Membership

Membership Count Report
The Section has 13,064 members, down 9.7% from this time last year. This drop is primarily due to the removal of free ABA memberships that were granted to lawyers and students. The current dues structure can be found on this page.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,086
Associates: 1,010
Law Students: 2,968

Total: 13,064

(Source: October 2019 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 9,887
Individual Members: 3,177

(Source: November 2019 List Manager Report)

Programs/Conferences Update

2020 New Deans’ Workshop/Deans’ Workshops/Law School Development Conference
The Section will host all 3 events during a one-week timeframe during the Summer of 2020. The dates and locations are not yet finalized, but will be publicized as soon as they are confirmed.
Committees

Adjunct Faculty Committee
The Section has formed a committee to focus on resources and programming for adjunct and part-time faculty. The following individuals are confirmed to serve on the committee:

Co-Chairs
Larry Ponoroff, Dean, Michigan State University College of Law
David Lander, Professor of Practice, St. Louis University School of Law

Members
Jerry Brown, Adjunct Professor, UIC John Marshall Law School (Invited)
Marcilynn Burke, Dean, University of Oregon School of Law (Invited)
William Snape, Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty Affairs, American University Washington College of Law

Publications

2019-2020 Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools
The 2019-2020 edition of the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools was published in late August. The new edition is posted on the section’s Standards webpage.

Annual Report
A draft of the 2018-19 Annual Report/Year in Review is underway and will be published in January, 2020.

The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs
The authors and editors of the Third Edition of The Sourcebook have been working diligently to finalize the manuscript. The copy edit phase of the publication is near completion and will soon move into the production phase with a goal of publishing in late December/early January.

Syllabus
The Fall issue of Syllabus is available on the Section’s website here.
ABA Updates

Email
Over the last three years, the ABA has reduced its total number of emails sent from 300 million a year to nearly 100 million this past year. In an effort to continue to improve email communication, the ABA is using a new email platform based on artificial intelligence to provide for more targeted emails. Emails going to members will contain curated content based on the members’ interest, resulting in more personalized and relevant content, and less email overall.

Logo Usage
ABA members now have the opportunity to display their affiliation in the ABA with the new logo, along with their name and membership year, in various places including social media, websites, letterhead, presentations, and business cards. They can do so for no fee. More information can be found here.

Website
The ABA continues its work to improve and enhance the website and reports that website operations have significantly improved since its launch. Recent updates to the site have led to improved speed and accuracy of the site’s functionality. Future updates include improvements to e-commerce, functionality of search, and access to member-only content via a paywall.

As a reminder, if you experience any issues or would like to submit feedback regarding the website, please contact Section Director, Erin Ruehrwein, at Erin.Ruehrwein@americanbar.org.