

## Special Presentations During Conclave 2012

The Conclave Planning Committee arranged to have three special speakers participate in the 20th Anniversary Conclave on Legal Education.

On Sunday Evening, April 22, David Yellen, dean at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and William D. Henderson, professor at the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington engaged in a spirited debate. Both have lectured and written extensively on legal education and the changing economics and structure of the legal profession. Their presentation was titled “Is there a Crisis in Legal Education?” They focused their point-counterpoint discussion on the following issues:

- Are there too many law schools and law students?
- Why is law school so expensive?
- How good a job are we doing at educating students for what they need in the practice of law; are lawyers doing a good enough job communicating what they want in training for law students?
- Are there dramatic changes coming in legal education?

John E. Montgomery, dean-emeritus and director of the Center for Professionalism, of the University of South Carolina School of Law, was the featured luncheon speaker on Monday, April 23. Montgomery focused his remarks on the increasing importance of mentoring in the legal profession, especially in the face of waning professionalism, civility and public respect for the legal profession.

Complete transcripts of these presentations may be found on the 20th Anniversary Conclave webpage of the Virginia State Bar’s website.



Dean Emeritus John E. Montgomery, director of the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center for Professionalism of the University of South Carolina School of Law, was the featured speaker during lunch on Monday.



William D. Henderson of the Mauer School of Law, University of Indiana, Bloomington, and David N. Yellen of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. They spoke at the dinner Sunday night. Topic was “Is there a crisis in legal education?”