Challenges Facing the Legal Profession & Strategies to Address Them
An AALS Presidential Program
Jan. 7, 2016; New York City
Panelists:

Moderator and Speaker: Deborah L. Rhode, Stanford Law School
Speakers: Benjamin H. Barton, University of Tennessee College of Law
          Martha L. Minow, Harvard Law School
          Laurel S. Terry, Penn State Univ. – Dickinson Law

AALS PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

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
Challenges Facing the Legal Profession and Strategies to Address Them

Moderator and Speaker: Deborah L. Rhode, Stanford Law School
Speakers:
  Benjamin H. Barton, University of Tennessee College of Law
  Martha L. Minow, Harvard Law School
  Laurel S. Terry, The Pennsylvania State University – Dickinson Law

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**


| **WHO** regulates lawyers? | • Australia, UK, Ireland, etc.  
• **US**: Scotus NC Dental Board, state legislative proposals, US |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| **WHAT** is regulated?   | • UK ABS, Australia Asx, Canada  
• **US**: WA LLLTs, law firms (NY, NJ)  
ABA Futures Commission |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| **WHEN** are L’s regulated? | • Australia & Canada (especially Nova Scotia)  
• **US**: 2015 Denver conference |
### WHERE
#### are L’s regulated?
- Mode 1 in trade agreements
- **All:** Using geographic-based regulation in an online world

### WHY
#### do we regulate Ls?
- UK, Canada, Australia, others
- **US:** See ABA Comm. proposal to be voted on in Feb. 2016

### HOW
#### do we regulate Ls?
- UK uses “outcomes focused” regulation; see other issues
- **US:** ABA 20/20 Commission discussed some “how” issues

---

**So What’s a Legal Educator to Do?**

![Diagram]

- This
- Not this
Resources You Can Consult


• 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/