Membership Count Report
The Section has 14,088 members, up 3.3% from this time last year.

Membership Breakdown:

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Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

- Faculty Group Program Members: 9,707
- Individual Members: 4,381

(Source: December 2017 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Programs/Conferences Update

Webinar: Best and Worst Practices in Law School Diversity Initiatives
The Section presented a complimentary webinar on November 16 on law school diversity initiatives. The program, which examined some of the best practices law schools are using to increase diversity and inclusion, had over 85 attendees and was very well received. The webinar was moderated by Daiquiri Steele, Director of Diversity & Inclusion and Assistant Professor of Law in Residence at The University of Alabama School of Law and featured speakers Susan Kuo, Associate Dean of Diversity & Inclusion, University of South Carolina; Troy Riddle, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, The John Marshall Law School; and Catherine Smith, Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness, University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

The webinar recording and supporting materials are posted on the Section’s program materials page at: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/section-program-materials.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/section-program-materials.html)
Legal Career Central Webinar Series
The Section has been invited to collaborate with the ABA's Legal Career Central on their free Career Choice webinar series for ABA members. The series highlights different practice areas for law students, young lawyers, or transitioning attorneys. The Section is working to secure panelists to speak on topics including how to become a tenured law school professor, adjunct law school professor, law school dean, law librarian, associate dean, trial professor or coach, and/or higher education faculty member at a university or community college in a law-related department.

Joint Law Student Division Webinar on Mental Health
The Section will co-sponsor a webinar with the Law Student Division in the spring on mental health. The webinar will feature the authors of a book by the Law Practice Division titled The Full Weight of the Law: How Legal Professionals Can Recognize and Rebound from Depression. The webinar will appeal to both law student and law school faculty.

Law School Development Conference: Rewriting Your Story: Adapting to Changing Donor Demands and Shifting Alumni Expectations
The Law School Development Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1 at the Loews Chicago Hotel. Registration for the conference will open soon. The committee is currently working to secure a keynote speaker and to finalize the conference agenda.

Co-Sponsored Programs:

February 3, 2018
ABA Midyear Meeting Program in Vancouver
The Perennial (and Stubborn) Challenge of Cost, Affordability, and Access in Legal Education: Has it Finally Hit the Fan?
American Bar Foundation Fellows

February 6, 2018
Webinar - Ethically Interviewing and Preparing Witnesses for Deposition and Trial
Center for Professional Responsibility

March 21, 2018
Webinar - Marketing Legal Services: New Rules and New Perspectives
Center for Professional Responsibility

Conferences and Programming Committee
The committee met in January via conference call under the leadership of Chair, Cassandra Hill.

The committee developed the proposal for the webinar on law school diversity initiatives and is currently working on additional proposals for upcoming webinars on topics including the changing role of the law librarian and professional responsibility and/or ethics.
Publications

Publications Committee
The committee met in January via conference call to discuss the status of the new editions of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs* and the *Adjunct Faculty Handbook*.

The committee has finalized the list of authors for the Sourcebook. Outlines are due March 15 and a first draft deadline of May 15 has been set. The committee will work to secure an editor for the publication and estimates the publication will launch in early 2019.

The committee is currently working to line up authors to edit the *Adjunct Faculty Handbook*.

Additionally, 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 is ready for launch. A call for example submissions was included in the Winter issue of Syllabus.

Joint Law Student Division Newsletter
The Section is collaborating with the Law Student Division on a new quarterly electronic newsletter for section members. The newsletter keeps section members up-to-date on the many benefits the ABA provides for members, faculty and law students.

ABA Website
The new ABA website is expected to launch in March of 2018. Staff have been trained on the new site and are working to prepare the section’s website for the migration over to the new site.

Syllabus

The 2018 Winter issue of Syllabus is now available.

Articles include:
- From the Chair: The Future of Legal Education: To PROSPER or Not to PROSPER
- From the Managing Director: Let’s Talk Data
- Section Spotlight
- November 2017 Council Meeting Actions
- Call for 2018-19 Council Nominations
- Nominations Sought for the 2018 Kutak Award
- Access to Justice Conference Slated for Atlanta