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## LEGALAND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH A LEADERSHIP & POLICY FORUM ON TRUANCY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION

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The Forum is an invitation-only convening seeking to identify concrete, evidence-based recommendations for policies, practices and partnerships needed to move us forward toward an effective national strategy among the legal, educational and community systems. We will expand the common knowledge base among Federal partners and collaborators regarding the prevalence and impact of truancy in the lives of youth and emphasize a multi-systems approach to address awareness, prevention, intervention, outreach, successful outcomes, funding and sustainability. Youth representatives will also be invited to help professionals develop priority-setting recommendations for government leaders and policy makers. Five key objectives will be used to organize presentations and small group discussions:

- 1. GAIN AWARENESS of important policy and practice issues related to the connection between truancy and dropping out of school.
- 2. **DEVELOP POLICY** recommendations for leaders at federal, state and local levels to improve the relationship between courts and schools and their treatment of truant youth.
- 3. **DEVELOP PRACTICE** change recommendations for service providers and those who fund services for truant youth.
- 4. **DEVELOP A CROSS SYSTEM VISION AND PRIORITIES** at the federal level that promotes Local, State, Justice, Education, Human Services and Public Health to join forces.
- 5. CREATE A SET OF CONCRETE NEXT STEPS for participating leaders and their respective organizations.

WE INVITE YOU,
A CHANGE AGENT
AND LEADER,
TO AN INVITATION- ONLY
GROUP STRATEGY DAY OF
COLLABORATION,
CONSENSUS BUILDING &
SOLUTIONS
FOCUSING ON REDUCING
TRUANCY AND SCHOOL
DROPOUT FOR
AT-RISK YOUTH

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September 20, 2010 LOCATION:

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**MODERATOR:** 

Dr. Ken Seeley National Center for School Engagement

**TIME:** 8:30 – 5:00 PM



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ABA Center on Children and the Law 740 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20005 202-662-1518 www.abanet.org/youthatrisk The American Bar Association Commission on Youth at Risk recognizes truancy as a critical intervention point for youth to prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system. The ability of the courts to convene, influence and lead the community on behalf of effective responses to truancy is essential to this prevention effort. A comprehensive national strategy for *courts and schools* to collaboratively engage and resolve issues surrounding truant youth is an urgent area yet to be addressed. This Leadership and Policy Forum seeks to identify concrete, evidence-based recommendations for policies, practices and partnerships needed to move us toward a effective national strategy among the legal, educational and community systems. We will expand the common knowledge base among Federal Partners and collaborators regarding the prevalence and impact of truancy in the lives of youth and emphasize a multi-systems approach to address awareness, prevention, intervention, outreach, policy, successful outcomes, funding and sustainability. We believe successful outcomes for youth are possible; we hope you join us in this effort. For more information, please contact Alisa Santucci, Director, ABA Commission on Youth at Risk (202) 662-1518 - santucca@staff.abanet.org.