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## President's Message

Main Street ABA combines member outreach, mentorship and visits to Boys & Girls Clubs.

### **Opening Statements**

NYC law firm buries a time capsule to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

- 10 Texas Tech Law School adopts a brain-training program
- Courts decline to extend bankruptcy protection to marijuana businesses. / The Chicago Lawyers Rugby Football Club is just the thing for legal professionals who yearn to be back in the scrum.
- Ten questions for the lawyer whose horse sense put American Pharoah on course to be the first Grand Slam winner.
- Cartoon of the month: Check out last month's contest winner and try crafting a caption for the current cartoon.
- Short takes and fast facts on the law.

### 17 Docket

Databases create access to police misconduct cases and offer a handy tool for defense lawyers.

- Federal Circuit considers whether patent laws can halt reselling of used ink cartridges.
- SUPREME COURT REPORT In his first decade as a Supreme Court justice, Samuel A. Alito Jr. has quietly helped move the court to the right.

ETHICS A U.S. district court strikes down Florida rules prohibiting uncertified lawyers from advertising that they are specialists.

- WORDS How one lawyer went from being an aspiring library board member to a municipal charter drafter.
- STORYTELLING Images are powerful tools of persuasion and can make the story presented in a brief's statement of facts come alive.

### Your ABA

Diversity is the primary reason for the ABA's decision to increase the size of its leadership ranks.

Congress and the administration are taking steps to help patients plan for their end-of-life medical care.

# **Obiter Dicta**

What's the evidentiary standard for social media symbols?

### Precedents

The World Trade Center is bombed.



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DIVERSITY Microsoft's president trumpets the accomplishments of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

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- SOLOS/SMALL FIRMS On the finances front, you don't have to go it alone when figuring out an investment strategy.
- LAW BY THE NUMBERS Legal startups seeking seed capital online are sprouting.
- 35 TRAINING UnitedLex partners with law schools to give new grads work experience.