**Call for Papers and Proposals**

**AALS Associate Deans Section**

**Distance Education in Law Schools: Exploring Issues and Best Practices**

The Associate Deans section of the AALS is seeking papers, proposals, and suggestions for speakers to participate in a session at the 2018 AALS Annual meeting that will focus on multiple issues involved with Distance Education in Law Schools.  ABA Standard 306 addresses this issue and provides general guidance on distance education.  As deans and faculty grapple with issues regarding distance education, we invite papers, proposals, and suggestions for speakers regarding the issues below and other issues related to this topic.  Some of the issues include:

·      whether and how many of these types of courses to offer;

·       data regarding the pedagogical strengths and weaknesses, and the viability, of these courses;

·       whether certain topics are better suited than others for distance education;

·       synchronous v. asynchronous teaching and learning;

·        the pros and cons of providing these courses through individual law schools, by cooperatives of law schools, and by commercial vendors;

·      online teaching by faculty not in residence and its impact on students and on law school collegiality;

·        encouraging or discouraging faculty to migrate traditionally taught courses to online platforms;

·       the nuts and bolts of successfully migrating a course;

·       ABA standard 306, variances, and experiences with the provision’s interpretation and enforcement;

·        the benefits and risks to traditional faculty and law schools of moving in the distance education direction.

Please provide the topic and description of your paper or proposal in 300 or fewer words.  If you are suggesting a speaker with expertise on the topic, please identify the person, the person’s expertise, and whether the person is willing to present.  (Include a CV for any proposed speakers.)  We are interested in putting together a panel of presenters with expertise and experience in the areas noted above and in other areas related to this topic and with a diversity of views on the topic.

All proposals should be sent to Mary Garvey Algero, [algero@loyno.edu](mailto:algero@loyno.edu), on or before **Friday, May 24, 2017**. The session has been scheduled in San Diego on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The program committee looks forward to receiving your proposals.

Mary Garvey Algero (Loyola New Orleans) chair

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