



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

School of Law

2022 CONFERENCE FOR ASSOCIATE DEANS

Thursday, October 6

6:45 pm

Bus in Omni Hotel valet area departs for dinner

7:00-9:00 pm

Dinner at Joe T. Garcia's

2201 N Commerce Street, Fort Worth

Friday, October 7

7:30-8:00 am

Registration and Breakfast (*Law School Conference Center*)

8:00-8:20 am

Welcome

Robert Ahdieh, *Dean & Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, School of Law
Vice President for Professional Schools and Programs, Texas A&M University*

8:30-10:00 am

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Suzette M. Meléndez, *Teaching Professor, Director Children's Rights and Family Law
Clinic, Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Syracuse University College of Law*

Russell McClain, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and
Director, Academic Achievement Program, University of Maryland Francis King Carey
School of Law*

Jennifer McGee Reyes, *Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Texas A&M University*

MODERATOR: Neal Newman, *Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel will address issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, including the recent addition of ABA Standard 303(c), which requires law schools to provide education to law students on bias, cross-cultural competency, and racism.

10:15-11:45 am

The Bar Exam

Alicia R. Jackson, *Assistant Professor of Law, Director of Academic Success and Bar
Preparation, Stetson University College of Law*

John Murphy, *Instructional Professor of Law, Director of Academic Support & Bar
Passage, Texas A&M University School of Law*

Louis N. Schulze, Jr., *Associate Dean and Professor of Academic Support, Florida
International University College of Law*

MODERATOR: Terri Helge, *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law,
Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel will address issues related to the bar exam, including the uniform bar exam, the next generation bar exam, and ways to improve bar exam performance.



12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch (*Law School Conference Center*)

1:15-2:45 pm

Panel of Deans

Robert Ahdieh, *Dean & Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, School of Law Vice President for Professional Schools and Programs, Texas A&M University*

Paul Caron, *Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean, Professor of Law, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law*

Tamara F. Lawson, *Toni Rembe Endowed Dean, University of Washington School of Law*

MODERATOR: Gary Lucas, *Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel features current law deans with diverse backgrounds and experiences. They will discuss issues relevant to associate deans, including the relationship between the dean and associate dean, as well as advice for prospective law deans.

3:00-4:30 pm

Professionalism and Leadership

Louis D. Bilonis, *Dean Emeritus and Droege Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law*

Aric Short, *Professor of Law and Director, Professionalism and Leadership Program, Texas A&M University School of Law*

Linda Sugin, *Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law*

MODERATOR: Gary Lucas, *Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel will focus on professionalism and leadership, including a discussion of the recent changes to ABA Standard 303(b), which require law schools to provide substantial opportunities to students for the development of a professional identity.

6:45 pm

Bus in Omni Hotel valet area departs for dinner

7:00-10:00 pm

Dinner at Reata Restaurant

310 Houston Street, Fort Worth

Saturday, October 8

7:30-8:00 am

Breakfast (*Law School Conference Center*)

8:00-9:30 am

Online and Hybrid JD Programs

Megan M. Carpenter, *Dean, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law*

Colin P. Marks, *Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships and Innovative Programs, Ernest W. Clemens Professor of Law, St. Mary's University School of Law*

Anthony Niedwiecki, *President and Dean, Mitchell Hamline School of Law*

MODERATOR: David Dye, *Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel features speakers from law schools that have online or hybrid J.D. programs and will address the benefits and challenges associated with those programs.

9:45-10:45 am

Rankings Q & A

Robert Morse, *Chief Data Strategist, U.S. News and World Report*

MODERATOR: Gary Lucas, Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

This session will involve a short presentation by Bob Morse on law rankings, with substantial time reserved for audience questions.

11:00 am-12:30 pm

Organizations Panel (panelists attending virtually)

Judith Areen, *Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Association of American Law Schools*

Stephanie Giggetts, *Deputy Managing Director, Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, American Bar Association*

Kellye Y. Testy, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Law School Admission Council*

MODERATOR: Gary Lucas, Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

This panel features representatives from the ABA, AALS, and LSAC. They will discuss topics related to their respective organizations.

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch (*Law School Conference Center*)

1:30 pm

Closing, Guests Depart

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