Membership

Membership Count Report
The Section has 13,969 members, up 7.3% from this time last year. The Section’s law student membership has continued to grow and is currently at 3,410.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,435
Associates: 1,124
Law Students: 3,410
Total: 13,969

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 9,919
Individual Members: 4,050

(Source: June 2017 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Programs/Conferences Update

Webinar: The Uniform Bar Exam: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed?
On May 16, the Section presented a complimentary webinar entitled “The Uniform Bar Exam: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed?” The webinar attracted over 80 attendees and was moderated by The Honorable Rebecca White Berch, retired chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and included speakers Kellie R. Early, chief operating officer of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and Bryan R. Williams, Esq., a partner at Pettus & Williams, PLLC. The webinar provided an overview of the UBE and discussed how it affects the bar admissions process. The materials and webinar recording are now available online for your convenience and reference.
2017 Associate Deans Conference
The Section hosted the 2017 Associate Deans Conference, July 11-13, in Chicago. The conference was co-chaired by Viva Moffat, associate dean of academic affairs and professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and Sondra Tennessee, associate dean for student affairs at the University of Houston Law Center. The conference focused on the theme of “A Day in the Life of an Associate Dean,” and had more than 80 attendees from law schools across the U.S.

Dean Jennifer L. Rosato Perea of DePaul University College of Law addressed conference attendees with an energizing keynote address that focused on leadership and collaboration.

Conference sessions addressed topics such as scheduling, work-life balance, dealing with students in distress, legal issues, and budgeting, among others and featured vibrant discussions during the popular Day in the Life breakout sessions.

Annual Meeting: Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
In collaboration with the ABA Law Student Division, the Section will present a complimentary student debt program on Thursday, August 10, during the ABA Annual Meeting in New York. Entitled “Road To Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment,” the program will guide attendees through their own road to zero strategy by helping them determine the payment plan that will best align with current needs, future aspirations, and financial goals.

The program will be moderated by Law Student Division Council member, Mayra Salinas-Menjivar, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law and panelists include: Ella Mae S. Estrada, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, and Diversity Initiatives, New York Law School; Samir Qureshi, VP of Sales and Customer Success, SoFi; and Lyssa L. Thaden, Ph.D., AFC®, Managing Director, Center for Education and Financial Capability, AccessLex Institute.

Program Information:
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Grand Hyatt New York
Empire State Ballroom I
109 E 42nd Street
New York, NY

Law School Development Conference
The Law School Development Conference is scheduled for June 2018 in Chicago. We will soon begin work on building the conference planning committee.
Co-Sponsored Program:
Webinar - Ensuring Your Staff is Ethically Supporting You
August 22, 2017
Section of Family Law

Conferences and Programming Committee
The committee has a new chair for 2017-18, Cassandra Hill. Cassandra serves as Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Professor of Law at the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and is a past member of the committee.

The committee is currently working to develop a fall webinar that focuses on best practices for school diversity initiatives.

Publications
Publications Committee
The Publications Committee’s main projects continue to be new editions of The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs and the Adjunct Faculty Handbook.

Additionally, the committee is still developing the “ABA Standards Idea Bank” - a web resource that allows law schools the opportunity to share programs, processes and materials that they are employing to meet the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools.

Syllabus

The 2017 Summer Issue of Syllabus is now available.

Articles include:

- The Role of the Judiciary in the Accreditation Project
- In Appreciation of Public Members
- Section Programming Update
- Edward Tucker is the 2017 Kutak Award Recipient
- Summary of Council Actions at June 2017 Meeting
- Nominating Committee Announces 2017-2018 Council Slate
- Join Us in New York at the ABA Annual Meeting
- News from the ABA
- Staff News
- Comments Invited for Fall 2017 Site Visits

Staff Update
Andrew Crane has joined the Section staff as Program Specialist. Working with both the Accreditation Project and the Section, Andrew will assist with the collection and analysis of legal education data, as well as provide support for the Section’s technology projects and conferences. Previously, Andrew
worked as a survey programmer and data manager. He is proficient in a variety of programming tools including Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and SQL. Andrew graduated from Loyola University-Chicago with a B.A. in anthropology.