

Assisting Law Students with Disabilities in the 21st Century: Brass Tacks

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

*American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC*

Cutting-edge technology, court decisions, resource allocations, and individual perceptions each have the ability to affect the education of a law student with a disability. For student, career, and disability support professionals, for university counsels, faculty, and students themselves, knowledge of rights and responsibilities can be critical to academic achievement. Federal and state laws may help frame the issues, but they do not always assist with the day-to-day application and support we provide our students. This conference will address the major disability issues in the academic arena and identify the best practices for assisting law students with disabilities. The conference will also include vendor exhibits displaying the latest in assistive technology.

7:30AM - 8:30AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30AM - 8:45AM

WELCOME

Speakers: Claudio Grossman, Dean, Washington College of Law; David Jaffe, Associate Dean, Office of Student Affairs, Washington College of Law

8:45AM - 10:00AM

PANEL 1- BEST PRACTICES

Speakers: Lisa Lerman, Professor of Law, Coordinator of Clinical Programs, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law; Abel Montez, Director of Student Affairs, Fordham University School of Law; Michael Masinter, Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center; Moderator: Jennifer T. DiSanza, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Capital University Law School

10:15AM - 11:45AM

PANEL 2 - CLINICAL & EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Speakers: L. Irene Bowen, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Keri Gould, Assistant Professor, Clinical Education and Assistant Dean, Professional Skills, St. John's University School of Law; Christine Griffin, Commissioner, U.S. Equal Opportunity Employment Commission; Jennifer Gundlach, Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Disability Advocacy Clinic, Suffolk University Law School; Moderator: Robert Dinerstein, Professor and Director, Disability Rights Clinic, Washington College of Law

12:00PM - 1:30PM

"LUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH:"

Speaker: The Honorable David Tatel, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

1:30PM - 2:30PM

PANEL 3 - THE BAR EXAMINATION

Speakers: Jo Anne Simon, Private Attorney (lead Plaintiff in Bartlett v. NY); Melinda Saran, Vice Dean for Student Affairs, University of Buffalo Law School; Barbara Hergenroeder, Director of Character and Fitness, State Board of Law Examiners (Maryland); Kathleen Monaghan, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Moderator: Tony W. Torain, Associate Dean for Enrollment & Student Services, University of Baltimore School of Law

2:30PM - 3:30PM

PANEL 4 - CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Speakers: Mary Birmingham, Assistant Dean, Career and Professional Development, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law; Peggy Mastroianni, Associate Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Kevin Kraham, Partner, Ford & Harrison LLP; Claudia Gordon, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Moderator: Marianne Huger, Disability Services Coordinator, Georgetown Law Center

3:30PM - 3:45PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:45PM - 5:00PM

PANEL 5 - WORKING THE DIFFICULT ISSUES: A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Speakers: Thomas M. Beck, Partner, Jones Day; E. Elaine Gardner, Director, Disability Rights Project, Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs; Howard Kallem, Chief Regional Attorney, D.C. Enforcement Office, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education; Julie Sandine, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Vanderbilt University Law School; Linda Schutjer, Associate General Counsel, George Washington University; Kathy Schwartz, Director, Academic Support Center, American University; Donald Stone, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Baltimore School of Law, and former member, Maryland Disability Law Center; Moderator: Richard Ugelow, Practitioner-in-Residence, WCL

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