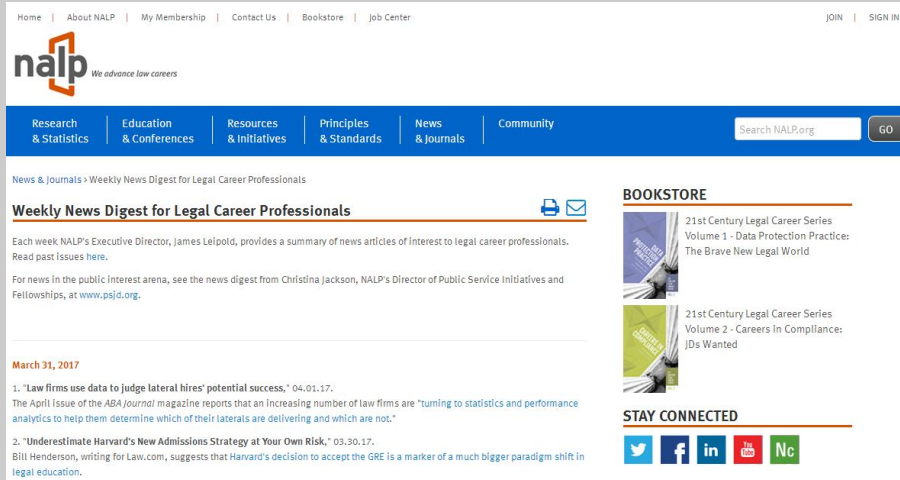


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March 31, 2017

1. "Law firms use data to judge lateral hires' potential success," 04.01.17. The April issue of the *ABA Journal* magazine reports that an increasing number of law firms are "turning to statistics and performance analytics to help them determine which of their laterals are delivering and which are not."
2. "Underestimate Harvard's New Admissions Strategy at Your Own Risk," 03.30.17. Bill Henderson, writing for Law.com, suggests that Harvard's decision to accept the GRE is a marker of a much bigger paradigm shift in legal education.

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Supreme Court lets stand ruling in favor of ABA in blind man's LSAT disability suit

Posted Mar 28, 2017 03:24 pm CDT
By [Debra Cassens Weiss](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday let stand a ruling in favor of the ABA in a suit by a blind man who claimed accreditation standards discriminate against law school applicants with disabilities. The Supreme Court denied cert in [the case of Angelo Binno](#), who claimed three law schools had rejected him because of poor performance on the Law School Admission Test, [Law360](#) (sub. req.) reports. Binno said it was discriminatory for the LSAT to include questions requiring spatial reasoning and the ability to diagram.

The Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals [ruled last June](#) that Binno had no standing to sue the ABA because his injury was not caused by the association. The LSAT is written, administered, and scored by the Law School Admission Council, which is not part of the ABA, the opinion pointed out.

ABA accreditation standards and procedural rules require law schools to use admissions tests that are valid and reliable, and it presumes the LSAT meets those standards, the 6th Circuit opinion said. The ABA does not set a particular weight that law schools should give to LSAT scores in deciding whether to admit applicants.

"It is thus clear," the 6th Circuit said, "that the ABA does not actually 'mandate' use of the LSAT and, moreover, nothing in the standards gives the ABA authority to prescribe its content. In that sense, the district court correctly noted that Binno had sued the wrong party. The law schools to which he applied, not the ABA, determine what weight, if any, to give Binno's LSAT score, and the entity in control of the LSAT's content and format is not the ABA but the LSAC."

ABA President Linda A. Klein commented on the cert denial in a statement. "The American Bar Association is pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court denied certiorari in the suit brought against it by a Michigan plaintiff," she said. "The high court's decision validates two lower court decisions as well as our position that the ABA was never the proper defendant in this suit because we do not administer the LSAT."



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1. "Women Take Charge in Fox Rothschild Changing of the Guard," 03.23.17.
The *Legal Intelligencer* reports that "Fox Rothschild is installing a half-dozen new office managing partners, including in the firm's largest offices, effective April 1...and three of the new leaders...are women."
2. "Cincinnati Law Sacks Dean," 03.23.17.
Law.com reports that "The University of Cincinnati has ousted law dean Jennifer Bard less than two years into her five-year term."
 - a. "University of Cincinnati Places Law Dean on Leave," 03.24.17.
More on this from *Inside Higher Ed*.
3. "Can InfiLaw schools be had on the cheap, and would they be worth it?," 03.23.17.
The *ABA Journal* reports that "Sterling Partners may be unloading all three of its for-profit InfiLaw System schools," noting that Charlotte Law School has announced plans to affiliate with an unnamed university in the Northeast, Arizona Summit will affiliate with Bethune-Cookman University, and Florida Coastal has hinted at a similar move.

March 17, 2017

1. "It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's 'Biglaw Investor' to Associates' Rescue," 03.16.17.
Leigh Jones, writing for *The American Lawyer*, profiles a Big Law associate who writes a blog on the side that provides money management advice to young associates at large law firms — he believes most Big Law associates have little knowledge about how to handle their money.
2. "Running the Corporate Legal Department Like a Profit Center," 03.16.17.
Two writers from Thomson Reuters, writing for *Legaltech News*, argue that "for the GCs who want to be savvier about how they operate, it would be wise to align their departmental goals with those of the overall business."
3. "Trump budget eliminates Legal Services Corp. funding," 03.16.17.
The *ABA Journal* reports that "President Donald Trump's 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Legal Services Corp." ("LSC President Jim Sandman remained optimistic...He said he expected Congress to ignore Trump's proposal and to grant the full \$502 million funding request.")

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