Membership
Membership Count Report
The Section has 13,862 members, down 3.5% from this time last year.

Membership Breakdown:

- Lawyers: 9,436
- Associates: 1,057
- Law Students: 3,369

Total: 13,862

(Source: July 2019 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

- Faculty Group Program Members: 10,122
- Individual Members: 3,740

(Source: August 2019 List Manager Report)

Programs/Conferences Update

New Deans and Deans Workshops
The Section held its workshops for new deans and deans in Denver, June 11-15. Thirty-seven new deans attended the New Deans Workshop which focused on topics including finance and budgets, work-life balance, faculty management, development, staff and administration, and students.

The Deans Workshop had over 120 attendees and featured programs on management, communication, leadership, budgeting, crisis management, and governance, to name a few. Attendees had the opportunity to network at receptions and dinners and to hear from Keynote Speakers Colonel Linell Letendre, Professor and Head of the Department of Law, United States Air Force Academy; and Phil Weiser, Attorney General of Colorado.
2019 Associate Deans Conference
The Section hosted its Conference for Associate Deans in Chicago, June 25-28. The conference drew over 125 attendees from law schools across the country and provided valuable networking opportunities as well as engaging and relevant sessions on topics including mental health, legal issues, becoming a dean, work-life balance, and assessments, among others.

Attendees also had the opportunity to attend a keynote presentation by Dean Darby Dickerson of The John Marshall Law School. Dean Dickerson’s presentation “Preparing to Be a Law Dean” provided helpful guidance and advice on the process of becoming dean.


Materials from the conference are available and can be found here.

Annual Meeting Student Debt Program
The Section hosted its annual program on managing student debt, co-sponsored by the Law Student Division, during the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The program was held Friday, August 9 at 11:00 AM at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco. The program panel included:

Moderator:
Zachary Faircloth, Editor-in-Chief of the SMU Law Review and Candidate for Juris Doctor May 2020, SMU Dedman School of Law

Speakers:
Bob Buch, VP of Business Development and Partnerships, SoFi
Montré Everett, Director of Financial Aid, UC Davis School of Law Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
Lyssa L. Thaden, Ph.D., AFC®, Managing Director, AccessLex Center for Education and Financial Capability®

Publications
The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs
The Section continues to work on a new edition of The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs. A first draft of the manuscript should be complete by end of August. The Section is currently working to secure a copy editor and publisher for the publication which it expects to publish before end of year.

Syllabus
The Summer issue of Syllabus is available here.

2019-2020 Standards
The 2019-2020 edition of the Standards will be available on the Section’s website by September 1 and will ship in early September.
Website
Management of the Section’s website is an ongoing project as we work to better organize and enhance our webpages. Most recently, staff worked to reorganize the Section’s News and Announcements pages. You can now find a link on the Section Homepage to News, and from there you can link to:

- Accreditation Notices – includes council school actions and public notice announcements.
- General News – includes general Section news and announcements.
- Notice & Comment – includes notices of proposed standards changes and comments received.
- News Archives – includes past Section and accreditation-related news and announcements.
- Notice and Comment Archives – includes an archive of proposed standards changes and comments received.