The rule of law is central to democracy and to other systems of government and justice around the world. But do most members of the public know what "rule of law" means? The ABA recently launched a public education social media campaign to help raise awareness. The landing page provides additional in-depth resources on the rule of law. The ABA encourages other bar organizations to repurpose and share this content.

ABA has partnered with a smartphone app developer to release a new app that maintains critical medical information and advance care directives for users and their loved ones. The app, called Mind Your Loved Ones, or MYLO, allows users to view, print, fax, and email an advance medical directive or other medical information as needed.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access. The award honors innovative programs and projects that advance access to legal services for those of moderate incomes. Nominations are due December 29.

Nominations are being accepted for the Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award, which honors a career commitment to legal ethics, professionalism, and professional regulation. Nominations are due December 31.

Nominations are being accepted for the Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyer Professionalism Award, which recognizes young lawyers dedicated to lawyer professionalism. Nominations are due December 31.

The ABA Section of Litigation is seeking applicants for its Summer 2020 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. The program places diverse and financially disadvantaged law students with judges for a summer internship.
Applications are due January 10, 2020.

The program is also seeking licensed attorneys to serve as program volunteers.

**Nomination Period Opens for Pro Bono Award**
Nominations are being accepted for the Jean Crowe Pro Bono Award. The award honors attorneys who provide or promote legal services to low income or underrepresented people. Nominations are due February 14, 2020.

**Stonewall Honorees Named**
Three longstanding LGBT legal activists will be honored by the American Bar Association Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity with its eighth annual Stonewall Award during a ceremony on February 15, 2020, at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Austin, Texas.

**Professional Liability Essay Contest Opens**
Submissions are being accepted for the 2020 Ed Mendlczyki Essay contest. The contest encourages scholarship and innovative research and writing in the areas of legal malpractice law, professional liability insurance, and loss prevention. The winner will receive cash and other prizes. Submissions are due February 21, 2020.

**Calls to Action**

**ABA Calls for Diversity Speakers**
The ABA is seeking bar leaders with diversity ‘pipeline’ experience to serve as speakers during its 2020 Annual Meeting in Chicago. Speakers should have experience with pipeline educational programs to motivate students at any level, from elementary to law school. Proposals are due January 15, 2020.

**Policy & Legislation**

**ABA Proposes Revisions to Law School Approval Standards**
The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has approved for notice and comment proposed revisions to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. Please direct comments to Mary Kearin by January 13, 2020.

**For Your Members**

**ABA Seeks Legal Technology Speakers**
The ABA is seeking speakers for its 3rd annual Women of Legal Tech Summit on Wednesday, February 26 preceding ABA TECHSHOW. The summit focuses on ideas for closing the tremendous gender gap for women in the field of legal technology. Speaker proposals are due January 1, 2020.