

**Law Schools Working Together to Increase Access to Justice**  
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**Brief Description:** The workshop will discuss how law schools can collaborate with other organizations to direct school resources to diverse client communities state-wide. Panelists will discuss examples in Minnesota and Texas where law schools have joined together to develop innovative pro bono programs, academic internships, joint courses or other programs that serve those in need.

**Topical Outline:**

- I. Introduction: Role of Law Schools in Increasing Access to Justice
- II. Leadership of State Bars and Access to Justice Commissions
  - a. Promoting law school involvement
  - b. Funding and partnerships
  - c. LRAP
- III. Collaborative Initiatives in Minnesota
  - a. Assisted pro se clinics
  - b. Legal Scholarship for Equal Justice Course
  - c. Volunteer independent research projects
  - d. Partnerships
- IV. Texas Access to Justice Internship Program
  - a. Creation and expansion of program
  - b. Faculty, curriculum and academic credit
  - c. Placements and students
  - d. Partnerships
- V. Open discussion

**Bibliography & Website Links:**

1. Minnesota Justice Foundation: [www.mnjustice.org/](http://www.mnjustice.org/)
2. Texas Access to Justice Commission: [www.texasatj.org/ProgramsServices/](http://www.texasatj.org/ProgramsServices/)

