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8 **President's Message**

The rule of law also applies to the poor.

9 **Opening Statements**

No small sacrifice: California lawyer pledges to fund college for an entire kindergarten class.

10 Ten questions for a web developer-turned-lawyer who devised a tool to streamline the delivery of social services.

12 The movement to do away with sales taxes on feminine hygiene products gains momentum, as some legislators take aim at "gender-biased injustice."

14 Cartoon of the month: Check out last month's contest winner and try crafting a caption for the current cartoon.

15 Short takes and fast facts on the law.

16 **Docket**

NATIONAL PULSE Police routinely read juveniles their rights, but do kids understand them?

18 **NATIONAL PULSE** Are private education programs for shoplifters a second chance—or extortion?

20 **SUPREME COURT REPORT** High court says criminal defendants should be allowed to pay lawyers with "untainted" funds.

22 **Practice**

ETHICS Character-and-fitness screening plays a significant role in bar admission—and honesty is the best policy.

24 **WORDS** Where to draw the line between familiar and formal in writing salutations and signature blocks.

26 **STORYTELLING** What Adele and Taylor Swift can teach you about finding justice.

64 **Your ABA**

The Veterans Village of San Diego provides a host of legal and other services to help the homeless regain a footing in the workaday world.

66 Proposals to amend accrediting standards would require law schools to place more emphasis on graduates' bar passage rates.

67 The association applauds the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act of 1965, and backs it with advocacy and policy initiatives.

72 **Precedents**

James Earl Ray is captured in London.



HOWARD LAW DEAN
Danielle Holley-Walker extols the benefits students gain from the school's ties with alums and law firms.

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28 **Business of Law**

DIVERSITY Howard University grads have made steady inroads into the ranks of BigLaw.

30 **LAW PRACTICE** Canadian firm McCarthy Tétrault turns to an outsider to guide the firm's redesign.

32 **LAW BY THE NUMBERS** ABA committee's study finds that the cost of creating a website is less than many firms anticipate.

33 **SOLOS/SMALL FIRMS** Replicas and animations can help lawyers present a winning case.