



ABA Office of Diversity & Inclusion presents:

## LEGAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EXPO

### SCHEDULE

**Thursday, January 15, 2015**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ABA Headquarters, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Registration, Expo Exploration – South Lobby.** Expo attendees can sign-up for PEP Talks (Personalized Evaluation & Planning 1-on-1 sessions with legal career development experts in a broad range of topics Expo attendees can sign-up for PEP Talks online pre-event or onsite. These 30 minute PEP sessions will be held 10:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm.

8:45 AM **Welcome / Continental Breakfast – Boardrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> floor**

**Valeria J. Stokes, EdD**

Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Diversity Officer, American Bar Association

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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Plenary Session 1: Setting a Solid Foundation: Inside Tips on Career Development Basics and Beyond – Boardrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> floor**

From building your perfect resume to developing your personal brand, having a solid foundation when beginning or jumpstarting your job search is critical. In this workshop, leading career development and coaching expert Vickie Austin, founder of Choices Worldwide, and executive recruiter, Deborah Walsh, of Reilly Partners will have a dynamic discussion on setting the foundation for a successful job search and building your personal brand. Key learning outcomes include:

- Enhancing your speaking skills
- Tips on building a better resume
- Using motivation, self-discipline, and grit to stay one step ahead
- An overview of the practical tips on branding yourself including identification of individual’s attributes, core values, and skills
- Creating and perfecting the ‘Elevator Pitch’ speech; finding your professional voice so you stand out in conversation
- How to maximize your networking relationships and developing mentorship relationships.
- Effectively use social media to strengthen your professional brand

**Moderator:** John “The Purple Coach” Mitchell, KM Advisors, LLC

**Panelists:** Vickie Austin, Choices Worldwide, Founder  
Deborah Snow Walsh, Managing Director, Reilly Partners

**Josie M. Gough**, Clinical Assistant Professor/Director of Experiential Learning, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

**James M. Durant III**, Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science-Integrated Support Center

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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **PEP Sessions and Expo Appointments**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Twelve Tips to Help You Steer Clear of Lawyer Discipline  
First Session  
Magna Carta Conference Room- Lower Level 1**

No lawyer sets out to become a disciplinary statistic. In today's challenging legal services marketplace, many recently licensed lawyers are going solo, practicing in small firm settings or are joining alternative legal service providers such as legal process outsourcing companies. The training received in law school may not sufficiently prepare young lawyers in particular for the ethical and related business challenges they will encounter, leaving them more vulnerable to disciplinary complaints. Three experts in the field of professional responsibility law offer discuss twelve simple tips to help young lawyers steer clear of lawyer discipline and explain what to do if you find yourself on the receiving end of a complaint.

**Speakers:** **Wendy J. Muchman:** Chief of Litigation and Professional Education at the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois

**Ellyn S. Rosen:** Deputy Director and Regulation Counsel of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility

**Theresa M. Gronkiewicz:** Deputy Regulation Counsel of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility

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12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **LinkedIn “Lunch and Learn”:** *The Benefits of Social Networking in Today's Competitive Job Market – Boardrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> floor*

Learn firsthand from renowned social networking experts at LinkedIn how to effectively use social networking to jumpstart your job search. Key learning outcomes include:

- Building an effective profile
- How to get job email alerts
- How to connect with professionals
- How to conduct company research and more...

**Keynote Presenter:** **Jake Ruby**, LinkedIn

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1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **PEP Sessions and Expo Appointments**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Twelve Tips to Help You Steer Clear of Lawyer Discipline  
Second Session  
Magna Carta Conference Room- Lower Level 1**

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Plenary Session 2: Managing Your Student Loan Debt and Focusing on What Matters: A High Impact Program for Law Graduates with Student Loan Debt – Boardrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> floor**

Flexible repayment options and forgiveness provisions are available, but the details matter and it can be confusing to figure it out on your own. This engaging and practical presentation, facilitated by nationally recognized expert and attorney Heather Jarvis, will help you get a grip on your student loans by clearly explaining:

- The big picture: student debt as part of your total financial picture
- Evaluating when to pay down debt and when to save
- How student debt affects credit reports, credit scores, and credit qualification
- Options for managing student debt
- Strategies for reducing your overall costs
- Income-driven repayment plans
- President Obama's Pay As You Earn repayment plan
- Loan forgiveness that is not tied to employment
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness in Five Steps
- Tax issues specific to student loan borrowers
- Proposed changes to student loan debt relief programs

Bring your toughest questions because the expert is in the house!

**Presenter:** **Heather Jarvis**, Student Loan Expert  
[askheatherjarvis.com/](http://askheatherjarvis.com/)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Taking Action: Final Q&A with the Expo Presenters to Help Attendees Transform Information Received into Concrete Actions – Boardrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> floor**

**Presenter:** **Aurora Austriaco**, Austriaco & Associates Ltd.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**Closing Remarks and Introduction of ABA Leadership**

**Valeria J. Stokes, EdD**

Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Diversity Officer,  
American Bar Association

**Jack L. Rives**

Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer  
American Bar Association

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Post Expo Networking Reception – South Lobby**



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