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- Visible Difference panelists aim to remove barriers to advancement for women at large law firms.
- ABA Techshow in Chicago gets revamped to cater to new and seasoned attendees.
- The ABA and bar executives publish a guide to help state and local bars carry out effective lobbying campaigns.

Precedents

Joyce Patricia Brown wins her right to be homeless after being forcibly hospitalized for mental illness.