



**Council Meeting | November 2-4, 2017 | Boston, MA
Section Director's Report**

Membership

Membership Count Report

The Section has 14,160 members, up 4.9% from this time last year. The Section's law student membership has continued to grow and is currently at 3,851.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers:	9,219
Associates:	1,090
Law Students:	3,851
Total:	14,160

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 9,707
Individual Members: 4,453

(Source: September 2017 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Programs/Conferences Update

Webinar: Best and Worst Practices in Law School Diversity Initiatives

The Section will present a complimentary webinar on Thursday, November 16 at 3:30 pm Eastern on law school diversity initiatives. This program will examine some of the best practices law schools are using to increase diversity and inclusion, as well as discuss some practices that have been found to be ineffective. Topics will include law school climate, diversity-based educational programs, faculty and staff recruitment and hiring, student recruitment, admissions, student career services, and alumni engagement.

The webinar will be moderated by Daiquiri Steele, Director of Diversity & Inclusion and Assistant Professor of Law in Residence at The University of Alabama School of Law and speakers include: Susan Kuo, Associate Dean of Diversity & Inclusion, University of South Carolina; Troy Riddle, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer,

John Marshall Law School; Catherine Smith, Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness, University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Law School Development Conference

The Law School Development Conference is scheduled for May 29 – June 1, 2018 at the Loews Chicago Hotel in Chicago, IL. Registration for the conference will open in January.

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Co-Sponsored Programs:

December 13, 2017

Webinar - *Evidence for Administrative Hearing Professionals: Evaluation of Admissible Evidence Using Real Fact Scenarios*

Center for Professional Development

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

March 21, 2018

Webinar - *Marketing Legal Services: New Rules and New Perspectives*

Center for Professional Responsibility

Conferences and Programming Committee

The 2017-18 committee met for the first time in early October via conference call under the leadership of new chair, 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 developed the proposal for the webinar on Law School Diversity Initiatives and is currently working on additional proposals for upcoming webinars.

Publications

Publications Committee

The 2017-18 committee also met via conference call to discuss the status of the new editions of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs* and the *Adjunct Faculty Handbook*.

Additionally, the committee is working to develop 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.

Joint Law Student Division Newsletter

The Section is collaborating with the Law Student Division to produce a new quarterly electronic newsletter for section members. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep 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 Feb/March of 2018. Staff will soon begin training on the new site and will work to prepare the section’s website for the migration over to the new site.

Syllabus



The [2017 Fall Issue of Syllabus](#) is now available.

Articles include:

- From the Chair: Council Plans its Work for the Year
- Legal Education and the Bar Exam as Requirements for Licensure
- Section Updates and Announcements
- ABA Annual Meeting Recap
- Staff News
- Comments Invited for Spring 2018 Site Visits