Membership
Membership Count Report
The Section has 14,145 members, down 0.1% from this time last year.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,158
Associates: 1,019
Law Students: 3,968

Total: 14,145

(Source: April 2019 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 9,828
Individual Members: 4,317

(Source: April 2019 List Manager Report)

Programs/Conferences Update
Webinars: Cultural Competency and Adjunct Faculty
The Section presented two complimentary webinars in early May.

On May 2, the Section presented Teaching Strategies and Assessments to Disrupt Implicit and Explicit Bias. Featuring Teri McMurtry-Chubb, a Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law, this webinar summarized her empirical research project spanning 6 years on the relationship between racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia and how law students formulate arguments in brief writing. The webinar provided concrete strategies for course planning and assessment that integrate cultural competency learning outcomes and performance criteria and introduced attendees to critical pedagogies (teaching strategies) designed to disrupt students’ implicit and explicit biases. The recording and materials are posted on the Section’s website. The webinar had 162 attendees.
On May 7, the Section hosted a webinar on the topic of adjunct faculty. *Adjunct Faculty—Supporting Essential Partners in the Law School Curriculum* focused on strategies for identifying, recruiting, training, supporting, and evaluating those energetic souls who have other high-level legal employment, and somehow make the time to teach a law school class in addition to doing their “day job.” Panelists included:

**Moderator:**
Eileen A. Scallen, Professor of Practice, UCLA School of Law

**Speakers:**
Kim D. Chanbonpin, Professor and Director of Lawyering Skills, The John Marshall Law School
Michael Hunter Schwartz, Dean and Professor, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
William J. Snape, III, Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty Affairs, American University Washington College of Law

The recording and materials are posted on the Section’s website. The webinar had 49 attendees.

2019 Associate Deans Conference
The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 - Friday, June 28, 2019 at the Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel. The conference theme is: *Developing the Skill Sets of the Associate Dean* and features specific breakouts on one of the conference days for Associate Deans of Research.

The conference has over 80 registrants thus far and we have secured the following sponsors: AccessLex Institute, LSAC, West Academic, Themis Bar Review, ofCourse Scheduling, Wolters Kluwer and iLaw.

**Annual Meeting Student Debt Program**
The Section will host its annual program on managing student debt, with the Law Student Division, during the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The program is scheduled for Friday, August 9 at 11:00 AM at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco. Lyssa Thaden of AccessLex is confirmed as a panelist. Joining her will be a representative from SoFi, a local law school representative and a member of the YLD.

**Publications**
The Section continues to work on new editions of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs* and *Best Practices for Building a High-Tech Law School*.

**Syllabus**
The Spring issue of *Syllabus* will be published in May.

**Section Website**
We continue to enhance our entity website pages to make for a better user experience. Most recently we’ve updated the page that includes information for law schools seeking ABA approval: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation/schools-seeking-aba-approval/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation/schools-seeking-aba-approval/).

**ABA Updates: New Logo and New Membership Model**
The ABA has adopted a new logo (see below) and a new set of brand standards.
On May 1, the ABA launched its new membership model. The new model offers a suite of new benefits, more personalized content based on member preferences, better communications, and a streamlined dues structure for members. New benefits include:

- Complimentary opportunity to join the Law Practice Division and GPSolo Division
- Access to materials developed by the Center for Professional Responsibility (CPR) on ethics standards for lawyers and judges, including more than 40 premier CLE offerings
- Online, on-demand access to professional development and continuing legal education through a new CLE Member Benefit Library including access to more than 400 titles in the library
- Section members will have access to even more titles and premium content in their related practice areas