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From the President

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

George Santayana, *The Life of Reason*, 1905

Amendment I.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

In June and July 1798, the majority Federalist-controlled Congress passed four laws collectively known as the Alien and Sedition Acts. The Sedition Act authorized the punishment of any person authoring or printing "false, scandalous and malicious writing" against the Congress or the president which was intended to "defame ... or bring them, or either of them, into contempt or disrepute; or to excite against them ... the hatred of the good people of the United States. ..." and was unashamedly aimed at the opposition Democratic-Republican party. President John Adams, a Federalist, called the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 "war measures;" American historian David McCullough, describes a "rampant fear of the enemy within."¹

Republican journalists continued to hammer Adams. In fact, the only journalists prosecuted under the Sedition Act were editors of Democratic-Republican newspapers. Five out of six of the leading Republican papers were tried for libel, including the publisher of the Philadelphia Aurora, Benjamin Franklin Bache, (the Founding Father's grandson), who was jailed and died of yellow fever while imprisoned awaiting trial. The controversies surrounding the Sedition Act trials raised the first tests of the limits of freedom of speech and press and touched off a firestorm of criticism against the Federalists, who were defeated in the election of 1800.

Purposely "sunset" for the last full day of John Adams' presidential term, the Sedition Act expired on March 3, 1801. Most modern historians agree that Adams' decision to support the act was "unquestionably the biggest blunder of his presidency."

For participating in a video where Senator Mark Kelly (D. Arizona) and other Democratic lawmakers reminded US service members of their duty to refuse illegal orders,² the Secretary of Defense announced on January 5, 2026 – *two hundred and twenty-five years after the expiration of the Sedition Act* – that "In response to Senator Mark Kelly's seditious statements – and his pattern of reckless conduct – the Department of War is taking administrative action against Captain Mark E. Kelly, USN (Ret)." Senator Kelly, who is a retired Navy fighter pilot and an American astronaut,

¹ David McCullough, *John Adams*, Simon & Schuster, New York, 2001.

² See, *A Few Good Men*, (1992), Columbia Pictures & Castle Rock Entertainment.

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replied simply that the secretary and the president “don’t get to decide what Americans ... get to say about their government.” I believe the authors of our Bill of Rights would have agreed with Captain Kelly.

Happy New Year 2026!

As is always the case, every New Year is accompanied by the making of resolutions to improve myriad aspects of our lives.

My idea for this year is that we members of the Rockland County Bar Association prioritize expanding the Association’s influence. Let’s work together to find and attract new sponsors, new ideas or topics for CLE programs, new community outreach initiatives and suggestions for ways to enhance the Bar Association’s impact within our legal community.

CLE announcement: Our first – in person – CLE for the new year will be held on January 14, 2026, from 5:30–8 p.m., at the Sheriff’s Training Center in New City: *Empowering Your Practice: Leveraging Technology, Privacy and Cybersecurity for Success*. A light meal will be served sponsored by Powell Jondée Group at Merrill Lynch Management, West Nyack. The fee is \$40 for RCBA members and \$65 for non-members. Space is limited, so if you’re planning on attending please reply to the RCBA “asap.”

Best wishes to all for a truly happy, healthy and successful 2026!

West Nyack, New York
January 5, 2026

Respectfully,

Rick

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RCBA President, 2025-26
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THE PRACTICE PAGE

MARKING CASES “OFF” THE CALENDAR UNDER CPLR 3404

Hon. Mark C. Dillon *

CPLR 3404 is only two sentences long but generates considerable case law. The statute applies by its terms only to cases in the supreme and county courts. It allows the court to “mark off” or “strike” a case from the trial calendar as a result of the plaintiff’s failure to appear for a calendared appearance. The striking of the case from the trial court’s calendar is not a dismissal. No court order is issued. Rather, a marked-off case is noted as such in the clerk’s records and thereupon becomes moribund, as if in a coma. The case still has existence, but no activity.

Cases may only be marked off where the note of issue has already been filed and the case is in trial readiness status. Courts cannot use the mark-off procedure for a plaintiff’s failure to appear if the case is pre-note. For pre-note actions and proceedings, there are other remedies available to address a recalcitrant plaintiff’s failure to proceed such as a dismissal for failing to file a note of issue despite service of a 90-day notice under CPLR 3216; dismissal for failing to take proceedings against a defaulted defendant within one year from when an answer was due under CPLR 3215(c); the striking of pleadings for discovery non-compliance under CPLR 3126(3); and the dismissal of an action for failure to appear at a scheduled calendar call under Uniform Rule 202.27(b).

What happens to the moribund case after it has been marked off? The plaintiff has one year from the marking off to restore the case to the court’s calendar. The plaintiff must make a motion within that one year period, which is timely even if the motion is not decided until after the year has passed (*Luipoli v Venus Laboratories, Inc.*, 264 AD2d 820 [2d Dep’t. 1999]; *Ronsco Constr. Co., Inc. v 30 E. 85th St. Co.*, 219 AD2d 281 [1st Dep’t. 1996]). Prior to 2001, case law required that the plaintiff meet a two-pronged burden of proof on the motion, that there be a reasonable excuse for counsel’s failure to appear at the prior calendar call and that there be merit to the action (*e.g. Balducci v Jason*, 133 AD2d 436 [2d Dep’t. 1987] [no longer good law]; former Uniform Rule 675.5[b]). That changed in the 2001 case of *Basetti v Nour*, 287 AD2d 126 (2d Dep’t. 2001), wherein the court determined that if the restoration motion is made within the statutory year, no particular burden need be met; the plaintiff can have the matter automatically restored by merely asking for that relief (*One West Bank, FSB v Rosenberg*, 189 AD3d 1600 [2d Dep’t. 2020]; *Chambers v City of New York*, 111 AD3d 593 [2d Dep’t. 2013]). The mark-off is easily forgiven. The restoration of the case is ministerial. The reason no particular burden is required for restoration is that during the first year from the mark-off, the case has never been actually “dismissed.” And non-dismissed actions and proceedings are best determined on their merits.

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It is a different story if the plaintiff fails to make a motion to restore the case within one-year of the mark-off. The action is deemed abandoned and automatically dismissed upon the one-year anniversary of the mark-off (CPLR 3404[a]). If the plaintiff wishes to restore a now-dismissed action or proceeding, a four-pronged evidentiary burden must be established. The plaintiff must establish 1) the lack of intention to abandon the case, 2) a reasonable excuse for the delay in not moving to restore the case within the first year, 3) the potential merits of the action or proceeding, and 4) the lack of prejudice to the non-moving party from the delays (*Lopez v Imperial Delivery Service, Inc.*, 282 AD2d 190 [2d Dep't. 2001]). The failure of a plaintiff to meet any one of the four prongs is fatal to the motion (*Martone v Huang*, 216 AD3d 1152 [2d Dep't. 2023]; *Katz v Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronsohn & Berman*, 277 AD2d 70 [1st Dep't. 2000]). Certainly, the earlier the post-year motion, the more likely the plaintiff can establish the intent not to abandon the case and the absence of prejudice to non-moving parties.

Cases may also be marked off the court's post-note calendar by So Ordered stipulation of the parties. Stipulations are typically a product of one or more parties not being prepared to proceed as a result of some form of unreadiness, but with the parties expecting the unreadiness to be cured so that the case could be later restored to the calendar. Counsel should be careful to include in the stipulation the terms and conditions that are to be met for the case to then be restored (*e.g. Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church v Kalin*, 110 AD3d 708 [2d Dep't. 2013]). It seems --- without there being actual case law on the point --- that such stipulations should envision a restoration of the case within one year, because beyond that, CPLR 3404(a) requires a dismissal of the action which can only be vacated by means of a motion to restore.

The mark-off procedure is usually associated with the plaintiffs' failure to appear for a scheduled calendar or trial. But it applies equally to non-appearing defendants who have asserted cross claims and counterclaims (*Nasuro v PI Associates, LLC*, 78 AD3d 1030 [2d Dep't. 2010] [cross claims]; *Madsguard v City of New York*, 78 AD3d 666 [2d Dep't. 2010] [counterclaims]).

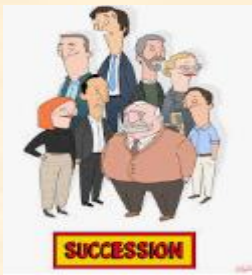
Finally, there is a split in the judicial departments about the effect of a court striking a party's note of issue. The Third Department holds that a striking of a note of issue is a CPLR 3404 mark-off in and of itself, requiring a dismissal of the case if the note of issue is not restored within one year due to abandonment (*e.g. Hebert v Chaudrey*, 119 AD3d 1170 [3d Dep't. 2014]). The other judicial departments take a contrary view, that the striking of the note of issue merely places the case into pre-note status where CPLR 3404 does not apply, and as the striking of a note of issue is not a failure to appear for a scheduled calendar as envisioned by the statute (*Insuasti v La Boom Disco, Inc.*, 209 AD3d 725 [2d Dep't. 2022]; *Thompkins v Ortiz*, 165 AD3d 428 [1st Dep't. 2018]; *Bradley v Konakanchi*, 156 AD3d 187 [4th Dep't. 2017]).

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Plaintiff attorneys are best advised to avoid allowing any marked-off case to eclipse the one year non-dismissal period of the statute, as courts have discretion to restore, or not restore, any dismissed action after at least one year has passed, and a favorable result on the motion is never guaranteed.

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Succession

Why Cybersecurity Increase Firm Value

By Judith Bachman

As we continue exploring the elements that contribute to long-term law firm value, cybersecurity has become a central part of the conversation. In earlier articles, we discussed technology adoption and digital value as factors that affect a firm's marketability. Cybersecurity is the natural extension of that theme. It is not just a technical requirement. It is an ethical obligation, a business imperative, and a succession issue.

For many small and suburban firms, it can feel as if cybersecurity concerns belong to large institutions. In practice, smaller firms are often more vulnerable. Hackers view them as easier targets because they may lack dedicated IT teams or formal security policies. A breach can disrupt operations, undermine client trust, and trigger an array of ethical duties. It can also complicate, or even derail, any planned transition of the firm.

From an ethical standpoint, cybersecurity obligations are woven throughout the Rules of Professional Conduct. Lawyers must maintain competence, communicate effectively with clients about material risks, and safeguard confidentiality. Rules 1.0, 1.1, 1.4, 1.6, 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3.

Cybersecurity readiness also affects firm value. Buyers and internal successors increasingly evaluate cybersecurity the same way they evaluate clean financials or documented systems. A firm that can demonstrate secure digital tools presents far less risk to a buyer.

Cybersecurity insurance is also an increasingly important tool. A comprehensive policy can cover breach response, forensic investigation, data recovery, and client notification. Having insurance in place shows that the firm understands its risks and has taken responsible steps to mitigate them.

Client trust ties all of these pieces together. Clients expect that lawyers will protect sensitive information, whether stored in the cloud, accessed remotely, or shared through secure portals. Firms that invest in cybersecurity preserve the goodwill that is essential to a smooth transition.

For those looking to strengthen their practices, the Rockland County Bar Association is hosting a program on cybersecurity for lawyers on January 14, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Training Facility. I will be speaking on the panel, and the session will offer practical guidance for implementing strong security measures and meeting ethical requirements. Registration information is available on the Bar Association website.

In succession planning, cybersecurity is not simply a technical concern. It is a value-building investment. A firm that treats data protection seriously will be easier to transition, more appealing to buyers, and better positioned to preserve its long-term worth.

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

**SOLICITATION OF NOMINEES FOR UPCOMING VACANCIES ON
THE RCBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9(c) of the by By-Laws of the Rockland County Bar Association, applications are now being solicited for upcoming vacancies on the Association's Board of Directors. There will be **5 open vacancies** on the Board of Directors for terms beginning on July 1, 2026.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate for election to the Board must express their interest, in writing, no later than February 2, 2026. The writing should include the reasons why the member believes he or she is qualified to serve on the Board.

The Nominating Committee will conduct in-person or Zoom interviews of all candidates. Failure of the candidate to appear at their scheduled interview will disqualify that candidate from consideration.

Upon conclusion of all interviews, the Nominating Committee shall meet and select nominees. Selection of nominees will be completed no later than March 13, 2026. Notice of selected nominees will be sent to the entire membership no later than March 27, 2026.

Please submit your applications in writing to:

Veronica Jarek-Prinz, Executive Director
Rockland County Bar Association,
337 North Main Street, Suite 1
New City, N.Y. 10956

U.S. Postal submissions and E-mails to veronica@rocklandbar.org will be accepted in addition to personal deliveries.

Deadline for responses is February 2, 2026.

Any member not selected by the Nominating Committee, whether or not he or she solicited nomination before the Nominating Committee, wishing to have his or her name placed in nomination for election to the Board, shall submit a petition to place his/her name before the membership. The petition must be signed by no fewer than 20 members in good standing with the Association, and must be submitted in person at the Bar Association offices no later than April 6, 2026.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ISSUES OF INTEREST

Submitted by Joseph Churgin, Esq. and Susan Cooper, Esq.*

Your client is an electrical subcontractor who was not paid for the work it performed under contract with the general contractor for a housing development project. You commenced an action against the general contractor for breach of contract, and against the insurance company that had issued a payment bond guaranteeing payment to the general contractor and your client. Service was properly effected. Within a year of the defendants failing to timely answer, you moved for default judgment. The insurer opposed the motion and cross-moved to serve a belated answer, explaining that it relied to its detriment on the property owner's attorney's representation made almost a year earlier to represent the insurer. The general contractor also opposed the motion and cross-moved for leave to interpose a belated answer, filing its motion papers five days after the return date of the motion for default.

Will your motion for default be granted against both defendants?

The answer is yes.

In *T&T Electrical Corp. v. FG-PH Corp.*, (Sup. Ct. Bronx Co., Oct. 14, 2025), Docket No. 819707/2023E, NYLJ 2025-12-05, the plaintiff subcontracted to perform electrical work for "FG", the general contractor on a housing development project on property owned by a non-party in the Bronx. Plaintiff sued FG for breach of contract, claiming that \$48,195 remained unpaid on the contract price of \$68,195. The plaintiff also sued "Westchester," the insurer who issued a payment bond guaranteeing payment to the plaintiff and FG. As a condition of issuance of the bond to release the mechanic's lien, the property owner agreed to indemnify Westchester for all damages arising from issuance of the bond.

On December 22, 2023, FG was served by service on the Secretary of State. Westchester was served on January 2, 2024, by service on the Department of Finance. Follow-up mailings were made on January 26, 2024. No answers were filed.

Plaintiff first moved for summary judgment in November 2024, but failed to provide the Court with the hard copy required by the Court's rules. The motion was denied without prejudice. In March 2025, plaintiff filed its second motion for default judgment. The defendants promptly filed notices of appearance. They filed opposition to the motion and cross-motions to file belated answers.

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Westchester argued that its default should be excused, explaining that in January of 2024, Moskowitz, the attorney contacted by the non-party property owner, represented to Westchester that it was assuming Westchester's defense. In April of 2024, Markowitz told Westchester that he had not filed an answer yet but was communicating with plaintiff's attorney to resolve the action. Westchester did not hear from Markowitz after that.

The Court's decision includes a virtual treatise of the law governing defaults, including the general rule that a motion for a default judgment must be granted unless the defendant can establish a meritorious defense to the claims made, a reasonable excuse for the delay in interposing an answer, and that the delay in interposing an answer has in no way prejudiced the plaintiff in the prosecution of the case, citing *Buywise Holding, LLC v. Harris*, 31 AD3d 681, 683 (2d Dept 2006).

After finding that the defendants had been duly served with the complaint and that the plaintiff had a meritorious cause of action against each defendant, the Court examined whether Westchester had a reasonable excuse for its delay in answering. The Court ruled that Westchester's belief that Markowitz was representing it was "unreasonable as a matter of law " and its "conduct was tantamount to neglect," citing *Dave Sandel, Inc. v. Specialized Indus. Services Corp.*, 35 A.D.3d 790 (2d Dep't 2006). Westchester knew no answer had been filed and it had not heard from the attorney for eight months. The motion for default against Westchester was granted.

The motion for default against FG was also granted. Five days after the return date of plaintiff's motion for default, and without permission or a request to adjourn plaintiff's motion, FG filed a cross-motion seeking leave to file a belated answer and also opposing the plaintiff's motion. FG's papers, which were filed in violation of the time requirements of CPLR 2215 for filing a cross-motion, were not considered.

The lesson? When representing a defendant in an action, do not rely on settlement discussions to delay appearing or answering without first obtaining a written acknowledgment from the plaintiff's attorney agreeing to extend your time to file an answer. Document any continuing contact with the plaintiff's attorney. Likewise, do not rely upon an accepted tender of defense without either an answer or a timely stipulation extending time. Otherwise, a court may later find that the delay in answering was unreasonable as a matter of law.

*By Joseph Churgin, Esq. and Susan Cooper, Esq. of

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How To Use Mindfulness In Your Daily Living

By: Stan Popovich

Mindfulness is the practice of becoming more fully aware of the present moment rather than dwelling in the past, projecting into the future, or what's going on around us. It involves a heightened awareness of sensory stimuli such as our breathing and being "in the now."

Practicing mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind.

1. **Find a comfortable place:** You'll want to find a comfortable seat in a relaxed and stress-free environment. Sit on a couch or chair with your feet on the ground. Allow your head and shoulders to rest comfortably; place your hands on the tops of your legs with upper arms at your side. Put your upper arms parallel to your upper body. Rest the palms of your hands on your legs.
2. **Focus on your breathing:** Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and relax. Keep your attention on the sensation of the inhale and exhale of your breath. Focus on the air moving through your nose or the rising and falling of your stomach and chest.
3. **Reduce wandering thoughts:** It's normal to have wandering thoughts or distractions, so don't judge yourself if you start becoming distracted. Instead of wrestling with your thoughts, let them pass by, without focusing on any thought. Thoughts will try to pull your attention away from your breathing. Notice them, but don't pass judgment. Gently return your focus to your breath.
4. **Tune into your senses:** Sometimes, when we are stressed, focusing on what's happening right in front of us can be a challenge in and of itself. Our minds are drawn to thinking about the future and all the bad things that are or could happen.
5. **Live in the present:** Focus your attention on what is happening right now, actively engaging with the current moment instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future.
6. **Focus on one thing at a time:** Multitasking can leave you feeling distracted, so concentrate on one task with your full attention.
7. **Pay attention:** It's hard to slow down and notice things in a busy world. Take the time to experience your environment with all your senses including touch, sound, sight, smell, and taste. For example, when you eat a favorite food, take the time to smell, taste, and enjoy it.
8. **Enjoy the small moments:** Small moments in our lives include those that we do not typically notice and those we take for granted. A small moment may be having a cup of coffee or a cool glass of water, spending a moment with a child or pet, or performing any everyday activity that goes by without our attention. Enjoyment, peace, and serenity in life happen in the small moments.
9. **Create a safe place:** Similar to guided imagery, create a place that is safe and comfortable. It may be your favorite room or a cabin in the woods. Use your senses to fully enter the safe place. Stay in this place for a while and go there whenever you need to soothe and calm yourself.
10. **Go outside:** Spending time outdoors is a great way to live in the moment and observe the sights, sounds, and sensations around you.

BIOGRAPHY

Stan is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers 200+ techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>



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Tips for Technology

Paid vs. Organic: Which Should Your Law Firm Invest In?

Many people outside of the marketing industry think SEO and Google Ads (as well as other forms of paid ads) are the same thing.

In reality, they are completely different services that can both have a massive impact on the success of your firm.

What They Actually Are

Paid marketing is exactly what it sounds like: you pay to show up. This includes Google Ads (the ads at the top of search results), Local Service Ads, Facebook or LinkedIn ads, and retargeting campaigns. You're buying clicks (or visibility), and you stop showing up the moment you stop paying.

Organic marketing is the work you do to earn visibility without paying for placement. This includes optimizing your website for search engines (SEO), creating content like blog posts or videos, maintaining your Google Business Profile, and building online reviews. The goal is to show up naturally when people search for what you do.

The Real Difference

The biggest difference isn't just that one costs money and the other doesn't. It's about speed, control, and longevity.

Speed: Paid ads can drive traffic immediately. Organic results take months to build.

Control: With paid, you control your message, targeting, and budget. With organic, Google decides what shows up and when.

Longevity: Paid visibility disappears when you stop paying. Organic rankings, once built, can drive traffic for years with minimal on-going investment.

Intent: Both can target high-intent searchers, but organic traffic often signals more research and consideration, while paid clicks can convert faster if the message is right.

When Paid Makes Sense

Paid marketing works best when you need results now or when you're testing new waters.

If you're launching a new practice area, paid ads let you get in front of potential clients immediately without waiting six months for organic rankings to kick in.

If you're in a highly competitive market where organic rankings are dominated by established firms with years of content and back-links, paid ads give you a way to compete without needing to outrank them.

If you handle specific case types with high value and clear intent—like personal injury or employment law—paid campaigns can be extremely profitable when managed well.

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When Organic Makes Sense

Organic marketing is a long-term investment. It's slower to pay off, but it compounds over time.

If your firm is established and you're looking to build sustainable growth, organic should be a priority. A well-optimized website with strong content can generate leads for years without ongoing ad spend.

If your practice area involves complex legal questions where potential clients do significant research before hiring—like estate planning or business law—organic content positions you as an authority and builds trust before the first call.

And if your budget is limited, organic gives you the best return over time. The cost per lead drops significantly once your rankings are established.

The Fine Print

Both paid and organic come with pitfalls if you're not paying attention.

With paid advertising, the most common mistake is burning through budget without proper conversion tracking. If you don't know which ads are driving actual clients—not just clicks—you're flying blind. Paid campaigns also require constant optimization. What works this month might not work next month, and costs can spike without warning.

With organic marketing, the biggest mistake is expecting immediate results. SEO takes time, usually three to six months before you see meaningful movement. Another common issue is treating it as a one-time project. Organic rankings require ongoing maintenance—regular content updates, technical fixes, and fresh reviews—or they'll slowly erode.

The Bottom Line

Paid and organic marketing aren't competitors. They're complementary.

Paid gives you speed and control. Organic gives you sustainability and trust. The best approach uses both strategically.

The firms that win aren't the ones who pick a side. They're the ones who understand what each channel does best and use them together.

Sean Gough

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Wednesday, January 14, 2026	In Person 5:30 pm check in Sheriff Training Facility	<i>Empowering Your Practice: <u>Leveraging Technology</u>, Privacy, and Cybersecurity for Success</i>	Judith Bachman Hassan Khan Kelly Jines
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Virtual 12:30 pm-2:00 pm	<i>Landlord Tenant</i>	Ricki Burger
Tuesday February 11, 2025	Virtual 12:30 pm-2:00 pm	<i>Investor Exploitation in the Digital Age: Understanding Pig-Butchering Scams and Brokerage Firms' Duties to Stop Them</i>	Robert Van De Veire
Wednesday February 12, 2025	Virtual 12:30 pm-2:00 pm	<i>Collateral Consequences: How Criminal and Family Court Outcomes Impact Immigration Status</i>	Crismelly Morales/ Ivon Anaya
Thursday, February 26, 2025	Virtual 12:30 pm-2:00 pm	<i>Digital Assets</i>	Hon. Aimee Pollak

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Depressed Anonymous: depressedanon.com

National Mental Health Association (NMHA) - 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach a 24-hour crisis center;
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Source: Andrew Denney, Bureau Chief of NYLJ and the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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The Association is seeking articles from your committee for publication in the Bar's monthly Newsletter. The membership would greatly benefit from your input and would appreciate it. The article does not have to be complicated or long- a succinct piece of general interest and importance would be best.

If you are able to submit an article for the Newsletter it should be sent via email to Jeanmarie@rocklandbar.org by the 15th of the month so that the Executive Board may review it.

Thank you!



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