

## **2016 Southern Clinical Conference**

Request for Proposals  
October 13-15, 2016  
Charlotte School of Law  
Charlotte, North Carolina

### ***Celebrating The Work: Innovations, Traditions, and Disruptions in Clinical Legal Education***

#### **Proposals must be submitted by Friday, July 15, 2016**

The Planning Committee for the 2016 Southern Clinical Conference invites you to submit proposals for this year's conference, which will take place from Thursday evening, October 13th, to mid-day Saturday, October 15th, at the Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, North Carolina. Details on registration and lodging will follow soon.

As clinical educators, we are experiencing a period of intense change. New approaches to clinical work emerge every year, even every semester. At the same time, we maintain long-standing commitments to clients and students, with methods and designs that continue to have value. Finally, ongoing changes in legal education and in the practice of law both call for and create disruptions in the way we do our work.

This year's Southern Clinical Conference seeks to celebrate the innovations, traditions, and even the disruptions in our work. We invite you to make proposals that focus on the old and the new, the chaotic and the confused. What are you doing now that you especially value? What innovations have you started that you want to showcase? And finally, what challenges have forced you out of your comfort zone, disrupting your work and leading to new and unexpected change? In what ways have you responded to those challenges and disruptions, perhaps seizing on the opportunities they present?

We invite proposals that address these and related questions. We encourage applicants to think broadly. For example, proposals might focus on:

- New and innovative ways of addressing emerging legal needs;
- Long-standing models of service and teaching that have proven their value;
- Strategies for dealing with changes in the market for our graduates and in the nature of law practice itself;
- Showcasing and marketing the value of clinical education within our schools and within our client communities; or

- Responses to changes in the A.B.A. Standards governing law clinics and externships.

We welcome proposals for concurrent sessions, plenaries, and workshops devoted to these themes. At recent conferences, concurrent sessions have run for about 90 minutes. We welcome ideas for shorter formats, including TED talks, flash or lightning talks, or similar formats. We expect to offer sessions of varying lengths, intermingled with plenary discussions and opportunities for free-form discussion and networking.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

With sufficient interest, we expect to offer sessions devoted to scholarly works-in-progress, which will provide commentary and support to both new and experienced scholars. Proposals for works-in-progress need not be limited to the conference theme.

## CRITERIA

In general, the Planning Committee will favor proposals that address the conference theme, are relevant to conference attendees, are well-defined and focused, are timely and important, and show care and thoughtfulness in development.

We value diversity, both in the composition of presenting teams, and in your topic's presentation of diversity as a concern in your work. Diversity includes gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, geographical location, years of experience, type of school, type of program and other factors.

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to Rocky Cabagnet at [rcabagnet@charlottelaw.edu](mailto:rcabagnet@charlottelaw.edu) no later than Friday, July 15, 2016. Please use the cover sheet and template for proposals attached to this e-mail.

We encourage you to contact any member of the Planning Committee to discuss your ideas as you prepare a proposal. This group includes:

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