Convo4

An intro to our conversation

We are in the midst of radical change!

As Rudi Dornbusch said of economics:

"things take longer to happen than you think they will, and then they happen faster than you thought they could."

The Courts of old will disappear



From Pakistan to Lithuania to Texas we get overnight metamorphosis:



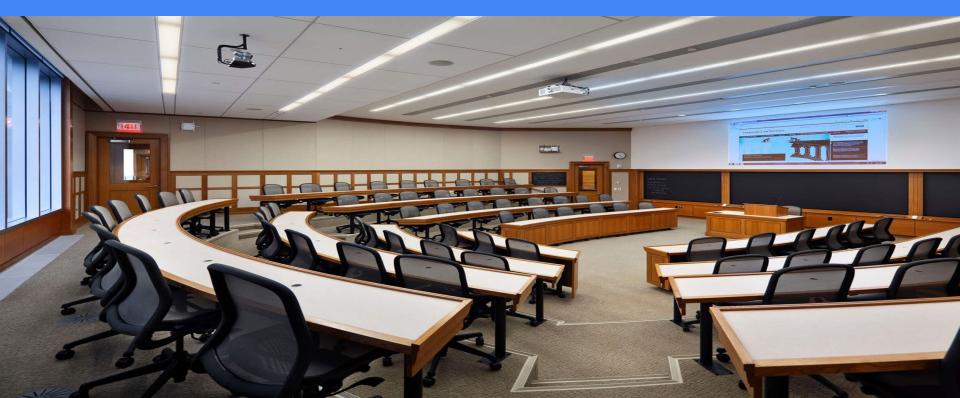
And...it will not go away!



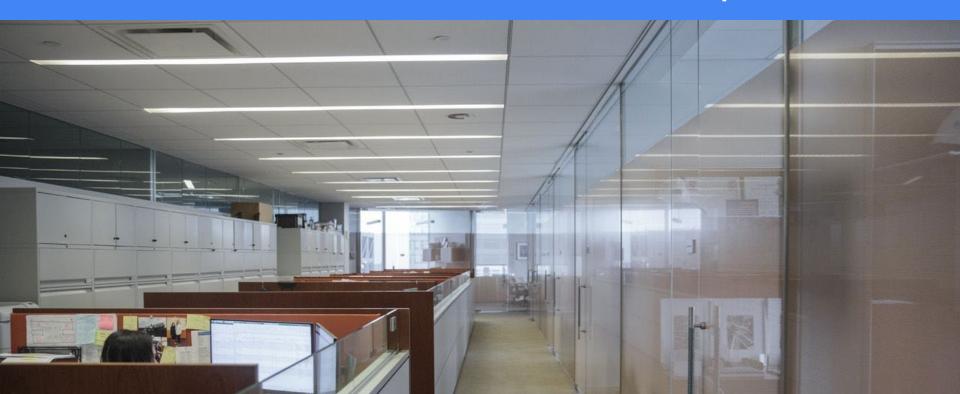
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Virtual Courts Reflect 'New Normal,' Texas Chief Justice Says

Similar seismic shifts have taken place in legal education



And in the law offices that have emptied out



That won't last!



But -- what comes next?

LET ME SUGGEST TWO THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AS OUR DISCUSSION GOES FORWARD

FOR THE FUTURE OF LEGAL PRACTICE, I GIVE YOU A RECENT SLIDE DECK FROM MICROSOFT'S JASON BARNWELL (WHOM MANY OF YOU MET AT CONVO 2 AND 3). IT IS UP ON OUR WEBSITE.

BASICALLY, IT EXPLORES CONVERGENCE BETWEEN LAW FIRMS, THE BIG 4 AND OTHER ALTRS -- A THOUGHT I DISCUSSED WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF DELOITTE INT'L ABOUT 21 YEARS AGO! JUST BEFORE THE ENRON SCANDAL.

WHAT ELSE IS OUT THERE?

FOR EDUCATION THE CRYSTAL BALL IS MORE CLOUDED



But think about these:

An effort from the corporate world

Grow with Google

As well as

One from the world of academia

