Membership Count Report
The Section has 13,556 members, down 2.2% from this time last year. The current dues structure can be found on this page.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,206
Associates: 1,061
Law Students: 3,289

Total: 13,556

(Source: July 2020 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 10,069
Individual Members: 3,487

(Source: August 2020 List Manager Report)

2020 New Deans Workshop
The New Deans Workshop was held virtually during the afternoons of July 16, 17, 23, and 24. Nearly 30 new deans attended the workshop which touched on the topics of leadership, students, communication, management, central administration, faculty, development, budgeting, and work-life balance.

2020-2021 Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools
The new edition of the Standards is now available on the Section’s website here. Hard copies will be mailed out during the week of August 10.
2020 Annual Meeting
The Section’s Annual Business Meeting was held via Zoom on Friday, July 31. The meeting included the approval of the 2020-21 Council slate and Bylaw amendment, as well as remarks from outgoing Chair Diane Bosse, incoming Chair Scott Bales, and Managing Director Bill Adams.

Summer 2020 Issue of Syllabus
The Summer issue of Syllabus, the Section’s quarterly electronic newsletter, is available on the Section’s website. This issue includes substantive articles about law student gains in writing skills and leadership courses, as well as columns from the Chair, Managing Director, Section Director, and important announcements.

2020 Kutak Award Recipient
The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor is the 2020 Robert J. Kutak Award Recipient. Justice McGregor will be honored at a reception in November in conjunction with the Section’s Council Meeting. The Kutak Award is presented annually to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the legal academy, the bench, and the bar. The award was established in memory of Mr. Kutak, a respected Omaha lawyer, who was committed to legal reform and a strong advocate for legal education.

ABA Task Force on Legal Needs Arising Out of the 2020 Pandemic
In response to the growing legal needs of Americans arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19), the American Bar Association has created a nationwide task force of volunteer lawyers and judges from across the legal profession. The task force will identify the legal needs arising from the pandemic, make recommendations to address those needs, and help mobilize volunteer lawyers and legal professionals to assist people who need help.

The task force includes experts in disaster response; health law; insurance; legal needs of families to protect basic human needs such as food, shelter, medical and employment benefits; criminal justice; domestic violence; and civil rights and social justice.

The website of the task force is intended to serve as a national source of information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the delivery of legal services. It includes resources on remote service delivery, court access and rules changes, legal needs, public benefits programs, and pro bono mobilization.

ABA CLE programming related to COVID-19 can be found here.

Racial Equity in the Justice System
On June 15, the ABA launched the new Racial Equity in the Justice System web page—a central clearinghouse of ABA-related information and resources for attorneys, the legal profession, and the public on a wealth of issues addressing bias, racism, and prejudice in the justice system and society. Visit this website to find a curated collection of resources from across the Association including webinars, articles, books, publications, periodicals, statements, standards, policies, reports, model rules, training tools, and more, all related to equity in the American Justice System.