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2019 Associate Deans Conference: Developing the Skill Sets of the Associate Dean
June 25-28, 2019
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel

If you want to get something done in a law school, assign it to an associate dean! Associate deans are called upon to run the day-to-day functions of a school. As such, they must draw upon several different skills, most of which were not those for which they were hired as faculty members. In this conference, new and experienced associate deans will learn from seasoned leaders about how to improve their skill sets. Whether you are in academic affairs, faculty research and development, or student affairs, this conference will help you to become better in your role. Recognizing that none of us work in a vacuum, there will also be opportunities to examine ways that different associate deans at a school can work together.

Registration is opening soon, please watch for more information here.

To make your hotel reservations, you may call the hotel directly at 312-372-7200 and reference the ABA 2019 Associate Deans Conference. The room rate is $249 plus tax. You may also make your reservations online using this link: https://book.passkey.com/go/ABAAAttendees2019. If you will need to reserve a room prior to the conference, or plan to stay after, please make your reservations as soon as possible as rooms will be limited.

To view the planning committee roster and for more information, visit the Conference Planning Committee site.
The Section’s 2017-2018 Annual Report is now available in both electronic and pdf formats. Read about the work of the Section over the previous bar year including reports from the Section’s leadership, the work of the Accreditation and Standards Review Committees, site visits, enrollment statistics, Section activities, special events, and more.

Visit the Annual Publications Archive webpage to view past editions.
Nominating Committee Seeks Names for 2019-2020 Council Slate

The Section's Nominating Committee invites suggestions for at-large positions on the 2019-2020 Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. There are three such positions, each for a three-year term. Two of these positions are currently occupied by members eligible to be re-elected to a second term, one being a public member. Additionally, there are three leadership positions to be filled, chair-elect and vice chair, each for a one-year term, and secretary, for a two-year term. The Secretary position is currently occupied by a member eligible to be re-elected for a second term. Nominees are sought in the categories of judges, academics, practitioners, and public members.

Nominations are requested by no later than the close of business on Monday, April 1, 2019.

The slate of Section officers and Council members will be presented for election at the Section's business meeting during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August.

The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2019. All nominations must be submitted through the online Council Nominations process.

2018-2019 Nominating Committee

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The Honorable Mary R. Russell
Judge
Supreme Court of Missouri

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Nominations Sought for 2019 Kutak Award

Nominations are sought for the 2019 Robert J. Kutak Award. Established in 1985 by the Section and the national Kutak Rock law firm, the award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the academy, the bench, and the bar. The award is in memory of Mr. Kutak, a distinguished Omaha lawyer, champion of legal reform, and advocate for legal education.

Nominations can be mailed to:

Kutak Award Committee
Attention: Carl Brambrink
Director of Operations
American Bar Association
Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
321 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654

or sent via email to carl.brambrink@americanbar.org.

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 1, 2019.

The 2019 Kutak Award will be presented at a reception during the May 2019 Council Meeting in Chicago. For more information about Robert J. Kutak and the list of past recipients, visit the Kutak Award page.
Access to Justice – Complimentary Issue

Complimentary Publication – Access to Justice

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has made Access to Justice, the Winter 2019 issue of its quarterly publication Daedalus, available to the public. This is the first open access issue in the history of the journal, an indication of the importance of this topic to the Academy. It is part of a larger, ongoing Academy effort to gather information about the national need for improved legal access, study innovations piloted around the country to fill this need, and advance a set of clear, national recommendations for closing the justice gap — between supply and demand for services provided by lawyers and other problem-solvers.

To read the Winter 2019 issue, click here.