PROGRAM TOPICS

The Leadership Academy will meet at each TIPS Section Meeting beginning with the 2020 TIPS Fall Leadership Meeting in October. The Leadership Academy will then meet at the ABA Midyear Meeting in February 2021, the TIPS Section Conference in April 2021 and the ABA Annual Meeting in August 2021. Each meeting will have a different focus with meaningful topics and top-notch speakers.

Past program topics have included:

- Developing Leadership Inside and Outside of Your Organization
- Lawyer Happiness: Reality or Myth
- The Stress of Leadership
- Leadership and Money: What Do Leaders Do With Their Money?
- Social Media: Your Judge and Jury
- Bullies and Jerks – Dealing with Difficult Personalities
- Diversity in Leadership
- Professionalism and Volunteerism: Keys to Success
- Leadership, Team Work and Motivation as the Community and World Watches
- Styles for Effective Leadership
- Professionalism
- Contempt of Court: A Lynching That Forever Changed the Practice of Law
- Implied Biases
- Projecting a Powerful Presence
- Priorities: The Responsibility of Leadership
- Leadership in Business

“Having the opportunity to talk with lawyers with different perspectives, different backgrounds, and different experiences in the law, regarding a wide range of issues, from implicit bias, to legal malpractice, to marketing, to what it means to be a leader, was invaluable.”

—Hasson Barnes, Law Office of Hasson D. Barnes. LLC
2018-19 Leadership Academy Class
BENEFITS OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In the TIPS Leadership Academy, the participants will be exposed to a wide range of leaders in the law. These leaders will candidly share their successes and failures in their leadership roles and be available for open dialogue on all issues. Through this process, the Academy members will develop their own leadership style and learn how to put that style into action.

Following their participation in the program, Leadership Academy graduates are provided a path to Section Leadership though unique leadership positions within substantive committees. Through these roles, graduates make connections, gain experience, and shape the future of TIPS.

OUR MISSION

The TIPS Leadership Academy serves the public by providing participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop a vision to lead the legal profession and to improve leadership service in the community as a whole.

OUR GOALS

➤ To increase the diversity of leaders within our communities.
➤ To nurture effective leadership with respect to ethical, professional and community service values.
➤ To build relationships among leaders from across the country and diverse practice areas.
➤ To raise the level of awareness among lawyers regarding the broad range of issues facing the profession.
The TIPS Leadership Academy will bring together a diverse group of approximately 25 attorneys from across the nation who have been identified as emerging leaders. Selection is expected to be competitive. This group of intelligent and curious leaders will have already shown themselves to be actively committed and personally responsible and most will have five to fifteen years of experience in practice. The deadline for applications is February 17, 2020.

TIPS is underwriting the largest component of the Academy members’ participation in this program. For example, members of the Academy will be provided airfare to the meetings, reimbursement of hotel room and taxes and many of their meals. Academy members are expected to pay a one-time fee of $2,500 to participate in this tremendous program. Applicants who are accepted may choose to apply to the TIPS Scholarship Fund to defray expenses.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the TIPS Leadership Academy, please contact Theresa Livingston at 312-988-6155 or Theresa.Livingston@americanbar.org

“Through the TIPS Leadership Academy, I learned how to be a leader from the very best in the business. As a young attorney, those skills have helped me gain confidence, resulting in new business for my firm.”
—Jonathan Walton
2018-19 Leadership Academy Class

“The connections I’ve made through TIPS Leadership Academy have been indispensable. My network now includes attorneys from across the country and across practice areas. The relationships I built with my classmates, instructors, and other TIPS leaders have challenged and influenced me tremendously.”
—Tasha C. Blakney, Eldridge & Blakney PC
2006-07 Leadership Academy Class