take the bar exam and who can take part in the practice of law. In [Indiana](#), the state supreme court tasked a court-appointed committee with developing the framework for a "legal regulatory sandbox," which would encourage innovation to help address the state's attorney shortage. Two other states, Utah and Arizona, have developed sandboxes which have relaxed rules surrounding non-lawyer ownership in law firms. Meanwhile, Connecticut will allow graduates of [Purdue Global Law School](#) to take the state's bar exam, making it the third state to allow graduates from the fully online law school to do so, following California and Indiana. This decision comes as the ABA continues to review accreditation standards for online law schools, which are currently excluded from full ABA accreditation.

## **Clio Legal Trends Report Shows Rapid AI Adoption in Legal Industry**

Clio's annual *Legal Trends Report* focused their 2024 edition on the adoption of AI in the legal industry. The report found that 79% of surveyed legal professionals use AI in their practice, compared to last year when only 19% of law firms were using AI in some capacity. The report examines the opportunities and challenges AI brings to traditional legal billing models. Read the entire report at [Clio website](#).

## **Save the Date: 2025 ABA Bar Leadership Institute**

The 2025 BLI will take place March 12-14, 2025, in Chicago. Watch this space for registration details next month.

**Bar Leader Weekly will be on hiatus next week. The next issue will be October 30.**



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