

2021 Professional Development Day

	Session 1	Session 2
4pm	<p>You have probably heard a lot about how you should “network”, but what does that really mean? How do you do it? What’s the point? Join us for a panel discussion of different ways to get involved as a student and young lawyer and how to use networking opportunities to advance your career. Panelists include members of the Lipsitt and Bowman Inns of Court, Caitlin Donahue ('20), and other local attorneys</p>	<p>Finding Success as a 1st Gen Student: A panel of Widener Commonwealth alumni will talk about what it was like to be the first generation in their families to go to college and law school. They will offer tips and tools to succeed as you navigate through law school and beyond.</p> <p>Panelists include: Waleisha Moat ('20), Stephanie Patton ('21), and Zhao "Ruby" Liu ('16)</p>
5pm	<p>How to Leverage Your State and Local Bar Association: A panel discussion on the benefits of membership in your local bar association, both as a law student and new lawyer.</p> <p>Members of the panel include the President and/or the Executive Director of the Dauphin County Bar Association, York County Bar Association, Lancaster County Bar Association, and Cumberland County Bar Association.</p>	<p>Leading in Your Community: Please join us as we welcome members of Leadership Harrisburg and Leadership Lancaster to speak about servant and community leadership. Hear how to best position yourself to become a leader in your community and why it matters.</p> <p>Speakers: Kate Zimmerman (Executive Director, Leadership Lancaster) and Una Martone (President and CEO, Leadership Harrisburg)</p>
6pm	<p>Keynote: DE&I in the Law: Venus Ricks, M.Ed., DE&I Professional, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is our featured keynote speaker. Ms. Ricks will discuss the importance</p>	
7pm	<p>Achieving your goal of passing the bar exam the first time you take it requires more than just a determination to work hard; careful planning is crucial. Navigating the complex application process, acquiring a thorough understanding of the exam itself, developing a timeline for preparation, managing stress, and planning your finances can all contribute to your success on the bar exam. Jessica Holst from the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners will discuss issues related to the application process and the bar exam itself.</p>	<p>Protecting your Wellbeing: In this session, we will look at how our wellbeing may be compromised as law students and attorneys and consider how instead, we can enhance, value, and protect our wellbeing. We will also look at why we want to do so and how practicing balance, self-care, and mindfulness in our lives and our work strengthens the skills and qualities we need to practice law. Presented by Rebecca Waldemar.</p>