Innovation in Legal Education Through Collaboration Between Law Schools and Law Firms

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-- Wayne Gretzky

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Why collaboration?

- We need a better solution
- Collaboration leads to greater innovation

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Traditional Training & Education Silos

• Firm Side
  – Practice Skill Programs
  – External Providers
  – Simulated Programs
  – Financial Training
  – Relationship Management
  – Pro Bono

• School Side
  – Legal Clinics
  – Externship Programs
  – Simulation Course
  – Integrated Lawyering programs
  – Lawyering skills Competitions
  – Pro Bono
Relationships Between Law Schools and Law Firms
Possible steps toward collaboration

- Identifying all stakeholders inside and outside of your institution and inviting them to the table
- Developing a process for discussion
- Fostering open and candid communication
- Building and supporting an environment of cooperation
- Creating actionable knowledge and shared goals
- Educating each other and developing a clear picture of what currently exists
- Identifying knowledge and skills gaps
- Identifying current and future trends
- Defining the scope of collaboration, available resources, and capacity
- Generating pilot program options and assessment and evaluation criteria
- Implementing and protecting new ideas
- Accessing pilot programs
- Accelerating successful ideas by implementing them more widely as innovative next practices
Collaboration, Re-Invention, Future Forward

- Santa Clara Law Integrated and linked experiences
  - Tech Edge JD
  - Law Firm/Corporate Client collaborative externship
  - Collaborative Industry curricular design team for new masters program.

- Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
  - WVU Professional Development Institute
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• What collaboration are you seeing?
• What would you like to see happen?
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