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How can PDI benefit law firm PD professionals?

Today’s law firm PD professionals have more varied responsibilities than ever before. The demands for increased professional development and training, combined with industry trends and business realities, have added to the challenges faced by PD professionals. Whether it’s engaging your associates, implementing project management training, or developing your law firm leaders, the 2019 Professional Development Institute will help you stay on top of the latest PD trends and techniques and give you access to a network of law firm PD professionals who are facing the same challenges.

How can PDI benefit law school career professionals?

Law school career professionals must constantly look for ways to help make law students more employable in today’s competitive job market. The 2019 Professional Development Institute is an opportunity for you to hear directly from law firm professionals about the skills they are looking for in first-year associates and to learn about proven programs at other law schools. Law school attendees will also find significant value in sharing best practices, new ideas, and hot topics with other law student PD professionals.

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Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Go to www.pdclegal.org for details.
Conference Co-Sponsored by NALP and ALI CLE in collaboration with the PDC

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Schedule

Wednesday, December 4

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 3:30–6:30 PM

Management Foundations for PD Professionals

This hands-on workshop gives newer PD professionals the fundamental skills and knowledge they need to get off to a great start and grow into their PD roles. Participants in this pre-conference workshop get valuable insights into the responsibilities of PD professionals, as well as helpful forms, templates, and resource lists. Topics covered include associate orientation and integration, training, MCLE compliance, core competencies, benchmarks, evaluations, and mentoring programs. Participants also have the opportunity to discuss current projects, successes, and challenges.

Andrew Hales, Sr. Director of Professional Development and Training, Venable LLP

Molly Peckman, CEO/Founder, Molly Peckman Training & Development

Whether you are newer to the PD field, assuming new PD responsibilities, or have a staff member in your office who could benefit from training, this optional workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to learn and build a network within the field.

Separate registration fee required.
Law School PD: Designing a Curriculum for Future Lawyers

Law schools are responding to the market place, and many schools (30+) now teach professional development in their curriculum. This session shows you what professional development looks like at the law school level. We will discuss new ABA Standards for competency and experiential courses, and how law schools are responding to these requirements. We will also present Santa Clara Law’s first-year, mandatory Critical Lawyering Skills class, discussing design and delivery. We will also share what we’ve learned along the way, including reasonable PD expectations for graduating law students and where law firms can expect to meet them on the professional development continuum.

Rupa Bhandari, Assistant Dean, Office of Career Management & Adjunct Professor, Santa Clara Law
Sandra “Sandee” Magliozzi, Associate Dean for Experiential and Competency-based Learning, Santa Clara Law
Thiadora Pina, Associate Clinical Professor and Director, Externship Program, Santa Clara University School of Law

One-Hour Masters in Training Design and Development

For PD professionals with a formal education in the law, not organizational development, this session will explore the foundational principles of training design and development theory. We'll cover the highlights of developing a learning culture; the 70-20-10 Principle in how people learn; conducting needs assessments; thoughtful instructional design; training delivery techniques; the differences between training versus facilitation; facilitation techniques; and various methods for measurement and evaluation. Attend this session for a condensed version of what-you-need-to-know on the training side of organizational development.

Andy Hales, Sr. Director of Professional Development and Training, Venable LLP

Reframing Parental Leave as a Professional Development Opportunity

New parents often think of parental leave as a career-ender, or at least as an event that will stall their careers. This session will discuss best practices (including preparing parental leave templates, managing interactions with partners and supervisors before, during, and after leave, getting back to billable work, providing “return-to-work” transition resources, and balancing networking with family obligations) in guiding new parent employees through the transition to working parenthood. Parenthood can provide parents (new and established) with skills and tools to make them amazing leaders, and PD professionals can help them to grow their careers even after the baby arrives.

Janell Mallard, Senior Recruiting and Diversity Manager, Wiley Rein LLP
Lori Mihalich-Levin, Partner, Dentons US LLP; Founder, Mindful Return LLC; and COO, Women's Leadership Forum
Anjali Patel, Staff Counsel - Antitrust & Strategic Projects, Verizon Communications

The Power of Leadership and Business Training Simulations

Custom-tailored training simulations provide lawyers with opportunities to experience the real-time impact of their critical thinking, problem solving, and business decision-making skills.
Experiential learning through industry-specific simulations can also increase engagement, encourage creativity, promote team building, and aid in the retention of skill development. This session will give you tools to design a framework for relevant, realistic, and long-term applied learning for your lawyers. Learn how to develop and implement live interactive and computer-based simulation programs. See how one firm created an innovative blended learning experience incorporating a custom computer-based law firm business simulation with real-life leadership challenges to grow applicable skills and shorten the learning curve for new equity partners.

Heather Bock, Global Chief Learning Officer, Hogan Lovells
Bill Hall, President, Simulation Studios
Michelle Nash, Director of Learning and Development, Hogan Lovells
Dena Smelow, Independent Consultant

**Up or Out? Helping Senior Associates Navigate the World Beyond Partnership**

The news that a senior associate is not on track to be promoted to partner or counsel - that they are “out” - can be devastating, and is sometimes unexpected. The emotional impact often has a strong effect on the lawyer’s ability to take the next steps for his/her career, to continue to show up and be present for work, and to maintain his/her overall well-being. Our program will focus on strategies for counseling and coaching associates to process this news in a productive way, to help them move “towards” their next career step rather than run “from” a challenging situation.

Jeanna Beck, Director of Career Counseling, Arnold & Porter
Gene Gilmore, Director of Professional Development, Cooley LLP
Jessica Hernandez, Principal, JLH Coaching and Consulting
Jennifer Rakstad, Career Development Advisor (US), Mayer Brown, LLP

**Lunch**
12:15–1:15 PM
This networking lunch is included in the registration fee.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
1:30–2:45 PM

**Coaching with Credibility: Coaching Lawyers to Maximize Trust and Impact**

Lawyers are a tough audience—they are smart, they like to argue, and they are very skeptical of claims that cannot be proven. Developmental coaching (coaching based on adult developmental theory, as opposed to coaching on specific behavioral or performance issues) can be a difficult sell. Attend this session and learn not only the neuroscience “proof” behind developmental coaching, but also proven practices that enable your lawyers to trust and become open to transformational change with you.

Jeff Munn, Executive Leadership Coach, Jeff Munn LLC

**Keeping Your Lawyers Relevant: New Skills for a Changing World**

As clients demand innovation, collaboration and value from law firms, the skills that lawyers need to advance and succeed continue to change and expand. In this environment, it can be very challenging to define and develop training curricula and performance measures around core competencies. This session will discuss the top skills needed in 2020 with a focus on the shift from the practice of law to the business of law and from legal practitioner and expert to trusted adviser, innovator, and collaborator. Participants will participate in a small group brainstorming to envision ways to introduce both training and experiential models to their organizations.

Susan Saltonstall Duncan, President, RainMaking Oasis
Sue Manch, Chief Talent Officer, Winston & Strawn

**Lawyer Well-Being as an Ethical Obligation**

The University of Pennsylvania Law School recently piloted a program to integrate lawyer well-being in all of its upper-level professional responsibility courses. The program’s design centers on a one-class module embedded into the broader curriculum for each class. The module educates students about well-being challenges that pervade the profession, reasons underlying those trends, why they impact lawyers’ ability to ethically serve their clients, and responsive behaviors that law students can practice to respond healthfully to stressors. Penn Law will be converting this module into an online version so that any law school in the country can incorporate the module if it so chooses. This presentation will demonstrate the module in the format delivered to the upper-level law students to educate attendees about the issues, to show attendees what such a session looks like in a law school classroom, and to raise awareness among attendees about its availability for their school.

John Hollway, Associate Dean/Exec. Director Quattrone Center for Fair Administration of Criminal Justice, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Jennifer Leonard, Associate Dean for Professional Engagement, University of Pennsylvania Law School

**Socrates’ Briefcase: The Three BD Conversations Every Associate Needs to Master**

Socrates is famous for turning casual conversations into meaningful discussions. Today his insights are needed more than ever in the world of business development. This leading-edge BD program explores the three conversations your associates need to do well: the meet, the bridge, and the ask. When done correctly, your lawyers will have a “tell me more” statement that winsomely describes what they do, a natural bridge line to transition smoothly from small talk to business, and a confident ask that is non-threatening and leads to new business. Come to this dynamic session and ignite a renaissance in person-to-person marketing back at your firm.

Steve Hughes, President, Hit Your Stride, LLC

**The Essence of Leadership**

What is “the essence of leadership?” If we knew the correct answer, we would implement “best practices,” spending our careers as exemplary leaders. Unfortunately, there is no single route to becoming an admired leader. But there ARE proven pathways. There are helpful hints. There are tested paradigms. During this fast-paced presentation, the presenter will share a lifetime of leadership wisdom, boiling his own learning down to its essence. You will leave this session with a greater appreciation of the character and skills required of leaders and the realization that we can be leaders in all areas of our lives.

Lawrence Center, Leadership Coach, Center Leadership Coaching, LLC
The Impact of Unconscious Bias in Performance Evaluations

Get the tools you need to give and receive feedback effectively. This session will first focus on raising awareness of the implicit biases that we all hold and how they impact the feedback process. It will then share best practices when preparing for feedback conversations that take into account these biases to create a more inclusive legal industry. By the end of the session, participants will have a heightened awareness of these challenges and be empowered to better receive and give unbiased feedback.

Courtney Carter, Associate Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Jenner & Block LLP
Shuhana Khan, Associate Director of Talent Development, Jenner & Block LLP

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:00–4:15 PM

Big Little Advice: Best Practices for Mentorship and Sponsorship Programs
Help create or refine your organization’s mentoring and sponsorship programs by learning best practices from this experienced panel. Panelists will share their organizations’ approaches to mentoring and sponsoring as well as lessons learned — whether it is “big” advice like creating or re-creating a mentoring program or little steps, such as identifying resources for your mentors.

Andy Colón, Chief Talent Officer, Thompson Hine
Molly Peckman, CEO, Molly Peckman Training & Development
Joshua Troy, Associate Director of Professional Development, Blank Rome

Communication, Programming and Outplacement Strategies to Minimize the Impact of a Potential Recession
During the 2008 recession, law firms and law schools rallied to come up with creative solutions for assisting their lawyers and law students navigate their career paths in a bleak financial climate. With murmurs of a potential upcoming recession, law firms and law schools may consider preparing their lawyers and students for a downturn through communication and programming aimed at managing a legal career through such an event. Law firms might also think about establishing an outplacement strategy now to assist with potential large scale lay offs in the future. This session will give you ideas and possible roadmaps to prepare yourself and your organization for a more difficult economy that may lie ahead.

Kathleen Brady, Director of Coaching, Preferred Transition Resources
Abdi Shayesteh, Founder and CEO, AltaClaro
Carlynn Magliano Sweeney, Managing Director, Preferred Transition Resources

Fearless Feedback: Master This Critical Skill of Effective Leaders
As a leader, sharing developmental feedback is an obligation, not a luxury. But far too many people avoid feedback conversations. Join us for this session and learn how to overcome the three barriers to feedback, including the threat perception, and how to handle any inaccurate recollection for the recipient. Master feedback conversations using eight proven success principles, and discover ways to build feedback loops into your day-to-day operations, normalize feedback across your culture, and use feedback as a powerful driver of leading people to thrive across your organization.

Lenora Ausbon-Odom, Director of Professional Development, DLA Piper LLP
Ann Gomez, Productivity & Leadership Consultant, Founding President, Clear Concept Inc.

PD 2.0: Partnering with Legal Writing Faculty
The next generation of law school professional development programs might look something like “Fundamentals of Lawyering” at The George Washington University Law School. In this case study session, legal writing faculty discuss the design, implementation, and challenges of a new first-year course that builds on the law school’s culture of professional development and reinforces existing voluntary programming. See how “Fundamentals of Lawyering” augments the traditional 1L research and writing curriculum by teaching the professional competencies employers desire and expect from law school graduates, such as fact development, time management, teamwork, project management, problem-solving, and strategic thinking.

Christy DeSanctis, Professor and Director, Fundamentals of Lawyering, The George Washington University Law School
Susan Fine, Associate Dean for Professional Development and Career Strategy, The George Washington University Law School
Michael Levine, Visiting Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering, The George Washington University Law School
Erika Pont, Visiting Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering, The George Washington University Law School

Peak Performance Under Pressure: Helping Lawyers Excel in the Spotlight
Law firms work hard to train their lawyers for oral argument, depositions, client pitches, and other high-stakes occasions when they need to step into the spotlight. Unfortunately, this training doesn’t prepare lawyers for the intense performance anxiety that often arises, potentially derailing a lawyer’s performance and throwing hours of that training out the window. Luckily, this result is preventable. Join us to explore simple, effective ways you can help your lawyers prepare psychologically for a high-stakes performance, remain calm under pressure, and execute at the highest level. This session draws on mindfulness, positive psychology, and third-wave cognitive therapy, with that techniques can be applied to lawyers and others in the profession who work in stressful environments.

Jon Krop, Founder, Mindfulness for Lawyers
Johanna Story, Senior Professional Development Manager, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP

Stand-Out Programs: Using Blended Learning to Design Exceptional Training
In the age of highly distracted lawyers and law students, applying blended learning methods to development programs can capture attention, generate engagement and maximize impact. Programs that blend “bursts” of learning in the form of videos, audio, small-group work, and one-to-one instruction invite learners to engage through multiple media at a billablehour-friendly pace. Attend this
In this interactive session, the presenters will discuss how to create resources to lawyers who grew up with YouTube and Khan Academy. Training programs more effective and to deliver just-in-time learning. Organizations are embracing short videos as a way to make live training programs more effective and to deliver just-in-time learning.

**How to Create Bite-Sized Training Videos**

Organizations are embracing short videos as a way to make live training programs more effective and to deliver just-in-time learning resources to lawyers who grew up with YouTube and Khan Academy. In this interactive session, the presenters will discuss how to create engaging, short videos, including picking the topic, creating a script, using graphics, storyboarding, and filming. Participants will even be given the opportunity to create a course together!

*Emily Gottheimer, Director of Content, Hotshot*
*Chris Wedgeworth, Co-Founder, Hotshot*

**Is Your Organization Ready for Real-Time Feedback?**

The trend toward real-time feedback continues to gain traction. Several law firms have implemented formalized real-time feedback processes, and many others say they plan to move in this direction. But what does it take to implement a successful real-time feedback program? In this session, two PD professionals who surveyed and interviewed law firms on this topic in 2018 will discuss the factors to consider in assessing your firm’s readiness for real-time feedback. Based on the experiences of early adopters, they will also offer practical ideas for improving your firm’s readiness and laying the groundwork for a successful roll-out of real-time feedback.

*Marian Lee, Lawyer Development Consultant and Coach, Career Reinvention, LLC*
*Misae Nishikura, Director of Recruiting and Professional Development, Holland & Hart, LLP*

**It Takes a Village: Community Collaboration in Law School PD Programs**

Maximizing the impact of your professional development program requires collaborating with stakeholders both inside and outside the law school. Through discussion and workshop, this session will present considerations and outline methods for developing a holistic approach to PD programming that leverages the broader law school and legal community, including faculty, student services, alumni, law firms, bar associations, and students. Panelists will address the key constituencies, strategies for engaging each of them, how to optimize their contributions, pitfalls to avoid, and the value propositions that make collaboration attractive for all.

*Elisabeth Beal, Assistant Dean for Career Services, William & Mary Law School*
*Korey Henson, Associate Director of Career & Professional Development, Stetson University College of Law*
*Patricia Lopez, Director of Professional Development and Career Counseling, Case Western Reserve University School of Law*
*George Podolin, Assistant Dean for Career Services, William & Mary Law School*

**No One Knows How Toilets Work: How to Change Minds and Win Support for Your Ideas**

This session combines engaging storytelling and relevant research to help participants understand why people say “no” to good ideas and decline to follow sensible advice. The presentation is like an hour-long TedTalk: useful, funny, and thought-provoking. Discover why understanding how people think about toilets tells you a lot about their worldview; all the different places we store knowledge about the world; and how people on teams divide-up cognitive labour. Using interactions, relevant examples and discussion, this session will give you simple strategies for building support for ideas within your team and organization.

*Chris Graham, Principal, TellPeople, Inc.*
Reflecting on Imposture Syndrome: Empowering Your Clients To See Their True Value

First generation law students, junior lawyers, and newly minted partners and leaders often share a challenge: they are new to their roles and aren’t yet comfortable in their skin or conveying confidence. Helping them find—and effectively use—their voices and take their seats at the table promotes their success. In this hands-on, interactive session, you will learn language and techniques that will help you coach law students and lawyers to tell their stories and convey their messages with confidence and conviction. The same skills will apply to how you develop your own voice and how you coach members of your team to convey your and their own value confidently and effectively.

Angelique Magliulo Hager, Senior Manager, Lawyer Development, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
Dr. Arin Reeves, President and Managing Director, Nextions
Jay Sullivan, Managing Partner, ExecComm

Roles for the PD Function in Lawyer Health and Wellness

The issue of lawyer wellness is now front-and-center. EAPs and HR professionals have clear roles to improve lawyer wellness; but what roles can PD initiatives play? This session will discuss research on personality and environmental impacts on lawyer wellness, as well as some new initiatives from PD departments—from providing wellness breaks at training programs to encouraging bigger shifts in mindset and resiliency and giving attention to other elements that can impact health, creativity and productivity, such as leadership styles and autonomy/control at work. Perspectives are from research, the bar, and law firms. Bring your ideas, challenges, and achievements to share.

Lori Berman, Director of Professional Development, Hogan Lovells
Heather Bock, Global Chief Learning Officer, Hogan Lovells
Diane Costigan, Director of Coaching and Well-Being, Winston & Strawn LLP
Denise Perme, Manager, Lawyer Assistance Program, District of Columbia Bar

Lunch
11:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M

This networking lunch is included in the registration fee.

Law School Member Roundtable
11:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M

Join other law school members at a special luncheon to discuss new ideas and hot topics in law student PD. The session will be moderated by the Chair of the NALP Law Student Professional Development Section.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
12:45–2:00 P.M

“Don’t Be Stupid:” Identifying and Interrupting Uncivil Behavior

After engaging in a landmark study on incivility in the legal industry, it is time to review and reflect on the data and take steps within our organizations to identify and disrupt this costly communication style. Now that we have a better understanding of the civility landscape, we are well positioned to become change agents. This session will arm you with data and provide you with tips for interrupting incivility so that you can begin to shift the outcomes for your law students and lawyers in a tangible and effective way.

Markham Erickson, Partner, Steptoe and Johnson
Jasmine Cooper, Diversity & Inclusion Manager, Steptoe and Johnson

Great Expectations: Designing Successful PD Initiatives for Millennials

When it comes to career development, it seems that today’s associates want it all—coaching, customization, transparency, mobility, and mentoring. The days of telling associates what to do and how to do it in their career progression are over. Millennials are deliberate and thoughtful about their career paths; they want options and the opportunities to explore them. Attend this session and get a bird’s eye view of what millennials expect—and why—when it comes to career development and training. Presenters will provide detailed examples of programs and initiatives designed to engage and retain millennials and to provide them with opportunities to take greater control of their own careers. Take away the tools to evaluate your own organization’s approach to professional development and learn how to create programs to meet your associates’ great expectations.

Jennifer Caggiano, Director, Professional Development, Shearman & Sterling LLP
Lindsey Pollak, Author and Multigenerational Work Expert, Lindsey Pollak LLC

Knocking It Out of the Park: Using a Coaching Approach to Support Your PD Team

One-size leadership does not fit all. Sometimes leaders are required to give direction, sometimes they need to delegate, and sometimes they need to collaborate to achieve results. Recent research shows that using a coaching approach is one of the most powerful tools to increase engagement, strengthen relationships, generate ownership, and support team members. At its core, coaching is about building productive and enduring relationships, helping your team understand what they want and what stands in their way, and supporting them to be maximally effective. This session will introduce you to the core skills of a coaching approach, starting with self-awareness and attention on what to listen for, good questions to ask, and when and what to say.

Ruth Alexandor, Leadership Coach and Learning Consultant

Sponsorship for Diversity: Meeting Client Expectations

Sponsorship is a critical process for retaining and advancing diverse talent. Clients increasingly expect their outside firms to use sponsorship to expand diversity, but sponsorship programs are difficult to maintain successfully in law firms. This session will describe the sponsorship challenge MetLife presented to its outside counsel and how Steptoe & Johnson responded by creating a sponsorship program that MetLife selected as one of the best among the 60 received. Come learn more and get practical tips for building a successful program of your own!

Ida Abbott, President, Ida Abbott Consulting LLC
Jasmine Cooper, Diversity & Inclusion Manager, Steptoe and Johnson
Markham Erickson, Partner, Steptoe and Johnson
Representative from MetLife
The Competency Continuum: Aligning Law School Training with Law Firm Needs

Law firm competency models are trickling down to law schools in the wake of the ABA-driven shift toward competency-based legal education. Yet the success of competency-based legal education depends on law schools knowing and providing training for the competencies that legal employers want. This session will analyze both the competencies law firms need and the concept of a competency continuum where law school training aligns with firm needs in a series of developmental stages from beginning learner toward beginning lawyer on each competency. Presenters will also outline the steps needed to achieve this type of critical alignment.

Susan Fine, Associate Dean for Professional Development and Career Strategy, George Washington Univ. School of Law
Neil Hamilton, Holloran Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Holloran Center, Univ. of St. Thomas
Susan Manch, Chief Talent Officer, Winston and Strawn
Jerry Organ, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Holloran Center, Univ. of St. Thomas

Beyond the Well-Being Pledge: From Compliance to Commitment Without Breaking the Bank

The ABA Well-Being Pledge has had a tremendously positive impact on the legal industry and Big Law, as over 80 firms have already signed the Pledge and implemented well-being programming. While “compliance” is the first step in any culture shift, in order to truly transform the deeply-ingrained cultural norms in Big Law and break the industry’s long-standing history of depression, anxiety, suicide, and substance abuse, Big Law firms must ultimately do more than merely “comply” with the minimum standards of the Pledge. In this session, two well-being consultants will provide a summary of how AmLaw 100 firms are currently falling into one of five “buckets” in their well-being commitment, with descriptions of and examples from each bucket: (1) non-pledged; (2) pledged but minimally active; (3) pledged and fully compliant; (4) pledged and beyond compliant; and (5) well-being super stars. They will then provide guidance on how firms can move into buckets (4) and (5) without investing enormous financial resources, and will highlight Reed Smith’s “Wellness Works” program as a model comprehensive well-being program. Hear how “Wellness Works” was developed, the widespread positive effects it has had on lawyer well-being and law firm culture, and how you can build a similar comprehensive well-being program at your firm.

Jarrett Green, Owner, Jarrett-Green.com
Rebecca Simon, Lecturer in Law, USC Gould School of Law
Kristen Snyderman, Senior Manager of Human Resources, Reed Smith LLP

EQ Meets BD: Cultivating Your Inner Rainmaker

Relationships are everything. Interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence (EQ) -- the ability to identify and manage your emotions and also the ability to recognize and influence the emotions of others -- impacts a person’s ability to succeed in a profound way. These skills also play a critical role in client relations and business development, as building authentic personal connections is a crucial component of creating professional relationships. The panel will address best practices for cultivating EQ in lawyers and law students, and how those skills can be utilized to gain trust, win new business, and lead client teams.

Jennifer Greiner, President & Founder, Greiner Consulting Group
Martin Menski, Partner, White and Case LLP
James Moore, Director of Career Development, O’Melveny & Myers
Leah Quadrino, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP

The Next Generation of Career Development Meetings

Would you like to support your associates by developing or reinvigorating a career development meetings process? If so, attend this session to hear an overview of one firm’s lessons learned, and the best practices they have gleaned, over the last 10 years of reworking the process. The session will provide a forum for you to strategize with colleagues on steps you can take to reinvigorate your existing process or develop one from scratch. Speakers will discuss the key questions you need to consider when reinvigorating or building the process, explore options for creating process protocols, examine how best to (re)launch the process, and finally, discuss ways in which to evaluate the effectiveness of the process.

Jeanna Beck, Director of Career Counseling, Arnold & Porter
Jennifer Cook Johnson, Director of Professional Development, Arnold & Porter

Training Baby Sharks So They Don’t Get Eaten

When associates falter early, it can be hard for them to recover. In this engaging session, the authors of two leading books on new associate success team up to show you how you can help your associates start strong. Gain new tools to help associates thrive. Using technology, skits, and real-life examples, the session will offer actionable strategies to prevent problems and provide course corrections that stick. Interactive segments will allow you to share your knowledge and learn from others. When associates thrive, everyone wins.

Jennifer Bluestein, Chief Talent Officer, Perkins Coie LLP
Grover Cleveland, Principal, Swimming Lessons for Baby Sharks

Meeting Adjourns

3:30 PM
Plan now to be part of an event that will target and refine your lawyer professional development efforts. If you are responsible for any aspect of lawyer or law student training and professional development — whether for a law firm, corporation, government agency, or law school — attend the 2019 Professional Development Institute to:

- Learn how to help your lawyers and law students thrive in the current environment;
- Explore successful practices with experts and leaders in the field; and
- Build invaluable connections with colleagues.

Training for you means greater professional development opportunities for your lawyers and law students. Get the latest information and practical skills to keep your professional development program one step ahead.

The acclaimed PD Management Foundations course will be offered as a pre-conference workshop. This three-hour workshop features comprehensive training specifically geared toward those newer to lawyer professional development. If you are new to the PD profession, or transitioning to a new role in your organization, you can’t afford to miss the PD Management Foundations workshop!