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Elsewhere in this edition of *Syllabus*, Managing Director Barry Currier justifiably lauds the 2017 Kutak Award winner, Ed Tucker. I served with Ed on the Accreditation Committee, and have thoroughly enjoyed him as a colleague on the Council. Everything Barry said is true, and more. Ed possesses a keen intellect, a delightful self-effacing wit, a remarkable ability to help the numbers-challenged understand, and perhaps my favorite quality in him, courage. The description of the Kutak award criteria on the Section’s website states, “The award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the academy, the bench and the bar.” For more than two decades Ed has faithfully contributed significantly to that collaboration, and the Section is to be commended for recognizing him.

Ed has been one of the Department of Education-required “public members.” Although there are no other classes of members required by law, the Section’s nominating committee generally adheres to long-standing traditions in striving to nominate for election to the Council persons from the following groups: legal academics, administrators, lawyers, and judges. (A slot is also reserved for a law student to serve an annual term.) I write to highlight the importance of the members of the judiciary to the legal education and admissions to the bar, and to note how fortunate the Section is in securing the service of outstanding members of the state and federal judiciary.

Standard 301 provides in pertinent part: “A law school shall maintain a rigorous program of legal education that prepares its students, upon graduation, for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession.” The Preface to the Standards also states in pertinent part, “The Council and the ABA believe, however, that every candidate for admission to the bar should have graduated from a law
school approved by the ABA and that every candidate for admission should be examined by public authority to determine fitness for admission.”

Judges and justices witness first-hand the quality of work by members of the bar, and their work is made much more efficient and just if that work is performed, if not excellently, at least competently. Perhaps for these reasons the work of the Section has attracted outstanding jurists. It should come as no surprise that their comments and positions are taken with an extra measure of seriousness in the deliberations of both the Accreditation Committee and the Council. Any policy-making body considering questions relating to the topics of legal education and bar admissions including testing for admission ought to include members of the judiciary.

In my time with the Section I have had the great good fortune serving in association with: U.S. Circuit Judges, Charles Wilson and Martha Daughtery; Chief Judge Solomon Oliver; Chief Justices Gerald VandeWalle, Ruth McGregor, Rebecca Berch, Scott Bales, Christine Durham, and Mary Russell; and, Judges Andree Roaf and Jequita Napoli. Nominated for election to a new term of the Council in August is Judge Phyllis Thomson of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. These are just a few of the fine jurists who have contributed and will in the future lend their invaluable expertise and perspectives to legal education and bar admissions, and all for the “good of the order.” In my experience, the best ideas for good and achievable reform originate with the judiciary. The Section’s tradition of insisting upon intimate involvement by the judiciary in the work of legal education and bar admissions is a tradition that should never end.
From the Managing Director: In Appreciation of Public Members

Barry A. Currier
Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal Education

The adjournment of the 2017 ABA Annual Meeting in New York City in August marks the end of the service of Edward N. (Ed) Tucker to the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. There could be no better occasion to say thanks, not only to Ed, but to all the “public members” who have volunteered their time and talent to the Council and to legal education over the years.

34 CFR 602.14(b)(2) provides that an accrediting group that regulates professional education programs, such as the Council and the Accreditation Committee, must have at least one-seventh of the membership of the body making accreditation decisions who are “public members.” As that term is defined, it means that we need at least three members of each group who are not lawyers nor closely related to a lawyer (or at least a ABA-member lawyer).

Why, one might ask, would a non-lawyer who is not related to a lawyer want to spend time with lawyers, judges, and law school faculty/staff, diving into the esoterica of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, site reports, questionnaires, and the like? Each person has their own response to that question. But, it is clearly important work and all of us are grateful that so many good people have been willing to undertake it.

Many public members are non-law school university people – presidents, provosts, deans. Others are associated with other accrediting agencies. Ed Tucker’s career was spent as a CPA, building a very successful regional accounting firm, Ellin & Tucker, in Baltimore, Maryland. Ed served six years on the Accreditation Committee, six years as a member of the Council, and an additional three years as Secretary of the Council.

Ed put his accounting background to effective use by helping the Accreditation Committee and the Council with some knotty issues involving Standard 202 relating to the resources that a school must have to operate an ABA-approved law school program. He has been helpful to the Council in its budgeting process and discussions. Over the years, Ed has been on site visits and has become more conversant with the Standards than most legal educators. Often during discussions on school matters, Ed will remark that his job on the committee or the Council is to offer the perspective of what the public
needs and expects of legal education and of the regulator of law school programs. That, indeed, is the reason that the U.S. Department of Education recognition criteria call for us to have public members.

Along the way, Ed became an important member of our accrediting community. Those who have worked with Ed consider him a friend. In recognition of his service, Ed will receive the Robert J. Kutak Award for service to the Section and to legal education at a reception in his honor during the ABA Annual Meeting.

We will miss Ed Tucker. We thank him for the time and commitment to legal education, and at the same time look forward to his successor, Bob Glidden, joining the Council. Bob is president emeritus of Ohio University and has been active for many years in accreditation at the national level. He, too, served on the Accreditation Committee prior to joining the Council. We are fortunate, indeed, to have so many individuals like Ed and Bob participating in our accreditation process.
Section Programming Update: Webinar on the Uniform Bar Exam, Associate Deans Conference, and the 2017 ABA Annual Meeting

Erin Ruehrwein
Section Director

The ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar continues to develop and deliver valuable and relevant programming to its members and the legal education community thanks to the work of its committees and volunteers. The Section presented a webinar on the Uniform Bar Exam in May, held a conference for Associate Deans July 11-13, and is presenting a program on student debt during the 2017 Annual Meeting in New York.

The Uniform Bar Exam: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed?
On May 16, the Section presented a complimentary webinar entitled “The Uniform Bar Exam: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed?” The webinar was moderated by The Honorable Rebecca White Berch, retired chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and included speakers Kellie R. Early, chief operating officer of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and Bryan R. Williams, Esq., a partner at Pettus & Williams, PLLC. The webinar provided an overview of the UBE and discussed how it affects the bar admissions process. The materials and webinar recording are now available online for your convenience and reference.

The Section hosted the 2017 Associate Deans Conference, July 11-13, in Chicago. The conference was co-chaired by Viva Moffat, associate dean of academic affairs and professor at the University of Denver
Sturm College of Law, and Sondra Tennessee, associate dean for student affairs at the University of Houston Law Center. The conference focused on the theme of “A Day in the Life of an Associate Dean,” and had more than 80 attendees from law schools across the U.S.

Dean Jennifer L. Rosato Perea of DePaul University College of Law addressed conference attendees with an energizing keynote address that focused on leadership and collaboration.

Conference sessions addressed topics such as scheduling, work-life balance, dealing with students in distress, legal issues, and budgeting, among others and featured vibrant discussions during the popular Day in the Life breakout sessions.

In collaboration with the ABA Law Student Division, the Section is presenting a complimentary student debt program on Thursday, August 10, during the ABA Annual Meeting in New York. Entitled “Road To Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment,” the program will guide attendees through their own road to zero strategy by helping them determine the payment plan that will best align with current needs, future aspirations, and financial goals.

The Section is also hosting the Kutak Award Reception to honor 2017 recipient Edward N. Tucker and will hold its business meeting on Saturday, August 12.

More information on the Section’s events during the Annual Meeting is available [here](https://www.abanet.org).

Visit the [2017 ABA Annual Meeting](https://www.abanet.org) website.
Edward Tucker, the current secretary on the Section’s Council, is the recipient of the 2017 Robert J. Kutak Award. A certified public accountant for 45 years, Mr. Tucker spent 40 years as a senior director, officer, and stockholder at Ellin & Tucker, Chartered, before becoming a consultant to the Maryland-based accounting and consulting firm in 2009. He has served as a public member on the Section’s Council since 2008 and serves as chair of the Council’s Finance Committee. He will complete his term this August. Mr. Tucker previously served as a public member on the Accreditation Committee.

In nominating Mr. Tucker for the award, fellow Council member Jim Hanks stated:

“I served with Ed on the Accreditation Committee and have served with him for the past three years on the Council. Ed has brought to all of these assignments a distinct and sophisticated business perspective, especially in financial matters. Without contrivance or artifice, avoiding the shallow arts of showmanship, Ed expresses himself with calmness, respect for others and supreme rationality, often illuminating some neglected point. Ed is widely recognized by his colleagues in the Section as having been a steadying influence on the work of the Council for many years.”

Jeffrey Lewis, chair of the Kutak Award Committee, echoed Mr. Hanks' remarks:

“Ed Tucker’s contributions to the work of the Section have been substantial; they flow from the wise counsel of a man steeped in 50 years of finance and accounting. It has been a delight and privilege to serve with Ed on the Council. This well-deserved honor is also important recognition of the work of a public member on behalf of the Accreditation Project.”

Mr. Tucker earned a BS degree in business administration from the University of Maryland in 1963. That same year, he received the designation of CPA. He also holds the Accredited in Business Validated (ABV) credential awarded by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Tucker is a Life Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Tucker will be honored at a reception on Friday, August 11, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Sheraton New York Times Square during the ABA Annual Meeting. The award is presented annually to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the legal academy, the bench,
and the bar. The award was established in memory of Mr. Kutak, a respected Omaha lawyer, who was committed to legal reform and a strong advocate for legal education.
Summary of Council Actions at June 2017 Meeting

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar met June 2-3, in Portland, Oregon. Among matters taken up during the meeting, the Council took the following specific actions:

- Approved the 2017 ABA Annual Questionnaire, a new Bar Passage Questionnaire, the Employment Outcomes Questionnaire, and a new and revised form for the public reporting of Employment Outcomes. These questionnaires and reports will be posted to the Section website when the staff has completed follow-up and necessary technical work.

- Agreed that the appropriate next step regarding proposed changes to Standard 316, which relates to bar passage, would be to seek information from law schools on how the revised Standard might impact their ability to operate in compliance with the Standard as revised. Consequently, the Managing Director distributed a questionnaire asking for data from the schools that is currently not required to be reported. The results of that survey will be reported to the Council and made public as early as this fall. The current timeline for returning the matter for further consideration by the ABA House of Delegates would be to have the matter back to the House as early at the 2018 ABA Midyear Meeting. This past February, the House declined to concur in the revised Standard as adopted by the Council. The House has two opportunities to weigh in on changes to Standards but cannot block them per se.

The Council also had a productive discussion about a potential restructuring of the work and process of legal education accreditation. It agreed that there were good and substantial reasons to continue studying the matter and developing a formal proposal. Staff will prepare a report, and the Council will take up the matter again, most likely either at its August or November meeting.
Nominating Committee Announces 2017-2018 Council Slate

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Joan Howland, professor and associate dean at the University of Minnesota Law School, presented the following slate to the Council. The election of Council officers and members will take place at the Section’s annual business meeting, Saturday, August 12, at the Sheraton New York Times Square during the ABA Annual Meeting.

One or more additional nominations may be made for any designated seat on the Council, including officers of the Council (except Chairperson and Immediate Past Chairperson), by petition signed by not less than 50 members of the Section in good standing, not more than 10 of whom are residents of any one state. A person so nominated shall be called the "petitioner". The petition shall specify which nominee the petitioner is challenging and shall state that the petitioner has agreed to the nomination and meets the criteria for the position being sought. The petition shall be delivered in person or by mail to the Section Office at the Association headquarters and must be received no later than July 15. The Secretary shall thereupon confirm that such individual is eligible to serve if elected. If additional nominations are made, the Chairperson shall distribute to the membership a final notice of nominations as soon as practical but no later than July 22.

Chair (automatic under the Bylaws)
Maureen A. O’Rourke
Dean & Professor
Boston University School of Law

Maureen A. O’Rourke is dean, professor of law, and Michaels Faculty Research Scholar at Boston University School of Law. She joined the faculty in 1993 after working in the legal department at IBM Corp. She became interim dean in 2004 and has been dean since 2006. Dean O’Rourke is a co-author of the casebook Copyright in the Global Information Economy, a recipient of Boston University’s highest teaching award, chair of the Marist College Pre-Law Advisory Board, a member of the AccessLex Institute Board of Directors, and past chair of the AALS Sections on the Law School Dean and Computers & The Law. She is the current chair-elect of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She received her BS summa cum laude from Marist College and her JD from Yale Law School.

Chair-Elect
Election to a One-Year Term
Jeffrey Lewis
Dean Emeritus and Professor
Saint Louis University School of Law
St. Louis, Missouri

Jeffrey Lewis joined Saint Louis University School of Law as dean in 1999 and served in that capacity for 11 years. He returned to full-time teaching in 2010 with the title of dean emeritus and professor. He began his law teaching career in 1970 at the University of Akron School of Law. He served on the law faculty at the University of Florida from 1972 to 1999, and during his tenure at Florida he served as associate dean for seven years and dean for eight years. Dean Lewis earned both his bachelor’s degree and law degree from Duke University.
Dean Lewis has been active with the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools throughout his career. He previously served on the Council from 1999 to 2004. He also chaired the Accreditation Committee and the Standards Review Committee, served on the AALS Accreditation Committee, and chaired or served as a member of more than 20 ABA/AALS site evaluation teams. Dean Lewis currently serves as the Council’s vice chair.

**Vice Chair**  
**Election to a One-Year Term**  
**Diane Bosse**  
**Of Counsel, Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.**  
**Buffalo, New York**

Diane F. Bosse practices law in Buffalo, New York. She was appointed to the New York State Board of Law Examiners in 1998, and has been its chair since 2001. She served on the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners from 1999 to 2008, serving as its chair in 2006-2007. Ms. Bosse is a past president of the Defense Trial Lawyers of Western New York and a past member of the boards of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County and of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association.

Prior to serving on the Council, Ms. Bosse served on the Accreditation Committee for six years (2007-2013), including two as committee chair; on the Standards Review Committee for three years (2004-2007); and on the Bar Admissions Committee for two years (2002-2004). Ms. Bosse is an elected member of the American Law Institute. Ms. Bosse received her undergraduate and law degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

**Secretary**  
**Election to a Two-Year Term**  
**Antonio García-Padilla**  
**Dean Emeritus and Professor**  
**University of Puerto Rico School of Law**

Before becoming the eighth president of the University of Puerto Rico in November 2001, Antonio García-Padilla had been dean of the school of law for 15 years. He is the president of the Puerto Rico Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation. Earlier in his career he served as law clerk to Judge Stephen G. Breyer, now associate justice of the Supreme Court, then serving as a circuit judge in the Federal Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and to Justice Angel M. Martín of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico.

Dean García-Padilla has served on the Section’s Accreditation Committee and currently serves as a member-at-large on the Council. He has also served as a member of the council of the American Law Institute. Dean García-Padilla received his law degree from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 1978 and a master’s in law from Yale Law School in 1981.
Members-at-Large

Re-election to a Three-Year Term

James Hanks
Partner, Venable LLP
Baltimore, Maryland

Jim Hanks represents publicly- and privately-held corporations and other entities in a wide variety of general corporate law and governance matters. Mr. Hanks been a senior lecturer at Northwestern University School of Law, a visiting senior lecturer at Cornell University's business school, and an adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School, teaching courses in mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, and corporate law and governance. In addition, he has taught classes in corporation law at various law schools in the U.S., Guatemala, the Republic of Georgia, and South Africa, and at the Institute of Law in Beijing. For many years, Mr. Hanks also has been a visiting professor at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany. Since 2015, he has been Distinguished Visiting Professor from Practice at the University of Maryland School of Law.

For the Section, Mr. Hanks has served on the Standards Review Committee and on the Accreditation Committee, and on several site evaluation teams. He has also been active in the ABA Section of Business Law and is a member of The American Law Institute. He earned an A.B. from Princeton University; an LL.B. from the University of Maryland School of Law, where he was an editor of the Maryland Law Review; and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. For a year after receiving his LL.B., Mr. Hanks was law clerk to Judge Charles Fahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Re-election to a One-Year Term

Raymond C. Pierce
Chief Education Officer
The Global Teaching Project
Washington, D.C.

Raymond Pierce joined The Global Teaching Project in February 2016. Previously, he was a partner with the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough where he was a member of the firm’s corporate, banking, and education practice groups. From 2005 to 2012, Mr. Pierce served as dean and professor of law at the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Prior to joining North Carolina Central University School of Law, Mr. Pierce was a partner in the national law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP, representing clients in the steel, energy, construction, and banking businesses. From 1993 to 2000, he served in the administration of President Bill Clinton as the politically appointed deputy assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education. Mr. Pierce was also a member of the White House Domestic Policy Council committee that developed the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Zone economic development initiative. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University and a JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he was later inducted into the school’s Society of Benchers.
Election to Three-Year Term

Robert Glidden
Rockbridge, Virginia

Robert Glidden was president of Ohio University from 1994 until his retirement in 2004, and served as interim president of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 2010-2011. From 1979 to 1994 he was at Florida State University, as professor and dean of the School of Music (1979-1991) and then as provost and vice president for academic affairs (1991-1994). During his career he has been a member of the faculties at Wright State University, Indiana University, the University of Oklahoma, and he was dean of music at Bowling Green State University in the late 1970s. A native of Iowa, he took his academic degrees, all in music, from the University of Iowa: the B.A. in 1958, the M.A. in 1960, and the Ph.D. in 1966.

President Glidden was active in higher education accreditation for nearly 40 years. In the early 1970s he was executive director of the National Association of Schools of Music and National Association of Schools of Art in Washington. He was chairman of the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation in the mid-1980s and in 1996-1998 was founding chair of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). He served on the CHEA board until 2004 and was a member of the ABA Accreditation Committee from 2009 to 2015.

Donald Guter
President & Dean
South Texas College of Law Houston

Donald J. Guter is the president and dean of South Texas College of Law Houston (STCL Houston). Prior to joining STCL Houston, he was dean of Duquesne University School of Law from 2005 to 2008. Dean Guter served in the U.S. Navy for 32 years, retiring in 2002 as a Rear Admiral, Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAGC). He climbed the ranks of the JAG corps serving as trial counsel, legislative counsel, special counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations, and ultimately became the 37th Judge Advocate General of the Navy from 2000 to 2002. He has since served as the CEO for the Vinson Hall Corporation, the executive director of the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation, and was chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel from 2007 to 2011. Dean Guter received his JD from Duquesne University in 1977, and his BA from University of Colorado in 1970.

Mary Campbell McQueen
President
National Center for State Courts

Mary C. McQueen has served as president of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) since August 2004. Previously, Ms. McQueen served as Washington State court administrator from 1987-2004 and director of Judicial Services for the Washington State Office of the Administrator for the Courts (1979-1987), president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (1995-1996), and chair of the Lawyer’s Committee of the American Bar Association/Judicial Division. She is a member of the Washington and U.S. Supreme Court Bars.

Ms. McQueen has served on numerous ABA committees and task forces including the Standing...
Committee on State and Federal Courts, the Commission on the Future of Legal Services and the newly created ABA Center for Innovation. In her capacity as President of NCSC, Ms. McQueen coordinates major national initiatives for the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) including the review of model rules and policies on admission to the bar, legal education requirements and professional ethics for lawyers and judges. She serves as secretary general of the International Organization on Judicial Training (IOJT) consisting of 80 country members. Ms. McQueen holds a bachelor’s of arts degree from the University of Georgia and a JD from Seattle University School of Law.

Phyllis D. Thompson  
Judge  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Phyllis Thompson was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals by President George W. Bush in 2006. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served for several years on the court’s Committee on Admissions, grading the written component of the District of Columbia bar examination and conducting character and fitness reviews. As a judge on the court, she now serves as liaison judge to the Committee on Admissions. Since 2014, she has also served on the board of trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Her board of trustees committee assignments include chairing the Editorial Advisory Committee (which oversees The Bar Examiner publication) and serving on the Multistate Bar Examination Committee.

Judge Thompson received her JD with high honors in 1981 from George Washington University Law School, where she was elected to Order of the Coif and was a Notes Editor of the law review. She received a master’s degree in religion from Princeton University in 1976 and a BA in anthropology in 1974 from George Washington University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa during her junior year and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

Section Representative to the ABA House of Delegates  
Election to a Three-Year Term

Joan Howland  
Associate Dean & Professor  
University of Minnesota Law School

Joan Howland is the Roger Noreen Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Information and Technology at the University of Minnesota Law School. Professor Howland teaches a course on American Indian legal history and a course on Magna Carta and the evolution of Anglo-American law. Her scholarship focuses on American Indian law and culture, information technologies, business management, thoroughbred horseracing and equine law generally, legal research methodologies, and law librarianship. She served on the Accreditation Committee from 2001 to 2006 and on the Council from 2006 to 2016, including a term as chair from 2014-2015. Professor Howland was a member of the Section’s Law Libraries Committee from 1992 through 1994 and co-chaired that committee from 1994 through 1996.

Professor Howland is active in the Association of American Law Schools and is the current chair of the Committee on Law Libraries and Technology. She is also active in the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Indian Library Association, and the American Library Association. She is a
member of the American Law Institute. In addition to a JD, Professor Howland earned master’s degrees in history, library science, and business administration. Prior to joining the faculty at Minnesota, she held administrative positions in the law libraries at U.C. Berkeley, Harvard, and Stanford.

Law Student Division Member
Election to a One-Year Term

Samuel M. Chang
University of California, Hastings College of the Law
J.D. expected 2018

Samuel Chang has served as Student Body President of the Associated Students of UC Hastings since May 2016. As a member of the ABA’s Law Student Division, he served as Circuit Governor for the 14th District from February 2016 to February 2017. Mr. Chang currently serves as the chair of the LSD’s Education Cost Committee. He earned a bachelor’s of science degree from the University of California-San Diego in June 2014.
Section Headquarters Hotel  
Sheraton New York Times Square  
811 Seventh Avenue

Section Schedule

Thursday, August 10

Complimentary Program
Getting to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment  
Co-sponsored by the Section of Legal Education and the Law Student Division  
Grand Hyatt New York  
Empire State Ballroom I  
109 E. 42nd Street  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chair’s Dinner  
6:00-9:30 p.m.  
By Invitation

Friday, August 11

Council Meeting  
Sheraton/New York Ballroom East  
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Kutak Award Reception  
Honoring Edward N. Tucker  
Sheraton/Lenox Ballroom  
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 12
Deans Breakfast
Sheraton/Riverside Ballroom
8:00-10:00 a.m.

Annual Section Business Meeting
Sheraton/Riverside Suite
10:15-11:15 a.m.

Details will be posted on the Section’s website as they become available.
News from the ABA

John Feerick of Fordham Law School to Receive ABA Medal

John Feerick, professor and former dean at Fordham University School of Law, will receive the American Bar Association’s highest honor, the ABA Medal, at the Annual Meeting in New York. Respected for his work in ethics and public service, Professor Feerick helped to draft the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The amendment sets out the succession process for the U.S. presidency and establishes procedures for when the president is disabled or the office of the vice president must be filled. In 2011, Professor Feerick received the Section’s Robert J. Kutak Award.

Start Your National Celebration of Pro Bono Planning Now

Over the past eight years, the ABA’s Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service has succeeded in focusing an annual national spotlight on pro bono. During the 2016 National Celebration, over 700 organizations participated by planning more than 1,200 events.

This year’s National Celebration, October 22-28, is only a few short months away. Visit the Celebration Website for great organizing ideas and tools. Contact the ABA’s Center for Pro Bono to help facilitate your planning at celebrateprobono@americanbar.org.

Do Good. Do Justice. Do Pro Bono.
Cathy Schrage, the Section’s Executive Assistant for Accreditation, is retiring after 43 years of service. Cathy began working for the Accreditation Project when it was operated at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis under James White, the longtime Consultant on Legal Education to the ABA. When the project moved to ABA headquarters in 2000, Cathy continued in her role as primary staff support for the Accreditation Committee.

“It has been a true honor and an absolute joy to work with the Section of Legal Education’s Accreditation Project for 43 years,” Cathy said, “and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have observed the many changes and accomplishments to improve and enhance legal education and the accreditation process that have occurred over this time.

It has all been interesting, exciting, and tremendously rewarding on both a professional and personal level. The time has come for me to bid a fond farewell to the extraordinarily talented volunteers upon which the process continues to rely, and to our outstanding, amazing staff. As I leave my position, I send sincere gratitude for your friendship and support, and wish you all the best for the future.”

It is hard to imagine the Accreditation Project without the grace and attention to detail that Cathy brought to her job every day. And her institutional knowledge of everything related to law school accreditation will never be matched. We will miss her enormously.

As the public’s first point of contact with the Section, Beverly Holmes juggles inquiries from law schools, law students, and others involved in legal education throughout the day. Over the past several years, she has also pursued a college degree. All of her hard work came to fruition this past spring when
Beverly graduated from DePaul University with a B.A. in nonprofit management. Congratulations to Beverly!

Andrew Crane joined the staff this month as a program specialist. Working with both the Accreditation Project and the Section, Andrew will assist with the collection and analysis of legal education data, as well as provide support for the Section’s technology projects and conferences. Previously, Andrew worked as a survey programmer and data manager. He is proficient in a variety of programming tools including Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and SQL. Andrew graduated from Loyola University-Chicago with a B.A. in anthropology.
Third Party Comments Invited for Law Schools Undergoing Accreditation Site Visits in Fall 2017

The law schools listed below are scheduled for sabbatical, provisional, or full approval site evaluation visits in Fall 2017. Any additional visits scheduled after the date of this memo will be posted on the Section’s website.

Consistent with Internal Operating Practice 3(a), written comments related to current compliance with the Standards for the Approval of Law Schools may be submitted to the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. Comments on law schools with Fall 2017 visits should be sent by August 15, 2017. Please click on this link to submit third party comments.

Law schools undergoing accreditation site visits in Fall 2017 are:

- University of Baltimore (Sabbatical)
- California-Davis, University of (Sabbatical)
- Columbia University (Sabbatical)
- Detroit Mercy, University of (Sabbatical)
- Indiana University-Bloomington (Sabbatical)
- University of Louisville (Sabbatical)
- Lincoln Memorial University (Application for Full Approval)
- New England Law | Boston (Sabbatical)
- Penn State University-Dickinson Law (Provisional, limited)
- Penn State University-Penn State Law (Provisional, limited)
- St. John’s University (Sabbatical)
- Syracuse University (Sabbatical)

Note: Your comments must be signed. Only comments directly related to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools will be considered.

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