



**Council Meeting | August 2-3, 2018 | Chicago, IL
Section Director's Report**

Membership

Membership Count Report

The Section has 14,341 members, up 2.7% from this time last year.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,339
Associates: 1,081
Law Students: 3,921

Total: 14,341

(Source: June 2018 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 10,044
Individual Members: 4,297

(Source: July 2018 List Manager Report)

New ABA Membership Model Report

During the Annual Meeting, the ABA Board of Governors will consider a new membership model that includes a revised dues structure and member benefit package.

Programs/Conferences Update

Law School Development Conference Recap

The Conference was held May 29-June 1 in Chicago and drew over 150 deans and development officers from law schools across the country. Attendees networked and attended engaging and relevant sessions on topics such as leadership storytelling, metrics, women in philanthropy and social media campaigns, to name a few.

Esther Choy, President & Chief Story Facilitator of the Leadership Story Lab, led an interactive half-day plenary session on the fundamentals of storytelling in philanthropy to kick off the conference. Attendees also had the opportunity to attend a luncheon that featured an inspiring discussion with Valerie Jarrett, Senior Distinguished Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and Senior Advisor to the Obama Foundation and Daniel Rodriguez, Dean and Professor at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

The conference will continue to be held every other year.

Annual Meeting Events

The Section will host several events during the 2018 ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

On Friday, August 3, the Section will present a [free program on student debt](#) in collaboration with the Law Student Division.

The Kutak Award Reception will be held on Friday evening and will honor our 2018 recipient, [The Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr.](#)

The Section's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4 at 10:15 a.m.

[Cyndi Nance](#) will be honored as a recipient of the 2018 [Margaret Brent](#) Women Lawyers of Achievement Award on Sunday, August 5. The award, established by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession in 1991, recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

To view a complete list of the Section's Annual Meeting events, [click here](#).

2019 Associate Deans Conference

The Section will host its conference for Associate Deans in the Summer of 2019 and is working to build a planning committee and secure a location for the event.

Legal Career Central Webinar

The Section is collaborating with the ABA's Legal Career Central group on their free Career Choice webinar series for ABA members. "[Academia and Becoming a Dean](#)" is scheduled for August 24 and features panelists Dean Danielle Holley-Walker of Howard University School of Law and Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz of University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Conferences and Programming Committee

The Conferences and Programming Committee will have three new members for the 2018-19 year:

James McGrath
Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Support, Bar Passage, and Compliance
Texas A&M University School of Law

Teri McMurtry-Chubb
Professor
Mercer University School of Law

Ruth Anne Robbins
Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law
Rutgers Law School-Camden

Publications

Publications Committee

The committee is continuing to focus on the new edition of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs*. We have received several complete chapter drafts and will be sending a complete first draft to the editor by end of August.

Syllabus

The Summer issue of [Syllabus](#) is now available.

ABA Website

The new ABA website is expected to soft launch internally by end of July, with a hard launch date that is yet to be determined.