

Task Force on the Future of Legal Education  
Initial Charge

The Task Force will study the key challenges facing the delivery of legal services and the provision of legal education in the United States, such as:

- The impact of economic trends on the rising cost of legal education and declining legal employment prospects
- Innovations, methods and advocacy efforts by state and local bar associations and other groups to reduce the cost of legal education, improve practical skills training, match new lawyers with job opportunities, and provide student loan debt relief
- The impact of structural changes in law practice to the nature of lawyer work and the number and distribution of attorneys in the bar

The Task Force will make recommendations on how the ABA and the legal profession can best address these issues.<sup>1</sup>

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