MISSION

The mission of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the ABA's first section, is:
To be a creative national force in providing leadership and services to those responsible for and those who benefit from a sound program of legal education and bar admissions.
To provide a fair, effective, and efficient accrediting system for American law schools that promotes quality legal education, and
To continue to serve, through its Council, as the nationally recognized accrediting body for American law schools.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

From the Chair
From the Managing Director
From the Section Director
Fall Enrollment Statistics
It was a privilege to chair the Section during the 2018-2019 bar year. During this time, the Section implemented a new Council structure which merged the work of the Accreditation and Standards Review/Data Policy and Collection Committees into the Council. The Council began its work in this new structure, taking on all facets of the accreditation project, which allowed the Council, with the help of its subcommittees, to do its work more efficiently and in a more responsive manner.

Managing Director Barry Currier, Section Director Erin Ruehrwein, Deputy Managing Director William Adams, and Standards Review Subcommittee Chair Professor Pamela Lysaght have provided full business reports on their work in this Report. I encourage you to read them.

I would like to share a few highlights:

It was an honor to introduce the 2019 Kutak Award Recipient, the Honorable Christine M. Durham, during the Section’s 2019 Robert J. Kutak Award presentation. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the academy, the bench, and the bar. Judge Durham’s distinguished service to the legal profession and the public which it serves is well-known. She served as a justice of the Supreme Court of Utah for thirty-five years. She also served a term as President of the Conference of Chief Justices and held leadership roles in the Section including Council Chair. These are just a few of the many reasons why she was a very deserving recipient of this great honor.

As you will read in the Accreditation Report, the Council worked through a heavy agenda as it considered over one hundred matters which required a decision or recommendation during the year.

The Council bears the heavy responsibility for enforcing the Standards. The Council members shouldered the workload with diligence and professionalism. The decision-making was careful, precise, and true to the Standards.

Additionally, the Standards Review Subcommittee worked diligently on revisions to several standards, which you can read more about in the Standards Review Subcommittee Report. And as you will read in the Section Director’s Report, the Section delivered a number of valuable webinars and conferences throughout the year, while the Publications Committee began work on a new edition of The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs.
In carrying out the responsibilities of Chair of the Section, I was assisted immeasurably by our current Chair Diane Bosse, our Chair-Elect Scott Bales, and by Barry Currier, our Managing Director. This summer, Barry will be concluding his outstanding service to the Section after seven years as Managing Director and four years as Deputy Consultant on Legal Education (2000-2004). His tenure has been marked by steady and important progress in all phases of the Section’s responsibilities. Thanks is especially owed to the members of the Council, the hundreds of volunteers, and the staff for their ever-diligent work and their devotion to the Accreditation Project.
2018-2019 was a historic year for the Council and the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The Council, staff, and ABA-approved law schools successfully implemented the most significant changes in the organization and work flow of the ABA law school accreditation process in two generations. These changes will help the Council adapt to the changing environment for law schools, law students, and new lawyers. They are a good first-level response to the challenges and fundamental changes that are rapidly coming at both higher education and the legal services industry.

The changes (a) eliminated the Accreditation Committee and the Standards Review/Data Policy Committee, concentrating all of the accreditation-related work of the Council in the Council itself; (b) extended the periodic comprehensive review cycle from seven to ten years, while acknowledging the increasing importance of interim monitoring of law schools to more promptly identify and resolve accreditation issues that may arise between the comprehensive reviews; (c) acknowledged and approved changes to questionnaires, templates, and reports used in the review process that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the process; and (d) accepted and welcomed more assistance and guidance from the staff in the evaluation of law school programs.

The sum of these changes leads to a Council that will have broader, deeper knowledge and information about legal education in general, and which informs its decision-making on individual school matters and work on the Standards and Rules. Stretching out the review cycle and increasing the reliance on the interim monitoring process to identify problems or potential standards issues both provides some reduction in the resources that law schools must devote to the accreditation process and focuses the Council’s attention on schools with potentially serious issues. This is a wise way to spend the resources (time and funds) available to the Council. Eliminating layers in the process allows matters to be addressed more promptly and resolved with greater dispatch.

Concerns expressed during the discussion of these changes about whether they were feasible, given the amount of work to be done, were resolved by our experience this year. The space created by changes in the questionnaires and templates for reports and letters and the move to a ten-year comprehensive review cycle were critical to the opportunity for the changes to succeed. Most importantly, the Council embraced its changed role. We got our work done—and done well—within the time allotted for the meetings. Particular thanks go to Council Chair Jeff Lewis of St. Louis University for leading us through this first year. His skill at running a meeting and keeping us
on track, and his long experience with the accreditation process as a law school dean and as a volunteer in the process, made him an ideal chair for the transition.

I also want to recognize and thank the staff in the Managing Director’s Office for their contributions to our new way of working. My gratitude to Bill Adams, Stephanie Giggetts, Ed Butterfoss, and our talented team for their guidance, support, and hard work that made this year a success.

There is more that could be reported here about the year—the adoption of a revised Standard 316 on bar pass outcomes and the successful defense of the ABA Standards and the accreditation process in several lawsuits filed against the ABA and the Council, to name two, were significant. But, the restructuring of the Council’s work stands out as the year’s key development; and one that I trust will serve the Council, legal education, and the bar admissions community well for many years to come.

It was an honor and a pleasure to work with the Council, the staff, my colleagues in the other national legal education organizations, law school deans, and the many volunteers from law schools and the profession who support our work. Thank you very much.
2018-2019 was an exciting year for the Section and the ABA. I’ll share several highlights here. Section membership remained steady at just over 14,000 members, while the ABA launched a new suite of member benefits, dues structure, and logo. Section volunteers worked hard to deliver valuable and relevant programming through its conferences, webinars, and training, and the Publications Committee worked tirelessly on a Third Edition of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs*. Last but not least, the ABA unveiled a new website.

**MEMBERSHIP**

As you’ll see in our Membership Report, the Section ended the 2018-2019 bar year with 14,476 members, a slight decrease from the previous year. However, there was an increase in dues paying lawyer members.

In May, the ABA launched a new membership model and dues structure, designed to provide members with access to a suite of new benefits and more affordable dues. You can learn more about ABA Membership [here](#).

The ABA also unveiled its new logo in May in an effort to revitalize the ABA’s visual brand in the legal marketplace with a fresh look.

**PROGRAMMING**

Throughout the year, the Section presented several webinars, training sessions, and conferences. You can read more about the 2019 Workshops for New Deans and Deans, Associate Deans Conference, and training workshops in the Workshops, Conferences, and Training section of this report.

In May, the Section presented two complimentary webinars:

*Teaching Strategies and Assessments to Disrupt Implicit and Explicit Bias* featured Teri McMurty-Chubb, a Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law. The 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.
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 and Speakers Kim D. Chanbonpin, Professor and Director of Lawyering Skills, UIC John Marshall Law School; Michael Hunter Schwartz, Dean and Professor, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law; and William J. Snape, III, Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty Affairs, American University Washington College of Law.

To view webinar recordings and all program materials, please visit the Section’s Program Materials webpage.

The Section also 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 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, and 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; and Lyssa L. Thaden, Ph.D., AFC®, Managing Director, AccessLex Center for Education and Financial Capability®.

PUBLICATIONS

During 2018-2019, the Section published several publications including four editions of its quarterly electronic publication, Syllabus, which features columns from the Council Chair, Managing Director, and Section Director as well as news and announcements of interest.

The Section also published the 2019 edition of the Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements in collaboration with the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

The Section continued its work on a Third Edition of The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs, which is expected to publish in February of 2020.
WEBSITE
After years of strategy and development work, the ABA launched its new website in October 2018. Designed to provide a better user experience, new features include a contemporary visual design, a more robust search function, mobile capabilities, and enhanced navigation.

Section staff worked hard to ensure the Section’s site had a smooth transition. Staff also worked to improve and enhance several webpages including News and Statistics, as well as its information for Schools Seeking ABA-Approval.

The website is a work in progress and I encourage you to contact me with any feedback you may have at: Erin.Ruehrwein@americanbar.org.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
All of the great work mentioned above would not be possible without our leaders and volunteers who continue to generously give of their time, knowledge, and talents to serve the Section and legal education. It would also not be possible without our talented staff whom I have the pleasure of working with each day. On behalf of the Section, thank you all for your valuable contributions and leadership. We are grateful, and we appreciate you.
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****Based on Total 1L Enrollment.
Similar to Chief Justice Bales’ report from last year, this report blends positive remarks with a bit of nostalgia. As the Council assumed the responsibilities formerly handled by the Accreditation, Standards Review, and Data Policy and Collection Committees, the office said good-bye to many dedicated volunteers who worked diligently to make the accreditation process work. We miss the opportunity to work with these accomplished professionals and value the time and effort that they expended. Although the assumption of responsibilities from these now-eliminated committees increased the workload of the Council, it freed up time for staff who are now able to provide more assistance. We believe that the new structure will ultimately benefit the schools through increased efficiency as described below.

Over four meetings in 2018-2019 (September, November, February, and May), the Council considered 134 different matters requiring a decision or recommendation. These included 13 hearings, 22 regular site evaluation reports, 33 applications for acquiescence in the establishment of new non-J.D. programs, and 15 requests to modify existing non-J.D. programs. The Council also continued the interim monitoring of all ABA-approved law schools. Through this process, by reviewing the annual questionnaires submitted by law schools every October, the Council sought to identify and help resolve potential issues schools might be facing in terms of compliance with the Standards. The Council also continued to monitor teach-out plans for schools that are closing. Four schools were found to be significantly out of compliance with one or more Standards as defined by Rules 48 and 11 during the year. Sanctions or directed remedial actions were imposed upon three schools.

The Council is comprised of 21 volunteer members who share a commitment to legal education and reflect a diversity of professional and personal backgrounds—law school professors and deans, other academic professionals, lawyers, judges, public members, and a representative from the Law Student Division of the ABA. It has several committees, including: Consistency, Executive, Finance, Governance and Grievance, Interim Monitoring, Non-J.D., Post-Meeting Review, Questionnaire and Template, and Standards Review.

As should be evident from the above, the Council has a heavy workload, but has undertaken its responsibility with dedication and good humor. As previously noted, the office is now able to provide more assistance to the Council as the staff no longer is required to support a different committee meeting each month. Also, as noted in last year’s report, the new format for decision letters has improved the efficiency in
preparing them, which has helped schools get quicker responses to their site visits. The elimination of the Accreditation Committee has also made applications for substantive changes more efficient. Under the prior system, schools had to make two appearances: first before the Accreditation Committee, which made a recommendation to the Council and then before the Council, which made the final decision. Now, a school is only required to appear before the Council, saving both time and expense.

The end of the year saw the end to the terms of the following members: Immediate Past Chair Dean Emerita and Professor Maureen A. O’Rourke, Sarah Correll, Dean and Professor Emeritus Roger Dennis, President Emeritus Robert Glidden, and President and Dean Donald J. Guter. All will be missed by their colleagues and the staff.
Pamela Lysaght
Professor (Retired)
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Chair, 2018-2019 Standards Review Subcommittee

The Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS), now operating as a subcommittee composed of Council members and staff under the newly consolidated Council, proposed its 2018-2019 agenda at the Council’s November 2018 meeting. At the SRS’s request, it was directed to focus first on Standards that need minor revisions for clarification and second on amending or proposing new Rules to facilitate the Council’s expanded work as a result of the consolidation or that are necessary in light of recent experience. The SRS’s initial agenda is available here.

Subsequently, and consistent with the SRS’s charge for the year, the Council requested the SRS to propose recommendations on issues that arose in the course of the Council performing its accreditation function. These included Standard 202 to clarify a university’s responsibility to provide line-item specificity; Standard 206 to make explicit the practice of requiring law schools to demonstrate their commitment to having a diverse faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff; Standard 307 to provide law schools with guidance on “brief visit”; Standard 311 to address law schools on the quarter system; Standard 502 to provide direction on when a student’s official transcript must be on file with the law school; and Standard 509 to reflect that the Council’s name and address is now provided on the Required Disclosures form.

The SRS presented its recommendations at the May 2019 Council meeting. The Council approved the proposed revisions for Notice and Comment. The SRS submitted preliminary recommendations, based on the written comments received. A hearing on the proposed changes was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, in Chicago.

At the August 2019 Council meeting, the SRS presented its final recommendations. With the exception of proposed Interpretation 206-3, which the SRS recommended sending back to the SRS as part of its proposed 2019-2020 agenda, the Council approved the SRS’s recommendations, which will be sent to the ABA House of Delegates February 2020 meeting for concurrence. A brief summary of the changes follows.

**Standard 202 and Interpretation 202-2.** The proposed amendment to Standard 202 clarifies a university’s responsibility under the Standard to provide an accounting of all the charges and costs by the university against the resources generated by the law school.
Proposed Interpretation 202-2, which is new, makes clear that the Standard requires a line-item specificity in the accounting.

**Standard 307.** The proposed amendment adds an interpretation clarifying that the “brief visit” exception remains and also provides law schools with guidance as to what constitutes a “brief visit.”

**Standard 310.** The proposed amendment makes the Standard on determination of credit hours more understandable and gives law schools guidance on how to comply with the requirements of the Standard, which are mandated by the Department of Education.

**Standard 502.** The current Standard requires law schools to have student transcripts on file “within a reasonable time after a student registers.” This requirement was vague and caused some confusion for law schools. The proposed amendment clarifies this ambiguity by making October 15 the bright-line date by which a law school must comply with the transcript requirement. An additional question arose as to the appropriate requirement when a student matriculates in a program that has start dates in the winter, spring, or summer. The proposed amendment to (d)(ii) will ensure that students enrolling at those times have sufficient time to obtain official transcripts, while still imposing a reasonable bright-line requirement.

**Standard 509.** The standard currently provides that if a law school makes a public disclosure of its status as a law school approved by the Council, it shall do so accurately and shall include the name and contact information of the Council. The name and contact information of the Council is now provided on the Required Disclosures form a law school must publish annually. This proposed revision reflects that change.

**Quarter-system Issue.** A new definition addresses law schools that use academic schedules other than semesters, such as the quarter system.

**Rule 13. Actions on Determinations of Noncompliance with a Standard.** Rule 13 currently provides that the Council can extend the date of compliance for good cause shown, “upon the request of the law school.” The Council believes it should have the power to extend based on its findings and conclusions and that it does not require a request of the law school so the Council proposes deletion of that language.

**Rule 29. Teach-Out Plan.** The Council proposes changes to Rule 29, after reviewing the Department of Education regulations and the approaches and rules of other accreditors regarding school closures and teach-out plans. Specifically, the Council proposes to add provisions that address the sudden closure of a law school, including...
situations where the law school has suddenly lost its license to operate, allowing the Council’s Executive Committee to take immediate action when necessary.

**Appeals Panel Procedure (Rules 30-36).** The Council proposes to update and improve current Rules 30 to 36 relating to procedures for an appeal based on best practices and lessons learned by recent appeals. The Rules now incorporate internal procedures followed by the Managing Director’s Office when processing an Appeal.

**Rule 37. Complaints in General; Rule 39. Disposition of Complaints.** Rule 37 provides that if a law school that is the subject of a complaint is due to receive a site visit within one year of receiving the complaint, the complaint may be handled by the site team. The Council proposes that this provision be moved to Rule 39 because it addresses the disposition of a complaint.

**2018-2019 STANDARDS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR**

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Professor (Retired)  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

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Indiana University McKinney School of Law

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Judge  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

**Maureen O’Rourke**  
Dean Emerita & Professor  
Boston University School of Law

**The Honorable Mary R. Russell**  
Judge  
Supreme Court of Missouri

**Daniel R. Thies**  
Shareholder  
Webber & Thies, P.C.
(Professional affiliations reflect those held at the time of the site visit.)

**SITE EVALUATION VISITS**

**SABBATICAL**

**University of Arizona College of Law**  
**October 28-31, 2018**

**Chair:** Barbara A. Bintliff, Professor, University of Texas School of Law  
Eduardo R.C. Capulong, Associate Dean, University of Montana School of Law  
Erica D. Daley, Associate Dean, University of Oregon School of Law  
Ruben J. Garcia, Associate Dean, University of Nevada–Las Vegas School of Law  
Theresa Kaiser-Jarvis, Assistant Dean, University of Michigan Law School  
Richard A. Leiter, Professor, University of Nebraska College of Law  
Mark Tushnet, Professor, Harvard Law School

**Brooklyn Law School**  
**March 3-6, 2019**

**Chair:** Steven L. Willborn, Professor, University of Nebraska College of Law  
Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Professor, University of Kentucky College of Law  
Stephanie Giggetts, Accreditation Counsel, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar  
Robert R. Kuehn, Associate Dean, Washington University School of Law  
Lisa A. Mazzie, Professor, Marquette University Law School  
Gordon Russell, Associate Dean, Lincoln Memorial University School of Law  
John Valery White, Professor, University of Nevada–Las Vegas School of Law
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

**Chapman University School of Law**  
**October 28-31, 2018**

**Chair:** Elena Maria Marty-Nelson, Associate Dean, Nova Southeastern University College of Law  
Judith Anspach, Professor Emerita (retired), Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis  
Monica C. Barrett, Attorney, Bond Schoeneck & King  
Marsha L. Baum, Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law  
Angelique O. Fridman, Associate Dean, Florida International University College of Law  
Angela Gilmore, Professor, North Carolina Central University School of Law  
Mark C. Niles, Professor, American University Washington College of Law

**Chicago-Kent College of Law Illinois Institute of Technology**  
**October 23-26, 2018**

**Chair:** James R. Hackney, Dean, Northeastern University School of Law  
Arlena Barnes, Retired, ABA Council for the Fund for Justice and Education  
Donald Dahlin, Professor Emeritus (retired), University of South Dakota  
Olympia R. Duhart, Associate Dean, Nova Southeastern University College of Law  
Daniel C. Lavering, Attorney, The Judge Advocate General’s School United States Army  
Stephen W. Mazza, Dean, University of Kansas School of Law  
Kathryn S. Mercer, Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

**University of Denver College of Law**  
**November 4-7, 2018**

**Chair:** Adrien Wing, Associate Dean, University of Iowa College of Law  
Nancy A. Armstrong, Professor, Ohio Northern University College of Law  
John G. Baker, Judge, Indiana Court of Appeals  
Mark P. Becker, President, Georgia State University  
Montré D. Carodine, Professor, University of Alabama School of Law  
Sarah Gerwig-Moore, Professor, Mercer University School of Law  
Wayne A. Logan, Professor, Florida State University College of Law
Florida A&M University College of Law  
March 3-6, 2019  

Chair: Joan Howland, Associate Dean, University of Minnesota School of Law  
Yvonne Cherena-Pacheco, Associate Director, University of Denver College of Law  
Phillip Gragg, Associate Dean, California Western School of Law  
Thelma L. Harmon, Professor, Texas Southern University School of Law  
Jequita H. Napoli, Judge, State of Oklahoma 21st Judicial District  
Kimberly Norwood, Professor, Washington University School of Law

University of Mississippi School of Law  
March 24-27, 2019  

Chair: Joseph D. Harbaugh, Dean Emeritus, Nova Southeastern University College of Law  
Kif Augustine-Adams, Professor, Brigham Young University Law School  
Christina Bohannan, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law  
Walter Rivera, Judge, New York State Court of Claims  
Nelson E. Roth, Attorney (retired), Cornell University  
Linda F. Smith, Professor, University of Utah College of Law  
Lisa Smith-Butler, Professor, Charleston School of Law

University of Missouri School of Law  
November 4-7, 2018  

Chair: Maryann Jones, Dean Emerita (retired), Western State College of Law  
Sara Berman, Attorney, AccessLex Institute  
Dr. Pauletta B. Bracy, Professor, North Carolina Central University  
Patrick J. Flynn, Professor Emeritus, University of South Carolina School of Law  
Tiffany C. Graham, Associate Dean, University of South Dakota School of Law  
Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean, American University Washington College of Law  
Donald Tobin, Dean, University of Maryland School of Law
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

Ohio State University College of Law
October 7-10, 2018

Chair: Paul M. Kurtz, Associate Dean Emeritus (retired), University of Georgia School of Law
Josephine M. Bahn, Attorney, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Christopher Cameron, Vice Dean, Southwestern Law School
Emily A. Hughes, Associate Dean, University of Iowa College of Law
Rachel Inman, Associate Dean, University of Florida College of Law
Caroline L. Osborne, Professor, West Virginia University College of Law
Carol A. Parker, Provost and Vice President, University of Texas at El Paso
Anthony Szczygiel, Professor Emeritus (retired), SUNY Buffalo School of Law

Quinnipiac University School of Law
February 10-13, 2019

Chair: Melissa A. Essary, Professor, Campbell University School of Law
Richard Bales, Professor, Ohio Northern University College of Law
Gregory W. Bowman, Dean, West Virginia University College of Law
Herbert E. Cihak, Professor Emeritus (retired), Pepperdine University School of Law
Georgia Giatras, Associate Vice Provost, Carnegie Mellon University
Melanie G. May, Judge, Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal
David R. Moss, Professor, Wayne State University Law School

Saint Louis University School of Law
February 24-27, 2019

Chair: Scott B. Pagel, Associate Dean, George Washington University Law School
Robert W. Adler, Dean, University of Utah College of Law
Melissa J. Bernstein, Professor, University of Utah College of Law
Frank DePiano, Professor, Nova Southeastern University
Joel A. Nichols, Associate Dean, University of St. Thomas School of Law
Samuel A. Thumma, Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals Division One
Mary Wolf, Professor Emerita (retired), Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

**Southern Methodist University**
**October 21-24, 2018**

**Chair:** Rachel F. Moran, Dean Emerita, University of California Los Angeles School of Law
Angela Banks, Professor, Arizona State University College of Law
Margaret L. Christiansen, Attorney (retired), Regent University Law School
B. Keith Faulkner, Dean, Liberty University School of Law
George R. Johnson, Jr., Dean Emeritus, Elon University School of Law
Janet L. McQueen, Attorney (retired), University of Notre Dame Law School
Wanda M. Temm, Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law

**St. Thomas University School of Law**
**March 24-27, 2019**

**Chair:** Charlotte L. King, Accreditation Counsel (retired), ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
Claudia Angelos, Professor, New York University School of Law
Marcilynn A. Burke, Dean, University of Oregon School of Law
Julie Davies, Professor, University of the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law
Brian R. Gallini, Senior Associate Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law
Frank Y. Liu, Associate Dean, Duquesne University School of Law
Guadalupe T. Luna, Professor Emeritus (retired), Northern Illinois University College of Law

**Temple University School of Law**
**February 24-27, 2019**

**Chair:** Gail Agrawal, Dean Emerita, University of Iowa College of Law
Robert H. Hu, Professor, St. Mary’s University School of Law
Elena B. Langan, Dean, Concordia University School of Law
Pedro A. Malavet, Professor, University of Florida College of Law
Dr. Ian C. Pilarczyk, Director, Boston University School of Law
Mary R. Russell, Judge, Supreme Court of Missouri
David B. Thronson, Associate Dean, Michigan State University College of Law
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

Yale University Law School
October 28-31, 2018

Chair: Mary Kay Kane, Professor, University of California Hastings College of the Law
J. Peter Byrne, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center
Thomas A. Edmonds, Attorney (retired), Virginia State Bar
C. Elisia Frazier, Attorney, Frazier Law and Consulting Group
Paula Galowitz, Professor Emerita, New York University School of Law
George H. Pike, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
Joseph W. Yockey, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law

THREE-YEAR

Belmont University College of Law
March 24-27, 2019

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D. Gordon Smith, Dean, Brigham Young University Law School
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Lynn Wishart, Professor Emerita (retired), Yeshiva University School of Law

University of La Verne College of Law
March 17-20, 2019

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Peter A. Joy, Vice Dean, Washington University School of Law
Matthew V. Kerns, Assistant Dean, University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law
Jeanne F. Price, Professor, University of Nevada–Las Vegas School of Law
Asmara M. Tekle, Professor, New Jersey City University
Mitchell | Hamline School of Law  
October 23-26, 2018  

Chair: Cynthia L. Fountaine, Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law  
Steven Berenson, Professor, Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
Mark P. Bernstein, Professor, Drexel University School of Law  
Mason Heidt, Associate Dean, Appalachian School of Law  
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University of Northern Texas–Dallas College of Law  
March 17-20, 2019  

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Jim Roth, Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law  

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Concordia University School of Law  
September 23-26, 2018  

Chair: Scott F. Norberg, Professor, Florida International University College of Law  
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Lois K. Cox, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law  
Stephen S. Dunham, Vice President, Pennsylvania State University  
Catherine M. Dunn, Professor, University of Denver College of Law  
Daniel Tomson, Attorney, Indiana Court of Appeals  

FACT-FINDER VISITS  

Arizona State University College of Law  
June 13-14, 2018  

Chair: Joseph R. Hurt, Professor, Florida A&M University College of Law
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School–Savannah Branch Campus
November 8-9, 2018

Chair: Richard A. Bales, Professor, Ohio Northern University College of Law

Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School
February 25-26, 2019

Chair: Richard A. Bales, Professor, Ohio Northern University College of Law

Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School
August 29, 2019

Chair: Sam Kwak, Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Cornell University Law School
March 4, 2019

Chair: Sam Kwak, Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Florida Coastal School of Law
February 14-15, 2019

Co-Chair: Arthur R. Gaudio, Dean Emeritus, Western New England University School of Law
Co-Chair: Catherine L. Carpenter, Professor, Southwestern Law School

Lincoln Memorial University School of Law
September 27-29, 2018

Chair: Peter A. Joy, Professor, Washington University School of Law
Jay Austin, Assistant Dean, University of California–Irvine School of Law

Michigan State University College of Law
April 18-19, 2019

Chair: Bill Adams, Deputy Managing Director, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

University of New Hampshire School of Law
November 27-28, 2018

Chair: Sara J. Berman, Attorney, Washington, D.C.
SITE EVALUATION VISITS

North Carolina Central University School of Law
November 12-14, 2018

Co-Chair: Frank Motley, Attorney (retired), Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington
Co-Chair: Dennis J. Shields, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin–Platteville

UIC John Marshall Law School
September 5-6, 2018

Chair: Bill Adams, Deputy Managing Director, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
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James Alfini, Dean and Professor Emeritus, South Texas College of Law

UIC John Marshall Law School
April 29-30, 2019

Chair: Bill Adams, Deputy Managing Director, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Western State College of Law at Argosy University
September 17-18, 2019

Chair: Roger J. Dennis, Dean Emeritus, Drexel University School of Law
Anne T. Johnson, Director, Mitchell | Hamline School of Law

WMU-Cooley Law School–Kalamazoo
March 22-23, 2019

Chair: Peter G. Glenn, Professor, Pennsylvania State University–Dickinson

WMU-Cooley Law School–Lansing
May 14-15, 2019

Co-Chair: Scott F. Norberg, Professor, Florida International University College of Law
Co-Chair: Sondra R. Tennessee, Associate Dean, University of Houston Law Center
SPECIAL EVENTS

2019 Robert J. Kutak Award
Workshops, Conferences, and Training
2019 ROBERT J. KUTAK AWARD RECIPIENT:
THE HONORABLE CHRISTINE M. DURHAM

The Honorable Christine M. Durham is the recipient of the 2019 Robert J. Kutak Award.

Justice Durham retired from the Utah Supreme Court in 2017, after serving as a Justice for 35 years and as Chief Justice and Chair of the Utah Judicial Council for 10 of those years. She currently serves as co-chair for Utah’s Coordinating Committee on Access to Justice and the Utah Center for Legal Inclusion. Prior to joining the Utah Supreme Court, she served on the state trial court after several years in private practice. She received her A.B. with honors from Wellesley College and a J.D. from Duke University.

Justice Durham is past president of the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States and also past chair (2010-2011) of the American Bar Association’s Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She is an emeritus member of Duke University’s Board of Trustees, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the Board of Overseers for the Rand Corporation’s Institute for Civil Justice. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and served on the governing boards of the American Inns of Court Foundation, the Appellate Judges Conference of the ABA, the ABA’s Commission on Women in the Profession, and the Federal Judicial Conference’s Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure and is past president of the National Association of Women Judges.

Justice Durham has been active in judicial education. She was a founder of the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education and served on the ABA’s President’s Task Force on the Future of Legal Education, as well as the Advisory Board for the Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Project of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at Denver University. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of University of the People, an accredited tuition-free online institution (www.UoPeople.edu). She helped create and lead the Utah Coalition for Civic Character and Service Education and served on the Utah Commission on Civic Education. She taught state constitutional law for many years at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, and served for twelve years on the Utah Constitutional
Revision Commission. She has received honorary degrees from five Utah universities and has been recognized nationally for her work in judicial education and efforts to improve the administration of justice.

In nominating Justice Durham for the award, Jeffrey Lewis, 2018-2019 Council Chair stated: “The Honorable Christine Durham has a record of unparalleled and distinguished service to the legal profession and the public which it services. She served for thirty-five years as a justice of the Supreme Court of Utah, including ten years as Chief Justice and a term as President of the Conference of Chief Justices. She served as Chair of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She is an exemplar of Robert J. Kutak’s vision of one deserving of this award which carries his name.”

Justice Durham was presented with the award by 2018-2019 Kutak Award Committee Chair Joan Howland, at a reception on Friday, August 23 during the Section’s Council Meeting in Chicago.
WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAINING

2019 NEW DEANS’ WORKSHOP

The New Deans’ Workshop, for deans who have held their positions for 18 months or fewer, was held at The Westin Downtown Hotel in Denver, Colorado, June 11-13, 2019. The Workshop was co-chaired by Dean Trevor Morrison of New York University School of Law and Dean Melanie Wilson of The University of Tennessee–Knoxville College of Law. The Workshop had thirty-five new deans in attendance. Among the topics covered were major issues confronting legal education, accreditation, rankings, budget management, work/life balance, faculty development, alumni relations and fundraising, leadership, and student support.

2019 DEANS’ WORKSHOP

The annual workshop for deans of ABA-approved law schools was held June 13-15, 2019 at The Westin Downtown Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Co-chaired by Dean Andrew Guzman of USC Gould School of Law and Dean Melanie Leslie of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University, the Workshop welcomed 124 participants. The Workshop featured Keynote Addresses by Colonel Linell Letendre, permanent professor and Head of the Department of Law at the United States Air Force Academy and Phil Weiser, Attorney General of Colorado. Additionally, attendees attended several other valuable sessions including a plenary on Communicating with Power led by Kathleen Friery, a media trainer and an Emmy-award winning network producer.
WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAINING

2019 ASSOCIATE DEANS CONFERENCE

The Section hosted its Conference for Associate Deans in Chicago, June 25-28, 2019. 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 UIC 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 training for law school accreditation site teams and users of the Law School Questionnaires were also held in Chicago.

Annual Questionnaire and Site Evaluation Questionnaire Training
July 12, 2019
113 attendees

Site Team Chairs Workshop
September 6, 2019
15 attendees

Site Evaluation Workshop
September 7, 2019
118 attendees
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Not Pictured: James Hanks, Jr., Gregory Murphy, Michele Wong Krause, Mathew Kerbis
2018-2019 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

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of Law

**Finance**  
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**Chair:** Jeffrey Lewis  
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Special Counsel  
Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.

**Kutak**  
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Associate Dean and Professor  
University of Minnesota  
Law School

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Saint Louis University School  
of Law

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Section Director

**Questionnaire and Template**  
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Drexel University Thomas R.  
Kline School of Law

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Professor (retired)  
University of Detroit Mercy  
School of Law
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1930-1934  WILL SHAFROTH, Advisor
1934-1935  ROBERT L. STEARNS, Advisor
1935-1940  WILL SHAFROTH, Advisor
1940-1941  LAWRENCE DeMUTH, Advisor
1941-1946  RUSSELL SULLIVAN, Acting Advisor
1946-1948  LAWRENCE DeMUTH, Advisor
1948-1968  JOHN G. HERVEY, Advisor
1968-1973  MILLARD H. RUUD, Consultant
1974-2000  JAMES P. WHITE, Consultant
2000-2006  JOHN A. SEBERT, Consultant
2006-2012  HULETT H. ASKEW, Consultant
2012-      BARRY CURRIER, Managing Director
SECTION ACTIVITIES

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The Section’s quarterly e-newsletter, *Syllabus*, keeps members up-to-date on Section news, changes in the Standards and Rules for Approval of Law Schools, and innovations in legal education. An archive of past issues is available on the Syllabus webpage.

**2018-2019 ABA STANDARDS AND RULES FOR APPROVAL OF LAW SCHOOLS**

Outlining the Standards and Rules with which law schools must comply to obtain and retain ABA approval, the 2018-2019 edition reflects all changes approved by the Council during the year.

**COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Co-published with the National Conference of Bar Examiners, the Comprehensive Guide charts the rules and practices of all U.S. jurisdictions for admission to the Bar by examination and on motion. It also contains a directory of state bar admission agencies.
The Section’s Annual Report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Section during the previous Association year, including law school site evaluation teams, Council and committee leadership, and the list of ABA-approved law schools.

Section website: www.americanbar.org/legaled

The Section’s website offers a variety of resources for legal educators and law students. Those pages that are most visited include the list of ABA-approved law schools, the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, bar admissions, legal education statistics, and the post-JD/non-JD programs offered at ABA-approved law schools.
ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS

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Akron, Ohio

University of Alabama
School of Law
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Albany Law School
Albany, New York

American University
Washington College of Law
Washington, D.C.

Appalachian School of Law
Grundy, Virginia

The University of Arizona
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College of Law
Tucson, Arizona

Arizona State University
Sandra Day O’Connor
College of Law
Phoenix, Arizona

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Law School
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Baltimore, Maryland

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Baylor University
School of Law
Waco, Texas

Belmont University
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Boston University
School of Law
Boston, Massachusetts

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Brooklyn Law School
Brooklyn, New York

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Buffalo, New York

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Berkeley, California

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Davis, California

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| Los Angeles, California |
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| San Diego, California |
| Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law  
| Raleigh, North Carolina |
| Capital University Law School  
| Columbus, Ohio |
| Case Western Reserve University Franklin T. Backus School of Law  
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| Chicago, Illinois |
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| Chicago, Illinois |
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| Cincinnati, Ohio |
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| Long Island City, New York |
| Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law  
| Cleveland, Ohio |
| University of Colorado Law School  
| Boulder, Colorado |
| Columbia University School of Law  
| New York, New York |
| Concordia University School of Law  
| Boise, Idaho |
| University of Connecticut School of Law  
| Hartford, Connecticut |
| Cornell Law School  
| Ithaca, New York |
| Creighton University School of Law  
| Omaha, Nebraska |
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