



# The Future of Law School Innovation

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University of Colorado Law School

The Bi-Annual Associate Deans' Conference

## Engaging Faculty in Today's Challenges and Opportunities

April 18-19, 2014  
Boulder, Colorado

# The Future of Law School Innovation

A series of forces related to economics, technology, and the pressure to do more with less has permanently changed the legal services industry. This conference will bring together national leaders from academia, practicing lawyers, and alternative service providers to grapple with the ongoing challenges and opportunities facing legal education.

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12:30-12:45 Welcome and Introduction

12:45-1:30 Fireside Chat



**George Kembel**  
Global Director and  
Co-founder  
Stanford d.school

1:35-2:35 Change Management: How Law Schools,  
Law Students, and Employers Can Develop a New Model



**MODERATOR**  
**Scott Peppet**  
Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Melissa Hart**  
Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Michael Moffitt**  
Dean  
University of Oregon  
School of Law

**Nora Demleitner**  
Dean  
Washington and Lee  
University School of Law

**William Henderson**  
Professor of Law &  
Val Nolan Faculty Fellow  
Indiana University  
Maurer School of Law

3:00-4:00

## Teaching Law Students How to Stand Out in the Crowd



**MODERATOR**

**Paul Ohm**

Associate Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

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Co-Founder and CEO  
UpCounsel

**Jason Mendelson**

Managing Director  
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**Libby Cook**

Founder & Executive Director  
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**Daniel Katz**

Associate Professor  
Michigan State University  
College of Law

4:25-5:25

## Critical Competencies For the New Normal and How Best to Develop Them



**MODERATOR**

**Helen Norton**

Associate Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Neil Hamilton**

Holloran Center  
Director and Professor  
University of St. Thomas  
Law School

**Deborah Cantrell**

Director of Clinical Programs  
Associate Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Mark Roellig**

EVP and General Counsel  
MassMutual

**Paul Lippe**

Founder and CEO  
Legal OnRamp

5:45-6:30

## Deans' Panel: The Future of Law School Innovation



**MODERATOR**

**Phil Weiser**

Dean  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Dan Rodriguez**

Dean  
Northwestern Law  
President, AALS

**Nicholas Allard**

Dean and Professor of Law  
Brooklyn Law School

**Kellye Testy**

Dean  
University of Washington  
School of Law

**Patricia White**

Dean  
University of Miami  
School of Law

# Engaging Faculty in Today's Challenges and Opportunities

Today's reality is that law school faculties and administrators are confronted with the challenge of how to change the culture of legal education. The opportunities available for our students are changing, creating an imperative for us all to ask what competencies will be critical for future success. The strain on current resources, moreover, asks us all to evaluate how to make the most of our community, developing our current and emerging initiatives in more effective ways.

## April 18, 2014 Plenary Session

8:30-9:15 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:15-9:30 Welcome and Introduction  
9:30-10:30 The Many Law School Constituents and the Role of an Associate Dean from the Dean's Perspective



**MODERATOR**

**Kellye Testy**  
Dean  
University of Washington  
School of Law

**Barry Currier**  
Managing Director  
ABA Section of  
Legal Education

**Nora Demleiter**  
Dean  
Washington and Lee  
School of Law

**Dan Rodriguez**  
Dean  
Northwestern Law  
President, AALS

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:00 Change Management, Leadership, and Retooling for a Changing Environment



**MODERATOR**

**Phil Weiser**  
Dean  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**George Kembel**  
Global Director and  
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**Paul Lippe**  
CEO and Founder  
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**Trish White**  
Dean  
University of Miami  
School of Law

We are bringing together leading educators, practitioners, and scholars to engage in a set of discussions and interactive break-out sessions to provide potential roadmaps and strategies that can enhance the effectiveness of Associate Deans for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and/or Scholarship.

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12:00-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:00 **What Are We Trying to Teach?: Defining Core Competencies and What We Want Students to Get Out of Law School**



**MODERATOR**

**Deborah Cantrell**  
Associate Professor  
University of Colorado  
Law School

**Fiona Arnold**  
Former General Counsel  
Vail Resorts

**Bill Henderson**  
Professor of Law  
Indiana University  
Maurer School of Law

**Mark Roellig**  
EVP and General Counsel  
MassMutual

**Ann Shalleck**  
Professor  
American University  
Washington College of Law

3:00-3:30 BREAK

3:30-5:00

**Building an Effective Team and a Collaborative Culture**



**MODERATOR**

**Jeremy Paul**  
Dean  
Northeastern University  
School of Law

**Jenna Buffaloe**  
Organizational  
Consultant

**Anthony M. Crowell**  
Dean and President  
New York Law School

**Patricia Kuszler**  
Associate Dean  
University of Washington  
School of Law

5:00-6:00 RECEPTION

## April 19, 2014 Breakout Sessions

8:30-9:00 BREAKFAST

9:00-10:30 **Small Group Sessions**

10:45-12:15 These simultaneous sessions will repeat.

### I. Creating An Environment to Encourage, Support, and Reward Research



Given that law school faculties are likely to hire less in the future, the importance of mentoring faculty members, creating a vibrant intellectual climate, and providing opportunities for meaningful feedback will become even more important. To that end, law schools are becoming more creative about how to provide support for and nurture scholarship, find ways to celebrate successes, and use existing and new mechanisms to review the work of faculty members to encourage excellence.

**MODERATOR**

**Michael Moffitt**

Dean

University of Oregon School of Law

### II. Taking the Lessons of Critical Competencies into the Curriculum: Answering the How Questions



Developing a curricular framework around key competencies begs the question of how to take advantage of all resources available to legal education, including adjunct and visiting faculty, as well as how to assess whether classes are teaching students effectively. To answer these questions, many schools are both experimenting with their curriculum and developing new ways to measure teaching excellence and provide effective feedback to all teachers.

**MODERATOR**

**Ngai Pindell**

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law

### III. Towards a More Purposeful and Collaborative Student Experience



Students choosing law school today are thinking harder than ever before about whether and why to attend law school. For law schools, this means that there is a unique opportunity to develop a more systematic approach to the student experience. Law schools can ensure that students learn in a supportive environment, interact in a diverse and inclusive community, take a purposeful approach to their experience, and own their career paths. One benefit of today's more challenging environment is that it is requiring law schools to better assess and to address more intentionally the experiences of their students.

**MODERATOR**

**Martin Katz**

Dean

University of Denver Sturm College of Law



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