

**Call for Speakers & Presentations**  
**Supreme Court of Ohio**  
**S2L| Student to Lawyer Symposium**  
**October 12, 2018**

***Be Well, Do Well: Building a Healthy, Inclusive, and Innovative Profession***

The Student to Lawyer (S2L) Symposium is a biennial, day-long conference that brings together a variety of stakeholders – including students, lawyers, law schools, law firms, industry leaders, corporate counsel, bar associations – to explore a single topic. 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. This year the Commission envisions three tracks of programming that allow stakeholders to explore being a happy, healthy, and ethical practitioner – three areas that, when combined, will sustain the profession as it continues to evolve in unpredictable ways.

Being a healthy, happy, and ethical lawyer may seem like a tall order, yet anything less puts the profession and the public at risk. The advent of alternative legal service providers, client demands, and the rise of legal operations in the corporate setting require us to re-examine the landscape around us. *The Path to Lawyer Well-Being* issued by the National Task Force of Lawyer Well-Being, Jordan Furlong's *Law is a Buyer's Market: Building a Client-First Law Firm*, the Uniform Bar Exam, and the disaggregation of legal services are just some of the catalysts that prompt us to think about how to turn our challenges to strengths. Now more than ever we must equip students and lawyers with the tools to succeed in a market that is being transformed right before their eyes. The law is a people business. Lawyers work with and through others and learning to think like a lawyer should not come at the expense of self-awareness and well-being, which are required to provide legal solutions.

This year the Commission seeks proposals for presentations that:

- (1) address student and attorney well-being as an element of attorney competence;
- (2) explore diversity and inclusion as components of professionalism and as critical factors in professional growth, client satisfaction, and increased access to justice; and
- (3) identify strategies and tools that allow risk-averse legal professionals to proactively join and lead innovative trends in the legal profession.

If you would like to speak on one or more of these topics, we invite you to submit a proposal for the Symposium. Proposals are **due by Monday, April 16**, to Martha Asseff, Secretary of the Commission on Professionalism, and shall include a brief program description (100 words or less), title, name, and brief bio of all speakers, the length of the presentation, and list of prior presentations on this topic. Ideally each program proposal will:

- Encourage active learning (indicate in the proposal what active learning strategies you will use to engage the audience in the session instead of having them passively listen to information; some possibilities include case study exercises, role playing, small group discussion, facilitated brainstorming, action plans, quick quizzes, etc.);
- Demonstrate innovative thinking;

- Present ideas, best practices, and/or relevant research for positioning attendees as leaders within their organizations; and
- Present strategies for effective implementation of information learned once attendees are back at their offices.

If you have any questions or want to talk about ideas you may have please feel free to contact either Martha Asseff at 614.387.9317 or via email at [martha.asseff@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:martha.asseff@sc.ohio.gov) or Mina Jones Jefferson at 513.556.0075 or via email at [mina.jefferson@uc.edu](mailto:mina.jefferson@uc.edu).