



## CONFERENCE FOR ASSOCIATE DEANS

### Thurs., June 1

3:00 pm

**Registration begins**

4:00-4:20 pm

**Welcome**

**Andrew Morriss**, *Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, Texas A&M University School of Law*

4:20-6:00 pm

**The Role of the Law Dean**

**Heidi Hurd**, *David C. Baum Professor of Law and former dean, University of Illinois College of Law*

**Ken Randall**, *Dean Emeritus, University of Alabama School of Law*

**Donald Weidner**, *Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor, Florida State University College of Law*

**Moderator: Susan Fortney**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This panel features former law deans with diverse backgrounds and experiences. They will discuss a variety of issues relevant to aspiring deans and to associate deans, including the challenges that deans face in the current legal education environment.

7:00-9:00 pm

**Dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House**

813 Main Street, Fort Worth

### Fri., June 2

8:00-8:30 am

**Breakfast** (*Law School Conference Center*)

8:30-10:10 am

**Teaching and Teaching Assessment**

**James McGrath**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Support and Bar Passage, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**David Thomson**, *Professor of Practice and John C. Dwan Professor for Online Learning, University of Denver Sturm College of Law*

**Louis Schulze**, *Assistant Dean and Professor of Academic Support, Florida International University College of Law*

**Sophie Sparrow**, *Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law*

This panel of teaching experts will discuss law teaching with an emphasis on teaching assessment.

**10:30-12:10 pm**

### **Law School Buildings**

**Cynthia Alkon**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**Jennifer Gerarda Brown**, *Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Law*

**Thomas Metzloff**, *Professor of Law, Duke Law School*

This panel will discuss building design and other considerations related to renovating or constructing a law school building.

**12:15-1:15 pm**

**Lunch** (*Law School Conference Center*)

**1:30-3:10 pm**

### **Scholarship Assessment**

**John August**, *Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, Texas A&M University*

**Paul Caron**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, Pepperdine School of Law*

**Gary Lucas**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Assessment, Strategic Analysis, and Reporting, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**Gregory Sisk**, *Laghi Distinguished Chair in Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law*

This panel will focus on assessing faculty scholarship, including scholarship metrics.

**3:20-5:00 pm**

### **Associate Dean as Negotiator: Working to Improve Your Skills**

**Cynthia Alkon**, *Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**Peter Reilly**, *Associate Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law*

This highly interactive session will give you additional tools and tips to help with the negotiation challenges that associate deans face every day.

**7:00-9:00 pm**

### **Dinner at Reata**

310 Houston Street, Fort Worth

**Sat., June 3**

**8:00-8:30 am**

**Breakfast** (*Law School Conference Center*)

**8:30-10:10 am**

### **Diversity**

**Russell McClain**, *Associate Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law*

**John Murphy**, *Instructional Associate Professor of Law and Chair of Diversity Council, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**Janet Steverson**, *Douglas K. Newell Professor of Teaching Excellence and Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Lewis and Clark Law School*

**Ruqaiyah Yearby**, *Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness and David L. Brennan Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law*

This panel will address issues related to diversity and inclusion, including conducting a law school climate survey.

**10:30-12:10 pm**

**A Conversation on Rankings**

**Andrew Morriss**, *Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, Texas A&M University School of Law*

**Robert Morse**, *Chief Data Strategist, U.S. News and World Report*

This session will be a conversation about rankings between Robert Morse and Dean Morriss, with substantial time reserved for audience questions.

**12:15-1:15 pm**

**Lunch** (*Law School Conference Center*)

**1:15 pm**

**Guests depart for airport**