



**Council Meeting | November 16, 2018 | Atlanta, GA  
Section Director's Report**

**Membership**

**Membership Count Report**

The Section has 14,390 members, up 0.7% from this time last year.

*Membership Breakdown:*

Lawyers: 9,170  
Associates: 1,027  
Law Students: 4,265

**Total: 14,462**

(Source: October 2018 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

*Faculty Group Program Breakdown:*

Faculty Group Program Members: 9,699  
Individual Members: 4,763

(Source: November 2018 List Manager Report)

**Programs/Conferences Update**

**2019 New Deans and Deans Workshops**

The New Deans and Deans Workshops will be held the week of June 10, 2019. Location and schedule have not yet been finalized.

**2019 Associate Deans Conference**

The Section will host its conference for Associate Deans Tuesday, June 25 - Friday, June 28, 2019 in Chicago. Details regarding the hotel and schedule will soon be available. Conference Planning Committee members include:

**Larry Cunningham (Co-Chair)**

Associate Dean for Assessment & Institutional Effectiveness;  
Director, Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy;  
and Professor of Legal Writing  
St. John's University School of Law

**Sondra Tennessee (Co-Chair)**

Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
University of Houston Law Center

**Adell Amos**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor  
University of Oregon School of Law

**Nancy Benavides**

Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Florida State University College of Law

**Steven Todd Brown**

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor  
University at Buffalo Law School- SUNY

**Susan Cancelosi**

Associate Dean and Associate Professor  
Wayne State University Law School

**Ruben Garcia**

Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Development & Research;  
and Co-Director, UNLV Workplace Law Program  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
William S. Boyd School of Law

**Conferences and Programming Committee**

The Conferences and Programming Committee is working on several proposals for upcoming webinars that cover the following topics: managing adjunct faculty, assessments, legal research resources for students, social media strategies, and working with generation z/millennials. The committee also has an interest in blogging and utilizing the blog feature on the new ABA website.

**Joint Programming with the ABA Law Student Division**

The Law Student Division is interested in partnering with the Section on programming for students and young lawyers on financial literacy, as well as diversity training for faculty members, specifically training them on how to interact with diverse student bodies.

**Publications**

**2018-2019 Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools**

The 2018-2019 edition of the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools is posted on the section's [Standards webpage](#).

## **Annual Report**

A draft of the 2017-18 Annual Report/Year in Review is underway and will be published in January.

## **The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs**

The Publications Committee will soon have all completed chapter drafts of the new edition. Once all chapters are complete, the draft will move on to the editing phase.

## **Syllabus**

The Fall issue of *Syllabus* is available on the Section's website [here](#).

## **ABA Website**

The ABA launched its new website on October 9. Designed to provide a better user experience, the website features a more effective search function and is mobile friendly. While there have been some reports of issues with login, meeting registration, and product purchases, the vendor assures that these will soon be fixed.

A few suggestions to better navigate the site include:

- Clearing your browser history (cache)
- Using either Firefox or Chrome as an alternative browser to Internet Explorer
- Alerting the ABA Service Center (800-285-2221) of any login or purchasing issues

Additionally, if you have any feedback or suggestions on the ABA website as a whole, or the Section's website, please contact Section Director, Erin Ruehrwein, directly at [Erin.Ruehrwein@americanbar.org](mailto:Erin.Ruehrwein@americanbar.org).