The Research Group on Legal Diversity

Established in 2011, the RGLD examines trends in diversity and inequality in the legal profession and institutions of justice and brings together leading researchers and practitioners working on diversity issues.

The first three conferences of the RGLD, held in 2012, 2013, and 2014, presented original research on diversity and inequality in the legal profession, legal institutions, and other scientific and professional fields. The connections between research and practice made in these events have produced new collaborations that promise to advance diversity and equality. Please join us for our fourth conference, in which we examine metrics, diversity, and law.

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Metrics, Diversity, and Law

Fourth Conference
Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, 2016
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This year’s conference is organized around the theme of Metrics, Diversity, and Law. Presentations focus on the key role of metrics in law and other professions, in the decision-making processes of gatekeepers at critical junctures throughout careers, and in drawing conclusions about successes and failures in efforts to advance diversity and inclusion. The conference brings together producers, consumers, and scholars of metrics to facilitate the dissemination of research and stimulate new lines of inquiry.

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Preliminary schedule

Final schedules will be available online at americanbarfoundation.org and distributed in person

Thursday, May 5
Lunch available at 11:30, sessions begin at 11:45
12:00-1:30: The Potential of Metrics to Advance Diversity
1:45-3:15: Standards and Measurement in Business and Organizations
3:30-5:00: Metrics in Journalism and for the Public

Friday, May 6
Breakfast available at 8, sessions begin at 8:20
8:30-10:00: Legal Dimensions of Standards and Measurement
10:15-11:45: Innovations in Metrics and Organizational Performance
12:15-1:45: The Legal Profession in the Metrics Age
1:50-2:30: Future directions discussion

If you wish to attend the conference, you must RSVP no later than Sunday, May 1 to Cheyenne Blount at cblount@abfn.org.

Conference presenters
Rima Alaily, Microsoft; Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, NYU Abu Dhabi; Lisa Brown, Schiff Hardin LLP; Paulette Brown, American Bar Association; Lorelei Carobolante, G2nd System; Pamela Coukos, Organizational Consultant; Lauren Edelman, U.C. Berkeley, Wendy Espeland, Northwestern U; Jon Geier, Paul Hastings, Tracey George, Vanderbilt U; Effenus Henderson, HenderWorks Inc; William Henderson, Indiana U; Brian Levine, Mercer; Ajay Mehrrota, American Bar Foundation; Rachel Moran, U.C Los Angeles; Robert Morse, U.S. News & World Report; Robert Nelson, Northwestern University; Brent Nakamura, U.C. Berkeley, Aracely Petrich. Minority Corporate Counsel Association; Emily Poppe, Cornell U.; Ariec Press, Bernero & Press LLC; Christopher Rider, Georgetown U.; Ron Safer, Schiff Hardin LLP, Michael Sauder, U. of Iowa; Jennifer Bennett Shinall, Vanderbilt U.; Carole Silver, Northwestern U.; Andreas Schwab, Iowa State U.; Hilary Sommerlad, U. of Leeds; Anand Swaminathan, Emory University; Richard Tonowski, EEOC; Steven Vaughan, Birmingham Law School; James Wade, George Washington U.; Lee Webster, U. of Texas; Capt. Pat Williams, U.S. Naval Academy; David Wilkins, Harvard U.; Albert Yoon, U. of Toronto

Practitioner-Leaders will moderate and comment on research presentations.

All conference sessions held at 340 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60611, Room 250, adjacent to the American Bar Foundation

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