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THE MISSION

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide high-quality legal services to our members, enabling them to lead lives free of major legal expenses.

THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- Court Preparations
- Debunking ChatGPT
- Legal Spring Cleaning and more!

Featured in this issue:

How to Prepare for Your Day in Court

First-time court-goers aren't the only ones who experience pre-trial nervousness. Even the most seasoned of hearing attendees are prone to courtroom jitters. Adopt the following practices to minimize feelings of angst and to be fully prepared for your day in court.

1. Know the location of your hearing. The only thing worse than appearing late to court is showing up to the wrong location. Visit your assigned courthouse prior to your hearing date to familiarize yourself with the property, particularly parking lots and associated fees.

2. Dress the part. Whether you're appearing in court to dispute a minor violation or to resolve a more complex legal matter, you want to dress professionally. Avoid t-shirts and jeans and opt instead for slacks, modest blouses or a matching suit.

3. Mind your manners. Although it's one of the oldest rules in the book, minding your manners speaks volumes in the courtroom. Replace "sir" or "ma'am" with "Your Honor" when addressing the judge. Articulate your thoughts clearly and softly. Lastly, understand everyone's time is of value during your trial.



#TRENDINGNOW

Kentucky Derby - The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports

After a weeklong celebration of all-things-Derby, the official 149th Kentucky Derby kicks off Saturday, May 6 with a powerful roster of horses and jockeys. First on the leaderboard is a dark bay colt dubbed Forte. Following in second and third respectively are the Kentucky-based Practical Move and Angel of

Empire, a colt from Pennsylvania. To shop Derby Day swag and access the official race day calendar, visit KentuckyDerby.com.



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Something Different

Creative Ways to Celebrate Mothers Day

Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate the women in our lives who have nurtured and loved us unconditionally. While traditional gifts like flowers and cards are always appreciated, there are many unique and creative ways to make this day memorable. One idea is to host a paint-and-sip night, where you and your mother can enjoy a glass of wine while painting a masterpiece together. Another unique way to celebrate is to plan a garden party or outdoor picnic, complete with home-made snacks, refreshing drinks, and games.

You can also create a custom photo album or scrapbook, filled with special memories and mementos that you and your mother have shared over the years. Alternatively, you can book a private cooking lesson with a renowned chef or take your mother on a culinary tour of your city, sampling the best food and drinks it has to offer. Whatever you choose, the most important thing is to spend quality time with your mother and make her feel loved and appreciated.

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What is ChatGPT?

Need a remedy for writer's block? Look no further than ChatGPT. The latest innovation in artificial intelligence can compose essays, draft e-mails, engage in philosophical conversation and even analyze art in detail as great as the work itself. At its most basic level, ChatGPT is an app-based chatbot that absorbs and repurposes all information made readily available on the internet to assist app users in creating content. Consider ChatGPT as your newest office assistant.

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DID YOU KNOW.....

May 1 is Law Day! Law Day is an annual observance that educates Americans on the legal profession and celebrates the role of law in protecting our freedom and achieving justice for all. Law Day was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, and every year since 1969 has recognized a specific area of law and its impact on society. To learn more about this year's theme, Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration, visit AmericanBar.com.



Tip of The Month!

Legal Spring Cleaning

Cluttered closets and overstuffed drawers aren't the only things in need of spring cleaning. Consider tidying up your legal life, too. What needs to be organized? Which essential documents can you cross off your to-be-drafted list?

Consulting with your Plan Attorney is pivotal to your success in legal spring cleaning. He or she can help you draft and finalize a will, revise your estate plan and organize medical directives. Or, perhaps you have a legal need you've been putting off. Don't wait, start cleaning today!

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I was in the midst of a legal issue before electing Legal Resources as an employee benefit. Is my pre-existing now covered under my Legal Plan?

A: Yes, pre-existing matters are covered at a significant discount off the usual hourly rate of your Plan Attorney.

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