"SPEAKING NUMBERS"

Seventh Annual Law School Diversity Professionals Meeting

Marquette University Law School

Wednesday, April 17 5:30–7:00 pm       PRE-CONFERENCE HOST RECEPTION

Thursday, April 18 9:00-11:45 am       REGISTRATION at Marquette University Law School

Thursday, April 18 9:30-10:00 am       Refreshments/ Snacks

Thursday, April 18 10:00-11:30 am       PRECONFERENCE ROUNDTABLE

**LAW SCHOOL TO LAWYERING: WORKING TOGETHER TO ENTER AND ADVANCE IN THE PROFESSION**

Law school diversity professionals and an increasing number of law firms share a common goal: to attract, retain, and place qualified, underrepresented students within the legal profession. This roundtable discussion will feature representatives from Milwaukee-area law firms. Join the conversation and share insights regarding the challenges and successes of both recruiting minority law students and promoting them within private practice. Hear law firms weigh in on how classroom performance, prior work experience, professional networking, and interviews factor into the hiring process. Exchange observations on today’s law students and offer suggestions toward reaching common goals.

Thursday, April 18 12:00-1:15 pm       LUNCH & WELCOME ADDRESS

Thursday, April 18 1:15 pm             WORKSHOP I

**LAW SCHOOLS AND POLICY: A CONVERSATION WITH andré cummings**

In this highly interactive session, participants will explore best practices for adapting to changes the laws and policies that govern higher education. More tools for your toolbox!

Thursday, April 18 4:00-5:00 pm       PERSONAL TIME

Thursday, April 18 5:30-7:00 pm       DINNER & FEATURED SPEAKER at the WISCONSIN CLUB

Friday, April 19 8:45-9:45 am          REGISTRATION at Marquette University Law School

Friday, April 19 9:45-11:15 am         WORKSHOP II

**SUCCESS ON A SHOESTRING: ENHANCING DIVERSITY IN A CHALLENGING ECONOMIC ATMOSPHERE**

Facing challenges such as reduced tuition revenues, zero budget strategies, and staff reductions, how do we maintain robust diversity programs? With an emphasis on recruitment, this workshop will address improving outcomes in the current economic environment.

Friday, April 19 11:15-11:30 am         Break/ Snacks

Friday, April 19 11:30 am-1:00 pm       WORKSHOP III

**UNRAVELING THE DATA: ESTABLISHING METRICS TO ADVANCE DIVERSITY GOALS**

Effective data analysis and reporting can positively impact your diversity operation. This workshop will reveal how metrics can help justify additional resources, anticipate challenges, and realize your institutional mission.

Friday, April 19 1:15–2:15 pm          LUNCH

Friday, April 19 2:30-3:45 pm          WORKSHOP IV

**ATHLETES TO ESQUIRES: FACILITATING ACCESS TO THE PROFESSION**

What pipeline strategies can be developed to increase the number of former college athletes in legal education? An athletic director and a former college football player illuminate enrollment and support opportunities to achieve this goal.

Friday, April 19 4:30–6:00 pm          COCKTAIL RECEPTION at the Offices of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.