

**To:** Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director  
Melanie Priddy, Board Liaison

**From:** Tamesha Keel, Section Chair

**Date:** February 3, 2020

**Re:** Lawyer PD Section Report

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The workgroup updates for this quarter are as follows:

- **Best Practices in Lawyer PD:** The next webinar: *Confidence, Imposter Syndrome, and Lawyers... Oh My!* will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. EST. Led by Miriam Benor (Senior Manager of Talent Development at Pillsbury Winthrop) attendees will learn what confidence really is and where it comes from, research on confidence in lawyers and law students, mindsets impacting confidence, gender differences, genetic components, the related Imposter Syndrome, and more. Attendees will also learn ways to improve their own confidence, feel more empowered, and better support the lawyers with whom they work.
- **Education:** In addition to the two articles written on Section's behalf in 2019, four more articles will be written on the Section's behalf in 2020.
- **Lawyer/Law Student PD Collaboration:** the workgroup is planning an upcoming professional identity formation webinar.
- **Membership:** No new updates.
- **Professional Identity Formation:** Melissa Berry (Director of Professional Development and Diversity at Lane Powell) has volunteered to be the workgroup's new, Co-Vice Chair for the remainder of this term. We look forward to working with Melissa and are grateful for Quaime Lee's service. This workgroup will be reconvening along with the Lawyer/Law Student PD Collaboration workgroup to discuss next steps for the two workgroups.  
The workgroup was in the initial phases of implementing a competency survey. The Co-Vice Chairs contacted members to gauge interest. Although members were interested in participating in the survey, the joint Section working group decided to see if the Holloran Center would have the bandwidth to do a formal survey.
- **Additional Items:**
  - There are no issues for the Board's attention.
  - Melanie discussed strategic plan progress, upcoming conferences, and desire to pitch a PD-themed hackathon. Accordingly, the Section will brainstorm possible ideas.
  - There was a great suggestion to host future meetings via videoconference to foster engagement. We are looking into the feasibility of this option for subsequent meetings.
  - The Section's last quarterly call will be Friday, March 27, 2020 at 3pm ET/2pm CT/ Noon PT.