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New ABA book ‘Legal Upheaval’ looks at innovative ways to achieve success in law

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CHICAGO, July 30, 2018 — In today’s legal marketplace, clients are demanding services that require a new skill set and a new mindset from their lawyers. In “[Legal Upheaval: A Guide to Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation in Law](#)”, a new ABA release, University of Miami School of Law professor Michele DeStefano details the trifecta for success in a changed legal landscape: creativity, collaboration, and innovation.

Based in part on over 100 interviews of general counsels of large, international corporations, managing partners and heads of innovation at law firms around the world, DeStefano explores the changing legal marketplace, the new expectations of lawyers and the gaps that exist in skills, mindset and behaviors. She then discusses how law firm leaders can help lawyers meet these new expectations and fill in the gaps.

With helpful case studies and explanations, as well as concrete directions and tips, “Legal Upheaval” makes collaboration and innovation accessible.

DeStefano is guest faculty at Harvard Law School’s Executive Education and the founder of LawWithoutWalls, a multi-disciplinary, international think tank of more than 1,000 lawyers, business professionals, entrepreneurs and law and business students who collaborate to solve problems and create innovation at the intersection of law, business and technology. She is also the founder of MOVELDW, which offers workshops and bespoke experiential learning programs designed to retrain lawyers, develop new collaboration norms and change culture inside legal departments and law firms.

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What others are saying about *Legal Upheaval*:

“This work is the most important contribution so far to our understanding of innovation in law.

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Blending extensive research with practicing lawyers, a deep appreciation of strategy and management and her own experience as a leading legal innovator, Michele DeStefano has written a book that should be read and acted upon by everyone interested in the future of legal service.” — Professor Richard Susskind, author of “Tomorrow’s Lawyers”

“An important book for an important time. Calling on extensive research and her own unparalleled experience, Michele DeStefano presents a compelling case that innovation in legal services is not only necessary but possible. Lawyers and law students at every stage of development would do well to embrace the prescient lessons in this book.” — David Wilkins, Lester Kissel Professor of Law and faculty director of the Center on the Legal Profession, Harvard Law School

“A thought-provoking account of the unthinkable truth: All lawyers should learn how to innovate, even if their business model isn’t broken. A necessary read for anyone who wants to differentiate in the legal marketplace.” — Horacio Gutierrez, general counsel and vice president of Business & Legal Affairs, Spotify

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