

“Law School research curriculums do not keep up with modern practice.”

Law Firms don’t want to train new lawyers.”

“For what students pay in tuition, Law Schools can’t waste credits on basic skills classes – students can learn those things on the job.”

“For what law Firms pay new associates, they can’t afford to have new lawyers spend billable time in training classes – new lawyers need to “hit the ground running.”

“Law students rely too much on technology for research”

2009 MICHALL Spring Meeting

Legal Research Training in the 21st Century: Pedagogy and Practice

WHERE: Michigan State University College of Law

All events will be held in MSU Law room 343 (The Castle Board Room), unless otherwise indicated.

- 8:45 – 9:15 Registration/breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:30 Welcome
- 9:30 – 10:45 SPEAKER – “A Broad View of Legal Research Training - What’s going on?” (Katie Leonard, Library Relations Specialist, Thomson West)
(Speech followed by questions)
- 10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 – 11:30 Facilitated Break -out Session to discuss am session and to prepare questions for afternoon Town Hall. *Facilitator = Vickie Eggers, Faculty Center Director, Cooley Law School.*
- 11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH
AALL Guest Remarks: Cornell H. Winston, Law Librarian, Los Angeles US Attorneys Office, AALL Executive Board Member
- 1:00 – 1:30 MICHALL Business Meeting
- 1:30 – 2:45 “Legal Research Training in Michigan, Past Present, Future” Town Hall forum panel discussion. Members of the Panel:

Geraldine Brown, Attorney, MSU Law Alum

Nancy Costello, MSU College of Law RWA Instructor

Bernice Davenport, Director, Career Planning and Development, Thomas M Cooley Law School

Amanda Deering, *Law Student from MSU College of Law*
Vickie Eggers, *Director, Faculty Center, Thomas M Cooley Law School.*
Kathy Fox, *Assistant Director, Career Planning and Development, Thomas M Cooley Law School*
Peter Houk, *Attorney with Frasier, Trebilcock, Davis & Dunlap. Former Michigan Judge who has taught at Cooley Law School.*
Tim Innes, *Librarian and recent Thomas M. Cooley Law School Graduate*
Katie Leonard, *Library Relations Specialist, Thomson West*
Deana Sparling, *Director of Law School Market Planning, LexisNexis*
Elliot Spoon, *Law Professor and Career Services MSU College of Law*
Cornell H. Winston, *Law Librarian, Los Angeles US Attorneys Office Court Librarian*

Panel will begin with statements and move to questions from the audience. The goal would be to spark a dialog on what we all do about Legal Research Instruction and how we can work together to improve Instruction while also recognizing the goals, limitations and strengths of all stakeholders.

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
3:00 – 3:30 Wrap-up and evaluation

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: For complete directions to the law school, please see: <http://www.law.msu.edu/map.html>. Parking is complimentary for this event. You may park in any non-reserved space in the parking structure next to the Law Building. Parking passes are available at the Welcome and Information Desk on the first floor of the Law Building. Passes must be put immediately on your car before you proceed to the Castle Board Room located on the 3rd floor of the Law Building.

Alternate route due to U.S. 127 closure: Take I-96 either west or east to exit 110 Okemos; turn right on Okemos to Jolly; turn left on Jolly to Hagadorn; turn right on Hagadorn to Shaw (last street before Grand River on the left – if you reach Grand River you went too far); turn left on Shaw and stay straight; MSU College of Law is on the left after the traffic circle.

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