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## **The Future of Law Schools**

*Envisioning a More Collaborative Educational Model*

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Washington, D.C. 20057

### Co-Chairs

**Allison Friend**, *Chief Human Resources Officer – Americas*, Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**William D. Henderson**, *Professor of Law & Stephen F. Burns Chair on the Legal Profession*, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

### Program (all times local)

**8:00am – 9:00am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**9:00am – 9:15am**

**Opening Remarks**

**9:15am – 10:30am**

### **Our Brand is Crisis: Legal Education at the Crossroads**

The appeal of a legal education, so conventional wisdom holds, is a lifetime of stable employment, generous salary, and the ability to “make a difference” in society. For years, this compelling narrative drew some of the most inquisitive minds around, allowing law schools to steadily raise tuition and maintain a successful business operating model built upon rankings and prestige. Yet, if recent history is any indication, pervasive student disaffection, tepid job prospects, and a precipitous decline in law school applications—even at the some of the nation’s most storied programs—underscores a sobering reality that employers and practitioners have long lamented: from whence will the next generation of lawyers arise? This opening panel offers a pointed yet hopeful take on the state (and future) of legal education as seen from a diverse panel of distinguished professionals.

Moderator:

**Christina L. Martini**, *National Hiring Partner – Associate Recruiting & Chair, Chicago Intellectual Property Practice*, DLA Piper

Panelists:

**Mark C. Alexander**, *Arthur J. Kania Dean & Professor of Law*, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

**Danielle R. Holley-Walker**, *Dean & Professor of Law*, Howard University School of Law

**Laura Rosenbury**, *Dean & Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor of Law*, University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law

**The Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha**, *Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean & Professor of Law*, Pepperdine Law School

**10:30am – 10:45am**      **Morning Break**

**10:45am – 12:00pm**      **Training the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lawyer: Envisioning a Public-Private Alliance**  
Although traditional academic curricula is intended to help law students identify problems in the surrounding world, the impinging forces of globalization, scientific advancement, and geopolitical tumult have underscored a profound disconnect between business needs in the current economy and the preparedness of today's law school graduates. Training to become a successful lawyer in the twenty-first century requires a far more diverse, less theoretical apprenticeship designed to accelerate one's transition to the workforce. This session examines several innovative partnerships between law schools and law firms that have helped position newly-minted lawyers in good stead.

Moderator:

**Katie Walter**, *Director of Marketing, Government & Academic*, Thomson Reuters Legal

Panelists:

**Alice Armitage**, *Associate Professor & Director, Startup Legal Garage, Institute for Innovation Law*, UC Hastings College of the Law

**Dr. Heather Bock**, *Global Chief Learning Officer*, Hogan Lovells; *Executive Director, Center for the Study of the Legal Profession & Visiting Professor*, Georgetown University Law Center

**William H. Byrnes**, *Executive Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Special Projects*, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Tim Henderson**, *Chief Recruitment & Professional Development Officer*, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP

**Theodore Ruger**, *Dean & Bernard G. Segal Professor of Law*, University of Pennsylvania Law School

**12:00pm– 1:15pm**

**Keynote Luncheon**

**A Call to Action: The Role of Law Schools in Access to Justice**

One of the legal profession's greatest tragedies is the ongoing inability of low income people to seek legal representation or support. Indeed, according to the Brennan Center for Justice, eighty percent of low income families fall victim to the so-termed "justice gap," thus resulting in widespread financial and emotional losses felt in local communities and beyond. As shepherds of the next generation, law schools play a critical role in alleviating this alarming predicament. Please join us as James J. Sandman of Legal Services Corporation explains how truly to effect meaningful change.

Presenter:

**James J. Sandman**, *President*, Legal Services Corporation

**1:15pm – 2:30pm**

**Brave New World: Advancing Educational Reform Around Legal Technology**

Legal technology's transformative qualities cannot be understated. As many legal clients continue to think globally when it comes to running a successful business, customer expectations around more efficient, cost-effective legal service have yielded a veritable sea change in the legal marketplace favoring lawyers with technological acumen. Expanding upon arguments in the preceding panel, this conversation offers a comprehensive take on where formal education around emergent technology fits within law school curricula. Our panel will ponder how best to prepare the next generation of lawyers for the myriad challenges ahead.

Moderator:

**David Curle**, *Director, Market Intelligence*, Thomson Reuters Legal

Panelists:

**Joseph Harroz, Jr.**, *Dean of the College of Law, Director of the Law Center, Vice President of the University of Oklahoma, Fenelon Boesche Chair of Law, Professor of Law*, The University of Oklahoma College of Law

**Daniel Martin Katz**, *Associate Professor of Law*, Illinois Tech – Chicago Kent College of Law

**Daniel B. Rodriguez**, *Dean & Harold Washington Professor; Senior Distinguished Fellow, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

**Gabriel H. Teninbaum**, *Professor of Legal Writing, Director of the Institute on Law Practice Technology & Innovation, Director of the Law Practice Technology Concentration*, Suffolk University Law School

**2:30pm – 2:45pm**

**Afternoon Break**

**2:45pm – 4:00pm**

**A Law School Performance Report Card: A Conversation about Education, Rankings, and What Matters in Entry-Level Hiring**

Law schools are often criticized by law firm leaders for failing to provide practical or relevant training. Yet, when individual law schools create innovative programs related to technology, business, or hands-on clinical training, law firms are unmoved, continuing their reliance on U.S. News rankings when selecting schools for OCI and making hiring decisions. At the same time, large corporate legal departments are expressing growing dissatisfaction with the value they are getting from their outside counsel, often because of gaps in either hard or soft skills. Is it possible to get alignment between clients, legal service providers, and law schools on what matters?

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**William D. Henderson**, *Professor of Law & Stephen F. Burns Chair on the Legal Profession*, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Panelists:

**Jeremy Bloom**, *Senior Vice President*, The NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education

**David Cambria**, *Global Director of Operations – Law, Compliance and Government Relations*, Archer Daniels Midland Company

**Ari A. Katz**, *Chief Recruiting Officer*, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP

**Kay Nash**, *Chief Talent Officer*, Wiley Rein LLP

**Natasha Zech**, *Director of Attorney Recruiting, Diversity and Development*,  
Williams & Connolly LLP

**4:00pm**

**Closing Remarks & Reception**