

Professional Identity Formation

Empower students to perform at their highest capacity.



Overview

The American Bar Association (ABA) Standard 303 now requires law schools to “provide substantial opportunities to students for the development of professional identity.” LSAC offers a fully-integrated, seven-course program on professional identity formation, which can be deployed as a standalone solution or easily integrated into a law school's existing curriculum. The course modules are taught by nationally renowned subject matter experts and cover the full scope of professional identity formation.

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Professional Identity Formation (PIF) helps individuals realize their full potential, find their place in the legal profession, improve professional satisfaction, and provide a strengthened sense of purpose. This exploration of one’s unique experiences, skills, and abilities adds to the diversity of the profession. This program focuses on empowering students to perform at their highest capacity — inculcating resilience, adaptability, and confidence in their abilities — which will enable them to succeed academically and professionally.



Partners in Individual Empowerment

Professional Identity Formation offers numerous benefits for both law schools and their students. LSAC's mission and commitment to advancing law and justice aptly positions us to partner with you in delivering this program to advance your school, your students, and the legal profession.

Professional Identity Formation from LSAC:

- ✓ Includes convenient, ready-made, skill-based courses from nationally renowned subject matter experts
- ✓ Is designed to meet the ABA standard without schools needing to draw on additional faculty resources
- ✓ Eliminates the need for schools to map various components of their curriculum to satisfy ABA standards and fulfill site visit expectations
- ✓ Improves students' sense of inclusion and belonging, and can add to the diversity of the profession
- ✓ Provides a flexible, on-demand learning format for ease of use so students can explore and learn at their own pace
- ✓ Helps students make informed, intentional decisions about their professional identity, improve professional satisfaction, and achieve a strengthened sense of purpose
- ✓ Includes rigorous assessments to ensure learning outcomes are being validated

**Together, we can build
a just and prosperous world —
one law student at a time.**

Program Highlights

Professional Identity Formation includes detailed learning objectives, engaging and interactive instruction, and assessments aligned to key outcomes. The seven classes comprising more than 12 hours of asynchronous faculty instruction cover topics such as:

- Mental Health and Well-Being in the Legal Profession
- Staying True to Yourself: Aligning Your Values with Your Role and Responsibilities as a Law Student and Lawyer
- Challenge Accepted: How to Learn from Experience and Make Growth Mindset Work for Your Success
- Self-Directed Learning: Becoming an Expert Learner
- A Legacy of Knowledge: Learning from Supervision
- Keys to Communication, Persuasion, and Understanding
- Teamwork and Collaboration



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