Mixing Online JD and Non-JD Students

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Issues when combining JD and Non-JD Students Online

- Pedagogy
- Course Design and Structure
- Curricular and Program Goals
- Adjunct vs. Full-Time
- Calendar Coordination
- Support
- ABA Questionnaire



Pedagogy

- Different goals in teaching-different levels of background and preparation
- Assessment
- Different outcome measures and grading
- Learning outcomes



Course Design and Structure

- Readings
- Assignments
- Discussions
- Synchronous Class interaction
- Cost of course creation



Curricular and Program Goals

- ❖ Job enhancement vs. bar exam and practice readiness
- Leverage Faculty expertise in a particular field
- Revenue for Centers as well as law school more broadly
- Expansion of geographic customer base



Adjunct vs. Full-Time Faculty

- Availability for course development vs. teaching
- Cost
- *Expertise-actual practice vs. theory
- Marketing-experts in the particular field
- Willingness to adapt
- Teaching experience
- Credibility of program
- Commitment to program versus clients
- ❖Time available to create course content



Calendar Coordination-reading week

- Exam Schedules
- Thesis Requirement?
- Law School vs. more flexible calendar including length of program
- Flexibility for work/life demands



Support

- Who provides?
- Residential vs. Online
- Separate admissions process and/or personnel
- Financial aid staff will be important
- Need staffing adequate to be responsive to requests. Responsiveness is crucial in this business



ABA Questionnaire for Major Change

- ❖ ABA Questionnaire more complex-JD program obviously impacted
- Detailed analysis of proposed change and its impact on the JD program



Questions?

