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Welcome

I invite you to join us in Austin this October for a conference that will explore the teaching of legal research in today's information environment.

In spring 2006 the National Conference of Bar Examiners announced plans to explore the development of a stand-alone component of the bar exam that will focus on legal research methods and skills. In part a response to concerns voiced by the judiciary and practitioners and to a sense within the law school community that legal research instruction has suffered from lack of attention in the curriculum, the NCBE initiative requires law schools to re-examine the teaching of legal research.

Teaching the Teachers will focus on the effective teaching of legal research to today's generation of law students and will assemble a wide range of speakers to "teach the teachers" how to best train these students. Conference faculty represent excellence in teaching and communication and come from the judiciary, the practicing bar, and the legal academy.

The conference will be held at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas. Tarlton is one of the largest academic law libraries in the country, with collections covering more than one hundred jurisdictions. The Library supports scholarship not only by maintaining diverse collections, but also by providing an inviting space for study and collaboration.

I look forward to welcoming you to Tarlton Law Library and the University of Texas next fall.

Roy M. Mersky
Harry M. Reasoner Regents Chair in Law
& Director of Research

Faculty

- Robert Abzug**, University of Texas at Austin
Bill Allison, University of Texas School of Law
Judge Nancy F. Atlas, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division
Steven M. Barkan, University of Wisconsin Law School
Robert C. Berring, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
Sarah M. Buel, University of Texas School of Law
Michelle Arnopol Cecil, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law
Morris L. Cohen, Yale University School of Law
Mechele Dickerson, University of Texas School of Law
Diana R. Donahoe, Georgetown University Law School
Dean Donald J. Dunn, University of La Verne College of Law
David Epstein, Southern Methodist University School of Law
Joel Wm. Friedman, Tulane University School of Law
Bryan Garner, LawProse, Inc.
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Virginia Wise, Harvard Law School
Dean Paul Woodruff, Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
Patrick Woolley, University of Texas School of Law
Chancellor Mark Yudof, University of Texas System

About Austin

The capital of Texas, Austin combines the diversity and vibrancy of a university community with a fast-paced technology and business culture and a rich historical tradition. Known for its live music, flourishing arts communities, beautiful setting, and recreational amenities, Austin has been a traditional favorite of first-time and returning visitors to Texas.



Photo: Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau

The conference hotel is the InterContinental Stephen F. Austin. A number of rooms have been reserved at a special conference rate. Please contact the Stephen F. Austin to reserve rooms for the conference either through the conference hotel website (<http://tinyurl.com/2wqvb6>) or by calling the Stephen F. Austin at (512) 457-8800. The conference code is ALX.

Tarlton's guide to Austin -

<http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/ttt/austin.html>

Conference program

Teaching the Internet generation of law students requires a re-examination of teaching styles, communication strategies, and the context in which research is undertaken. The importance of legal research skills in practice and scholarship is well recognized; the question of best practices for effective legal research instruction is open to discussion. **Teaching the Teachers: Effective Instruction in Legal Research** will feature distinguished speakers from the judiciary, the academy, and practice. Conference programs will focus on integrating technology into the classroom, teaching in and with context, courtroom and classroom communication, and the instructional role of the library and librarians.

The conference features more than twenty-five prominent judges, attorneys, librarians, and scholars from a wide variety of academic disciplines. The conference begins with a reception Thursday evening, October 18; programs begin Friday morning. A highlight of the conference will be the Friday night dinner. The conference concludes after the keynote luncheon on Saturday, October 20.

Program topics include:

- ⌘ **On Being an Effective Teacher**
Scholars recognized for their teaching excellence share their thoughts on what it means to be a good teacher, both conceptually and in practice.
- ⌘ **Teaching In & With Context**
Faculty members will discuss effective teaching in the context of the academy, professionalism, history, and culture.

- ⌘ **From the Courtroom to the Classroom: Effectively Reaching Your Audience**
Lawyers from both sides of the bench share their thoughts and techniques for reaching an audience in the courtroom and discuss how these communication strategies can be applied in the classroom.
- ⌘ **Connecting With Students: Integrating Technology into the Classroom**
Several pioneering law professors will discuss the current and future role of technology in the classroom and how it can be used to connect with students who have pervasive experience and exposure to technology in every aspect of their lives.
- ⌘ **Librarian Teachers: From the Trenches**
Experienced librarians will discuss what it means to teach in the library and in the classroom and will share their thoughts on the evolving role of librarians as instructors.
- ⌘ **The Changing Nature of Legal Research & Thought: Teaching Students to Think & Research Like Lawyers in the 21st Century**
Authorities in the field of legal research discuss how technology has changed the way law develops and is accessed, researched, and even conceived, and implications for the future of legal research instruction.

In addition to these programs, there will be other small session presentations, two luncheon speakers, and a dinner keynote address on Friday evening. A final schedule will be posted online when available at <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/ttt/program.html>.

Registration

You may register online at <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/ttt/contact.html>. If you prefer to register by mail, please complete the following form.

- Conference:** \$275
Registration before September 1: \$250
Tarlton Law Library alumni: \$200
Includes opening reception, two continental breakfasts, two lunches, and a dinner.

- Companion:** \$120

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A limited number of **scholarships**, covering the registration fee, are available. To apply, please submit a cover letter containing a statement of interest in the conference and an indication of the need for assistance, and a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae by August 15, 2007.

For additional information, visit:
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