

house gossip, there is often a lot of truth in hearsay, and some kind of follow-up is necessary for anything but the most obviously scurrilous rumor. The kind of evidence needed to prove judicial misconduct may only be discoverable by the agency constituted for that purpose and the kind of pattern of misconduct that requires discipline may only be discernable if enough single incidents are reported.

There will be no rapid post-pandemic return to normal for the courts; long-term changes such as more technology and hand-washing will be required. Similarly, forgetting the recent lessons learned from the #MeToo and racial justice movements is not an option for the courts.



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FLYING COLORS by Judge Vic Fleming

The theme answer's first parts signify purity, hardiness, and vigilance.

Across

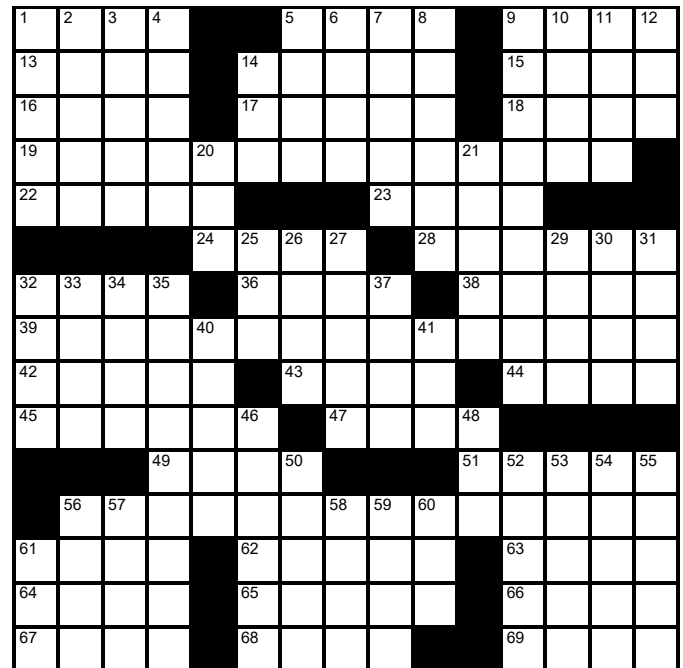
- 1 Grades that would get you kicked out of law school
- 5 Buds
- 9 First name in parenthood, often
- 13 First name in animation
- 14 Anti-flooding device
- 15 Significant stretches
- 16 Brunei's continent
- 17 Law firm's specialties
- 18 What snobs may put on
- 19 North Dakota region or cowboy folk song inspired thereby
- 22 Admiral's charge
- 23 Give off
- 24 Puppeteer Tony
- 28 Draw out, as facts from a witness
- 32 Pops, as questions to a witness
- 36 ___ the jury
- 38 Tickle the funny bone of
- 39 They are colorless, lack hemoglobin, and contain nuclei
- 42 ___ Dame
- 43 ___ it over
- 44 "Don't change," to editors
- 45 Earth's shape, roughly
- 47 Track competition
- 49 El ___
- 51 Ayn Rand's "___ Shrugged"
- 56 What many a wage earner does for a living
- 61 "Arrivederci" alternative
- 62 Midway alternative
- 63 "Casablanca" character
- 64 Land of the llama

- 65 Ambiance factor
- 66 Vending machine feature
- 67 Calligraphers' supplies
- 68 Early garden
- 69 Actress Daly

Down

- 1 Bud of Snow White
- 2 Exhibit prop
- 3 Omit from pronunciation
- 4 "Blank" look
- 5 Papa, in Paris
- 6 Assert, in a pleading
- 7 ___ of court
- 8 "Open ___"
- 9 Scheduled feedings
- 10 Singer India. ___
- 11 William & ___ Law School
- 12 "If the law supposes that, ... the law is a ___": Dickens
- 14 Loo
- 20 Part of FWIW
- 21 Spring bloom
- 25 Police alert, initially
- 26 Biscuit alternative
- 27 Cheerlessness
- 29 Have a ___ following
- 30 Capri or Wight
- 31 LSAT's "T"
- 32 Barley bristles
- 33 "Little ___ of Horrors"
- 34 ___ and kin
- 35 Taxing
- 37 Age-old tales
- 40 Like a moon-lit crop circle
- 41 '50s White House monogram
- 46 Cipher, as a message
- 48 Seadog
- 50 ___ and aahed
- 52 '60s dance
- 53 Candy on a stick, casually
- 54 Fire investigator's concern
- 55 Blade site
- 56 Muy ___
- 57 Bird symbolizing happiness
- 58 Netlike fabric

- 59 "Battlefield Earth" author Hubbard
- 60 ___ Lingus
- 61 "Market basket" cost meas.



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