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Call for Speakers & Presentations

Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Professionalism
Student to Lawyer Symposium (S2L) – Virtual Event
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The Agile Lawyer: Thriving in the Dynamic Practice of Law

The Student to Lawyer (S2L) Symposium is a biennial conference that engages a variety of stakeholders—law students, law schools, lawyers, law firms, legal organizations, industry leaders, and bar associations—to explore a topic relevant to law students and practicing lawyers. The goal of the conference is to develop a sustainable focus on assisting law students in their transition to becoming practitioners and on supporting the practicing bar.

Although the legal profession is steeped in tradition and generally regarded as reluctant to change, challenges presented by the pandemic have forced lawyers and law practice to be nimble, engaging in innovation inside and outside the courtroom. Many questions exist due to these changes; for instance: What considerations arise when a lawyer works a flexible schedule or in a remote or hybrid environment? How do lawyers engage clients, witnesses, and the court using video or conference calls? What does business development mean when face-to-face interactions have waned? How have practice changes impacted diversity in the profession? What do current practice trends mean for the future?

The 2022 Symposium will be held virtually and have three types of programming to empower participants to adapt to law's current and future practice. Consequently, the Commission seeks proposals for presentations that:

- (1) **Address the modernization of legal education**, i.e., how law schools can best equip future lawyers with the agility to engage in an evolving practice environment, including developing the skills necessary for effective practice and forming a professional identity to support long-term health and wellbeing;
- (2) **Explore new practices in the workplace**, i.e., examine the news norms in the traditional workplace, including interpersonal communications, project management, client development, and sustainability; or

(3) **Highlight innovative ways to address access to justice.**

If you would like to volunteer to speak on an idea related to one or more of these topics, we invite you to submit a proposal for the Symposium.

Submissions are **due by Friday, May 13**, to Bradley Martinez, Esq., Attorney Services Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, and shall include a brief program description (100 words or less), title, name and brief bio of all speakers, and any prior presentations on this topic.

The Commission seeks dynamic speakers with thought-provoking and entertaining presentations, embracing **modern presentation skills** rather than a traditional lecture-style format. Thus, presentations should be **thirty minutes** and:

- Be delivered as an engaging **narrative** talk;
- Open with **attention-getting content**;
- Use **personal stories** and **analogies** to energize and engage the audience;
- Explain complex topics **simply**;
- Use a small number of **slides with images** rather than words; and
- If applicable, use strategies for effective **implementation** of information.

Proposals, questions, or comments should be directed to:

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