



New Vaping Law in Wisconsin

In September, a new vaping law took effect in Wisconsin. The new law bans the sale of products not preapproved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Shops with non-approved inventory can face fines of up to \$1,000 per day. According to one report, Milwaukee is home to about 530 vape shops.

The president of Wisconsinites for Alternatives to Smoking and Tobacco filed a lawsuit in federal court this summer to block the law, but a judge upheld it. An appeal was filed.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, close to 16% of Wisconsin high school students are vape users, and 96% of teens who have used vapes tried them before age 13. Source: WISN, DHS WL

Mark Zuckerberg Sues Mark Zuckerberg

An Indiana bankruptcy lawyer named Mark Zuckerberg is suing Facebook, owned by Mark Zuckerberg, claiming that Meta, Facebook's parent company, is in breach of contract.

Zuckerberg, the lawyer, claims he paid \$11,000 to advertise his legal services on Facebook, but they were improperly taken down. Facebook removed the ads, alleging Zuckerberg, the lawyer, was violating rules against impersonation.

"It's like buying a billboard on the side of the highway, paying the people for the billboard and then they come and put a giant blanket over it and you don't get the benefit of what you paid for," Zuckerberg, the lawyer, told WTHR TV in Indianapolis.

Source: BBC, TechCrunch WL



GOOD IDEA

ABA's American Democracy Report Advances Reforms

After two years of hearings, listening tours, and research, the American Bar Association's Task Force for American Democracy released a final report in September, outlining 12 core areas for reform, including civics education, civil discourse, redistricting, election processes and administration, frivolous litigation, and the role of lawyers.

Wisconsin was selected as one of the states to host a listening session, which was held at the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2024. Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and retired federal appellate Judge J. Michael Luttig, formerly of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, co-chaired the task force.

The full report is available on the ABA's website: americanbar.org. WL

"[L]aw firms are exposed to a level of risk that many aren't prepared to manage."

- Mark Doble, writing for the National Law Review.

Doble was talking about AI-based scams, noting an FBI warning earlier this year that said, "cyber threat actor Silent Ransom Group (SRG), also known as Luna Moth, Chatty Spider, and UNC3753, is targeting law firms using information technology (IT) themed social engineering calls, and callback phishing emails, to gain remote access to systems or devices and steal sensitive data to extort the victims. While SRG has historically victimized companies in many sectors, starting Spring 2023, the group has consistently targeted US-based law firms, likely due to the highly sensitive nature of legal industry data."

Doble said law firms must stay ahead of these scams. "While the legal profession is no stranger to cybersecurity risks, this warning comes at a time when the sector is also undergoing a major technological shift. Many law firms are integrating AI into their workflows without fully addressing the structural vulnerabilities in their technology infrastructure." WL

ON THE RADAR

U.S. Supreme Court Kicks Off 2025-26 Term

The U.S. Supreme Court kicked off its newest term (the October 2025 Term) with oral arguments on the first Monday of October, Oct. 6. The oral argument calendar runs through the end of April, in sessions lasting two weeks with recesses of varying lengths between.

The Court provides a live audio feed of all scheduled oral arguments, according to the U.S. Supreme Court's Public Information Office. A link to the live audio feed will be available on the homepage of the Court's website.

In the first case set for oral argument, Villarreal v. Texas, the Court will hear arguments on whether a trial court abridged the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to counsel by prohibiting the defendant and his counsel from discussing the defendant's testimony during an overnight recess.

Source: U.S. Supreme Court WL

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