

Changes Expected in Legal Education

The Task Force on the Future of Legal Education, lead by former Indiana chief justice Randall T. Shepard, is taking a critical look at the current system of educating potential lawyers and questioning traditional educational practices. The task force was initiated due to a downturn in law school applicants, partly considered a symptom of the greater economic downturn. The task force aims to make earning a law degree more accessible, while maintaining high professional standards.

This could result in innovative new programs such as Washington's Legal License Technician Rule, which allows professionals with an associate level degree; 45 credits of core education requirements in legal studies at an ABA approved law school or within an ABA approved paralegal program; and 3,000 hours of substantive law related work to offer limited legal services to the public. Since the enactment of LLLT in September 2012, the Washington State Bar Association has been pleased with the success of the program in its ability to better assist the public with needed legal services, despite the current strain of an overtaxed and underfunded civil legal aid system.

Washington's LLLT rule is currently the only one of its kind, but the current ABA task force's final report may change this. The task force is currently drafting the report which covers a wide breadth of issues concerning the current legal education system. Broadening the practice of limited license legal technicians is an acclaimed component of the report; however, other items, including potential changes to law school accreditation standards, are considered more controversial.

Task force member and New York lawyer, James B. Kobak Jr., anticipates the report findings will lead to innovative changes; while task force member and president of the Association of American law schools, Leo P. Martinez, reserves concern that changes made to the education system could lead to a degradation of quality in legal instruction. The American Bar Association has publicized a comprehensive list of questions under consideration by the task force. Professional comments and concerns can be expressed by contacting Art Garwin, ABA Director, Center for Professional Responsibility.

The Newsletter from Northstar Legal, Inc.

A Note From the Editor

With the fall leaves come change. We've had a lot of changes this year with Northstar *and* with our personal lives. I have had a great few months working out of the house with our new son, trying to learn a good balance of work and motherhood, but now I am back on the scene and I am here for you 100% of the time! I am thrilled to show you all our new fleet of candidates ready to start off this beautiful season with a positive attitude and the hard working ethic we all expect and require. I can't wait to see everyone again! Happy Halloween!

Jennifer Magnusson

NorthStar Legal, Inc. is excited to present to you our newsletter, POLARIS!

Since early times, navigators have used Polaris, also called the North Star, to guide them towards their destinations. At NorthStar Legal, our goal is to assist you in navigating your hiring process.

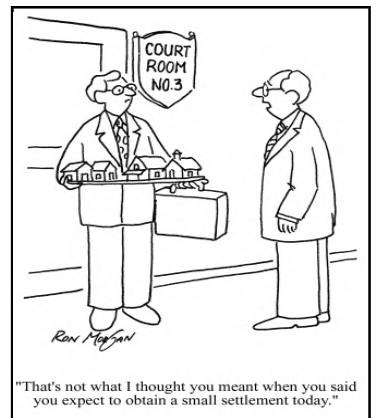


Northstar Legal Welcomes It's Newest Team Member

Northstar Legal's newest team member, Kurt Magnusson Weaver, brings youth and joy to the company. Proud parents David Weaver and Jennifer Magnusson welcomed baby Kurt into the world April 13th, 2013. Kurt was born weighing in at 7 Lbs, 2 oz, and 21 inches long.

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