

LEGAL MANAGEMENT

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What's Happening at Headquarters?



ALA CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

2 P.M. CENTRAL TIME

Partner Compensation: Developing Effective Compensation Plans

Is your firm's existing methods of partner compensation holding your firm back from realizing its potential? To achieve success, law firms must think strategically and provide incentives that support their goals. And in an increasingly competitive industry, law firms must structure partner compensation systems to not only reward top performers but one that also supports the implementation of the firm's strategy. Join this webinar to explore the elements of a successful partner compensation system that aligns with your firm's strategy.

Questions about this event? Contact [Peggy Siems](#).

AC2015 BLOG: LATEST POST AVAILABLE

In her first AC2015 Blog post, ALA 2015 Conference & Expo Committee Member Janine Book discusses the conference concept of innovation and that "conversation inspires innovation."

[Hear more from Janine and others in the AC2015 Blog.](#)

SPECIAL CALL FOR "IGNITE" PROPOSALS



ALA is now accepting proposals for its first-ever Ignite Talks at ALA's 2015 Annual Conference & Expo taking place May 17-20, 2015, in Nashville, Tennessee. Ignite will be more than a fun exercise. It will be a highly effective way of testing a new idea, spreading the word on a successful project and/or program or refining your presentation skills.

Ignite Talks are five-minute presentations that are intended to inspire and "ignite" the audience with motivating and forward-thinking ideas.

- Five minutes per presenter on any legal management subject you choose ... we're serious!
- 20 slides per presenter, automatically advanced every 15 seconds
- An excited audience of your peers who can't wait to see and hear you

To be considered for inclusion, simply email a 250-word description of your proposed presentation, biography and

complete contact information to Peggy Siems at psiem@alanet.org by Monday, February 23, 2015. ALA will notify presenters in March 2015 if their proposal was accepted.

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

ALA headquarters continues to make progress on its office relocation to Presidents Plaza, 8700 W. Bryn Mawr Ave in Chicago, Illinois. Upon completion of a very aggressive construction project schedule, ALA has established a move-in date of April 1, 2015. Decisions regarding design elements of the suite, including paint and carpet, have been finalized and construction documents as well as permits have been approved. We continue to refine and make final decisions on office furniture with the assistance of Gunlocke, one of ALA's VIP business partners. Given the objective of creating a more open work environment for our staff, ALA selected the Silea product line from Gunlocke. This product line offers high-end finishes with a sleek, modern design and met ALA's budget requirements. The move to Presidents Plaza will provide ALA with a convenient location with a five-minute drive to O'Hare International Airport, a three-minute walk from the CTA Blue Line train, and direct access to the four-way Cumberland/I-90 interchange.

MEMBER BENEFIT

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



It's 2015 and if you haven't yet renewed your ALA membership, please take a moment to do so. It's easy to pay your annual dues in one of these ways: online, by mail or simply by contacting the Membership Team by phone.

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NEW! THE BUSINESS OF LAW ELEARNING CENTER

ALA has been producing online educational courses based on market research from our members for professional development, and we are looking for instructors in the following areas to both help develop course materials and virtually teach the course online:

- Financial Management
- Operations Management
- Legal Industry/Business Management
- Communications Management

These are paid positions, and through training, weekly communication and being present on the live teaching sessions, ALA's Learning Design Manager Aaron Itczak will be working with the instructors throughout the process. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact aitczak@alanet.org or 847-267-1535.
