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The Coordinating Group
on Practice Forward
Pandemic Task Force

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In response to the growing legal needs of ordinary Americans arising from the coronavirus pandemic, the American Bar Association created a nationwide task force of volunteer lawyers and judges from across the legal profession. The group has been working on identifying legal needs arising from the pandemic, making recommendations to address those needs to help mobilize volunteer lawyers and legal professionals for people who need help. On May 13, 2020, the ABA established the Coordinating Group on Practice Forward to coordinate pandemic-responsive resources throughout the ABA and harness expertise to address the legal profession's emerging needs. The group will take a look beyond the pandemic for innovations and new ways of providing legal services and delivering justice.

We will discuss the most common legal issues that have arisen during the pandemic, review a forecast of the legal issues likely to arise or proliferate after the initial phase of the pandemic, and review the challenges in responding to the legal issues that have arisen and that are likely to arise in the future. The program will also provide an overview of best practices in pro bono mobilization to address the legal needs during and after a national emergency. Laura Farber will provide an overview of the new ABA Coordinating Group on Practice Forward, which will harness expertise throughout the ABA to address potential long-term changes to the practice of law and the judicial system in light of the pandemic. Laura will address the results from the ABA entity survey of the landscape of ABA resources as well as key opportunities and challenges presented by the pandemic.

INTRODUCTION



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