

Law & Reorder: Legal Industry Trends and Future

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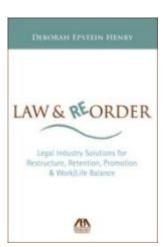
A panel of prominent legal observers took part in a discussion focused on legal industry trends and the future of the profession on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Philadelphia Bar Association headquarters in Philadelphia. The program, Law & Reorder: Legal Industry Trends & the Future of the Profession, focusing on the book by the same name, written by Deborah Epstein Henry, Esq., was co-sponsored by the Association's Large, Mid-Size, and Solo and Small Firm Management Committees; the Women in the Profession Committee; and the Bar-News Media Committee.

The program featured an interview by Comcast television's Lynn Doyle with Deborah Epstein Henry, author of Law & Reorder. Henry is the founder of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC. Following the interview, Doyle moderated a panel discussion with Henry; Carol Ann Petren, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, CIGNA Corporation; JoAnne A. Epps, Dean, Temple University Beasley School of Law; and Abraham C. Reich, Co-Chair, Fox Rothschild LLP.

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Topics discussed at the event included the threat to the billable hour, the rise of new models of legal practice, the morphing of large law firms, the development of talent management strategies, and the creation of work/life and women-friendly employers. The program also addressed how lawyers can successfully navigate today's - and tomorrow's - changing legal environment, including an emphasis on productivity, leadership, mentoring, promotion, work/life balance, transition, compensation and networking.

Law & Reorder has been endorsed by 25 legal and other industry leaders including general counsels, managing partners, law school deans, leaders of bar and women's associations, legal industry experts, and career and work/life experts. Among the prominent leaders who have endorsed the book are the general counsels of Wal-Mart, DuPont, CIGNA, Verizon, General Electric, Allstate Insurance and the Association of Corporate Counsel. The Feb. 1 event is part of the Law & Reorder national book tour. Among the prominent attorneys endorsing the book are Roberta Liebenberg, of Philadelphia, who chairs the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession.





At the Philadelphia Bar Association panel discussion on legal industry trends are (left to right) Deborah Epstein Henry, Esq., author of Law & Reorder: Legal Industry

Trends & the Future of the Profession; Abe Reich, Esq., former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and Lynn Doyle, host of Comcast television's "It's Your Call."

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