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We hope you all had a productive spring term and are in the middle of exciting and fun summer plans before turning your attention to the fall. Thank you for staying in touch with us! In this newsletter are highlights from the inspiring and informative conference at University of Tennessee. Our heart-felt thanks again to Doug Blaze and his gracious team for their superb job of hosting!

Other news we wanted to share with you:

- A **Call for Papers** and Program Announcements for the 2020 AALS Annual meeting
- Invitation to *Leading Differently Through Difference* Conference at Hofstra University
- Follow-up Articles from the Conference at the University of Tennessee

I want to pick up on something that Dean Blaze said in the closing session of the UT leadership conference as he and Deborah Rhode recounted some recurring themes...

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AALS Section on Leadership Section Meeting

Learning from Lawyer-Leaders Throughout the Profession

Fri. Jan. 3, 2020, @ 1:30pm

As more and more law students and lawyers find themselves holding positions

other than in law firms, law schools must prepare our students for a wide variety of leadership roles they might play in both the public and private sector. Lawyers, through their legal education and training, are especially needed to lead in these challenging times. The 2020 Section on Leadership's program will feature conversations with lawyers who serve in a variety of roles, including government, public interest, judiciary and professional associations. The panel will discuss the need for law schools to better equip law students for the challenges they will face as leaders in an ever-increasingly complex and challenging world.

Scheduled panelists:

- **Hon. Cheri Beasley**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina
- **Judy Perry Martinez**, President, American Bar Association
- **Anthony Thompson**, Professor of Clinical Law, NYU School of Law and author, *"Dangerous Leaders: How & Why Lawyers Must be Taught to Lead"*

Call for Papers

The Section on Leadership is pleased to announce a [Call for Papers](#) from which one additional presenter will be selected for the section's program, "Learning from Lawyer-Leaders Throughout the Profession," to be held during the AALS 2020 Annual Meeting in Washington on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 1:30pm. For more information and to submit, view the Call for Papers, [here](#).

Programs Co-Sponsored by the AALS Section on Leadership

***Pro Bono* and Public Service Opportunities Section**

Sat. Jan. 4, 2020, @ 8:30am

This all-star panel will discuss the funding issues facing organizations such as the Legal Services Corporation and state Access to Justice Commissions, how this

impacts *pro bono* and access to justice issues, how *pro bono* is effective at closing the access to justice gap, and what law schools can be doing to help.

Scheduled panelists:

- **Betty Balli Torres**, Executive Director of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation
- **David Biennu**, Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service
- **Darcy Meals**, Assistant Director of Center for Access to Justice at Georgia State University College of Law
- **Jim Sandman**, President of the Legal Services Corporation

This panel will be moderated by Baylor Law's Assistant Dean **Stephen Rispoli**, recipient of the State Bar of Texas 2019 *Pro Bono* Coordinator [Award](#).

***Pro Bono* and Public Service: Pillars of Democracy and the Legal Profession**

Lawyers have an obligation to uphold the rule of law and be the guardians of our legal system and society. *Pro bono* and public service are essential elements to the profession remaining a profession – helping those who cannot help themselves. These historical roles of the lawyer have been critical in protecting our society through cases for individual clients, serving as advisors for non-profit organizations, or serving in public office. Moreover, this service is not just good for clients and society, it is also good for the lawyer doing it.

However, these traditional roles face modern challenges. This session will discuss funding issues that the Legal Services Corporation and state Access to Justice Commissions face, how defunding them may affect *pro bono* around the country, and how legal education can help. Finally, this session will provide some practical tips and sample programs that attendees can implement at their home schools.

AALS Section on the Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession: An Empirical Look: How Well Are We Preparing Law Students to Become Ethical Leaders Who Serve Others

Thurs., Jan. 2, 2020 @ 2pm

This panel will feature research conducted on the ways in which law schools provide law students with skills and competencies, and encourage values that are central to leadership, public service, ethical conduct, and fulfilling responsibilities to others. Moreover, we envision that the panel will discuss newly emerging empirical research, often building on prior efforts, which focuses on the interest of law students in public service when applying to law school, and the impact of experiences such as clinical training, and pro bono and public interest opportunities within law school, on the leadership and public service that legal professionals undertake within our communities. Finally, we will highlight work that informs our understanding of the changing nature of leadership roles undertaken by lawyers both in government and the private sector.

[More on the Leadership Section Programs at AALS 2020](#)



Gain valuable insight into the critical role effective leadership plays in today's legal profession. Mark your calendars to join us in Waco, Texas, for the Baylor Law Leadership Conference, March 26-27, 2020, co-sponsored by the AALS Section on Leadership.



The Freedman Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics in conjunction with NYU School of Law, Columbia Law School, other law schools and law firms will sponsor a one day conference addressing the need for law schools to train lawyers to be leaders, specifically to focus upon equity and inclusion as essential to leadership training...

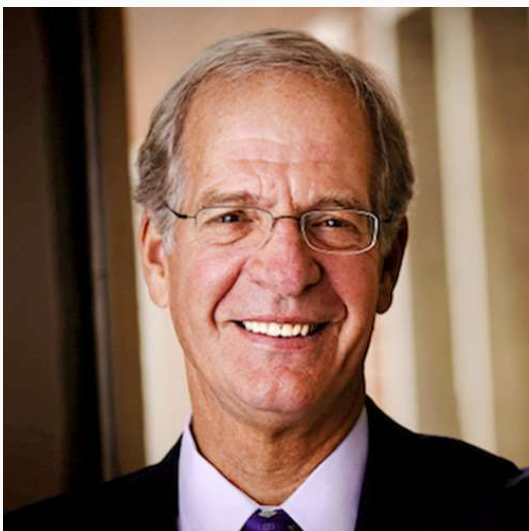
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INCREASING OUR IMPACT

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Leadership Development for Lawyers: Increasing Our Impact

*By Doug Blaze, The University of
Tennessee College of Law*

In April, the Institute for Professional Leadership at the University of Tennessee hosted a major conference on leadership education, co-sponsored by the AALS Section on Leadership and the Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy...

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Leadership Lessons from the ABA
By Bob Carlson, President, American Bar Association

Friendship through service leadership is the best kind of friendship there is. Together in the bar, we call attention to the legal needs in our communities, and we call public attention to the value of lawyers. Last October, for example, legal communities across the country during the National Celebration...

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Integrating Wellbeing into Leadership Development Curricula

R. Lisle Baker, Suffolk University Law School

Candace Reed, Latitude Legal, University of Tennessee College of Law

Psychology has long involved the study of how to help people in emotional difficulty get better, but more recently research out of the field of positive psychology has turned to how to help people flourish, focusing not only on getting well, but being well. Indeed, a recent ABA report argued that well-being should be considered part of the lawyer's duty of professional competence, which is even more important when lawyers act in leadership roles where they need to be at their best...

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**Why We Must Teach the Values
of *Pro Bono Publico***

By Buck Lewis, Chair of the ABA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee

In the 2012 HBO series *The Newsroom*, we begin to get to know the main character, Will McAvoy, played by Jeff Daniels, when we see him on a panel discussion on a college campus. In the first episode, a young woman from the business school asks the panel...

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BYU Law School: Inspiring Leadership Initiative

By D. Gordon Smith, BYU Law School

Inspiring leadership demands excellence, and we aspire to be a great law school in the same way that other law schools are great: as a source of great ideas and a training ground for great professionals. While leadership traditionally has been viewed as a natural outgrowth of legal education...

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Student Panel Highlights – Institute for Professional Leadership

Below is a collection of discussion points, responses, and ideas from the student panel at the leadership conference at the University of Tennessee:

At the heart of the leadership efforts among law schools is the present investment in the next generation of lawyers. In few professions is this task more important. Statistically speaking, lawyers represent a unique class of citizens who comprise a significant number of positions of authority from community leadership efforts to federal service. Ensuring future lawyers are trained not only in the law, but understanding the effectiveness of these early efforts is most-beneficial through the eyes of those who have...

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LEADERSHIP SECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 AALS Annual Meeting: January 2-5 in Washington, D.C.

The AALS Section on Leadership is sponsoring several programs and events at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting. For more information, [click here.](#)

New Blogs

[Leading as Lawyers \(https://leadingaslawyers.blog/\)](https://leadingaslawyers.blog/) Douglas Blaze has organized a blog to allow for posting of interesting ideas, thoughts and insights and asked that we

invite you to read and post your ideas. Editors' Note: We have been looking at the posting on the site since it was established in June and have been excited by the ideas. **Training Lawyers as Leaders** (<http://traininglawyersasleaders.org>) Leah Teague and Stephen Rispoli have established this blog to support the growing movement to create more leadership development courses, programs, events and activities in law schools across the nation. We invite you to subscribe to the blog and join the conversation.

Repository

A Box has been created as a repository for syllabi, programs, exercises, articles, presentations and other leadership development materials. All can view and download the materials through the following

link: <https://baylor.app.box.com/s/dkr4brr2t3b2qhvd2bnvah35cj8voj5n>. For access to upload and edit documents, contact Stephen Rispoli

(Stephen.Rispoli@Baylor.edu), Assistant Dean at Baylor Law School. The categories created in the Box folder are: Blogs, Course Syllabi, Exercises, Newsletters, Programs, Publications, Speakers/Presentations.

The Leadership Partners Team

Are you thinking about beginning or expanding a leadership course, program or just learning more about the area. Members of the Leadership Section have volunteered to speak and hopefully help you. If you want to speak with someone or volunteer to assist others, please contact David H. Gibbs at dqibbs@rwu.edu or Douglas Blaze at blaze@utk.edu.

Contact Us

Please let the editors know if you know of events, programs, and items that may be of interest.

LAW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SURVEY

In an effort to capture all the work that law professors and law school staff are doing in the leadership development field, we created a short survey to find out what law schools are doing. If you have a leadership development program or leadership class at your law

school, please take a few minutes to fill out this [short survey](#).

We have already heard from the following law schools about their programs:

- Baylor
- BYU
- Chicago
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University
- Columbia
- Creighton
- Drake University
- Elon
- Georgetown
- George Mason Scalia
- Harvard
- Loyola University Chicago
- Maryland
- Miami
- Michigan State
- Minnesota
- NYU
- Ohio State
- Oregon
- Roger Williams
- Santa Clara
- South Carolina
- St. Thomas
- Stanford
- Stetson University
- Suffolk
- Tennessee
- Texas A&M
- Texas Tech
- UCLA
- UNC Chapel Hill
- University of Arkansas
- University of Dayton

- University of Denver
- University of Nevada
- University of Pittsburg
- University of Virginia
- Washington University
- Washburn University
- Yale

You can learn more about each school's program or class by [clicking here](#). If your law school is not listed, please take a few minutes to fill out the [survey](#)! If you would like to edit the information listed about your school in the above link, please email [Stephen Rispoli@Baylor.edu](mailto:Stephen_Rispoli@Baylor.edu).

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