

Challenges Facing the Legal Profession & Strategies to Address Them

An AALS Presidential Program

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The following Presidential Programs will be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, January 7, 10:15 am – 12 pm
Mercury Ballroom, Third Floor, New York Hilton Midtown

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This panel will explore the current challenges facing the American legal profession. The session speakers come to this important discussion with rich backgrounds and perspectives on the crucial issues impacting legal profession. These panelists will discuss the pressures facing lawyers and legal educators, and identify possible reform strategies. The panel will encourage thinking creatively about how best legal education and the profession can adapt to a complex and changing global market.

Thursday, January 7, 12 pm – 1 pm
Trianon Ballroom, Third Floor, New York Hilton Midtown

A Conversation with the Honorable Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court


For the reasons you've heard: technology-globalization-access to justice

Lawyer Regulation is in Flux

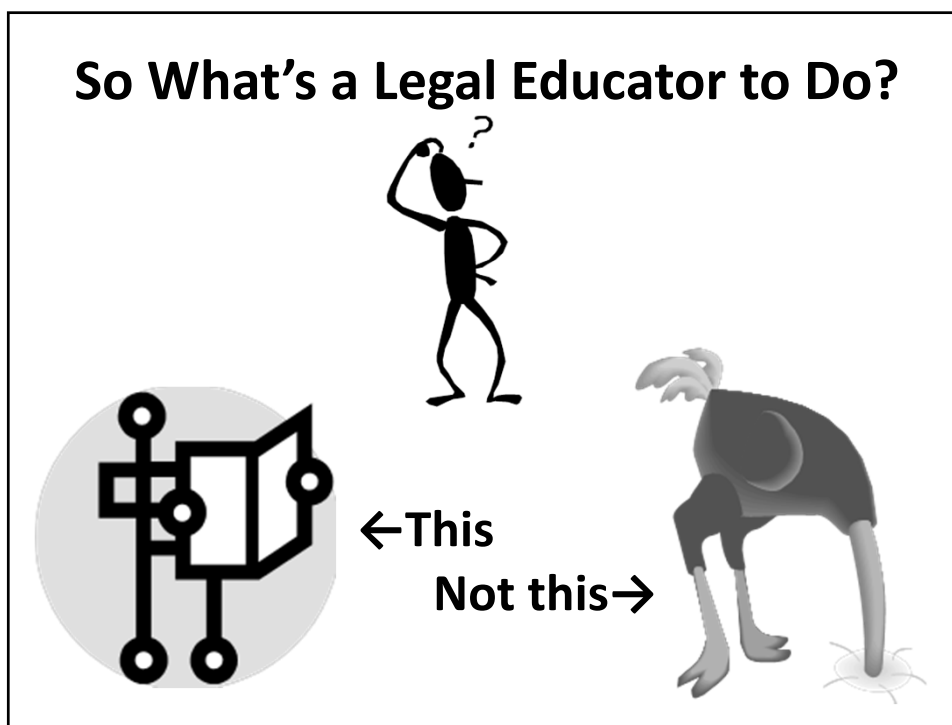


See Laurel Terry, et. al, *Trends and Challenges in Lawyer Regulation*,
80 Fordham Law Review 2661 (2012) & 2013 Canadian Trends articles

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<p><u>WHO</u> regulates lawyers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia, UK, Ireland, etc. • US: Scotus <u>NC Dental Board</u>, state legislative proposals, US
<p><u>WHAT</u> is regulated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK ABS, Australia Asx, Canada • US: WA LLLTs, law firms ^(NY, NJ) ABA Futures Commission 
<p><u>WHEN</u> are L's regulated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia & Canada (especially Nova Scotia) • US: 2015 Denver conference

<p><u>WHERE</u> are L's regulated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode 1 in trade agreements • All: Using geographic- based regulation in an online world
<p><u>WHY</u> do we regulate Ls?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK, Canada, Australia, others • US: See ABA Comm. proposal to be voted on in Feb. 2016
<p><u>HOW</u> do we regulate Ls?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK uses "outcomes focused" regulation; see other issues • US: ABA 20/20 Commission discussed some "how" issues



Resources You Can Consult

- ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services, http://www.americanbar.org/groups/centers_commissions/commission-on-the-future-of-legal-services.html
- NOBC Global Resources Page, <http://www.nobc.org/index.php/jurisdiction-info/global-resources>
- International Conference of Legal Regulators (e.g. July Toronto 2015 materials that include a 5pg. Handout on “Landscape of Lawyer Regulation Dev.”), <http://flsc.ca/building-blocks-to-better-regulation/>