

# Purdue University Global Village 2019

**Building Your Network:  
Increasing Learning and Career Development Opportunities**

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## Welcome!

*Our focus today is on the online environment and how it helps us learn and increase career opportunities.*

**We often learn the most from people the most unlike us. Diversity is a strength!**

**Online, we are not confined by geography, state, county, or city, our students are from everywhere!**

**In the online world, we have people in classes who are diverse in geography, age, gender, race, prior career backgrounds...**capitalize on the diversity!****



**My experience at a law school location in preparation for the MPRE exam... (not a law school I attended as a student)**

**A place with little diversity and where those from there regretted not having an educational experience like we were having at the MPRE exam prep...**

**Diversity exposure gives us new ways to think about issues, problems and events...**



## ***How diversity helped the development of the CD, compact disc...***

US engineers had a goal of putting as much on a disc as possible. They could put dozens of songs on a single disc. This was the wrong goal...

**Large discs were not marketable...**(Some may have an old disc player, one with 10 inch discs, in the attic...) They had so much on them, they were very expensive. **Too expensive for most consumers.**

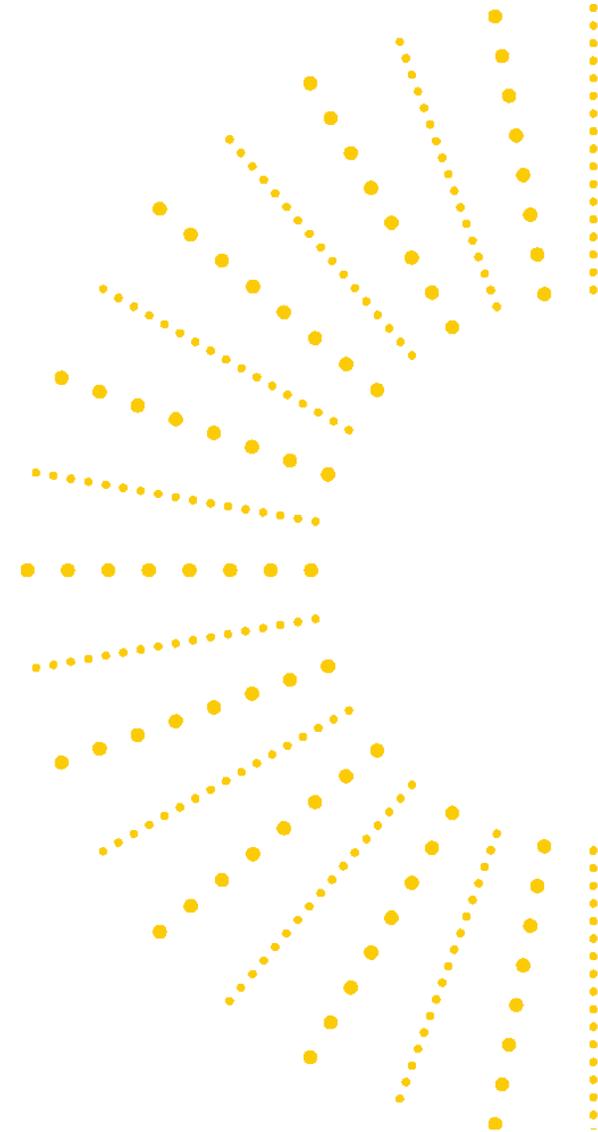
**In March, 1979, the Japanese Ministry of Industry and Technology (MITI) had decided to convene a conference to discuss how the industry could create a standard for the audio disc.**

**<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/6950933.stm>**

**Phillips Corporation, from the US, had representatives in attendance. *The concerns were largely addressed by a question, “Have you thought about making it smaller?”***

***So, we went from discs to compact discs. A different perspective was needed to solve the problem.***

***Have you ever had a problem that someone else was able to help with just by asking a question?***



In legal studies, we see how different states, have diverse ways to address similar problems.

Many states take state statutes that have worked well and that have withstood constitutional challenges in other states and have adopted them as their own.

A great deal of the **Alabama Criminal Code** was taken from statutes originally adopted by **New York** and **Michigan**, two states with very well written criminal codes. This is noted in the footnotes to many statutes in the **Alabama Criminal Code**.

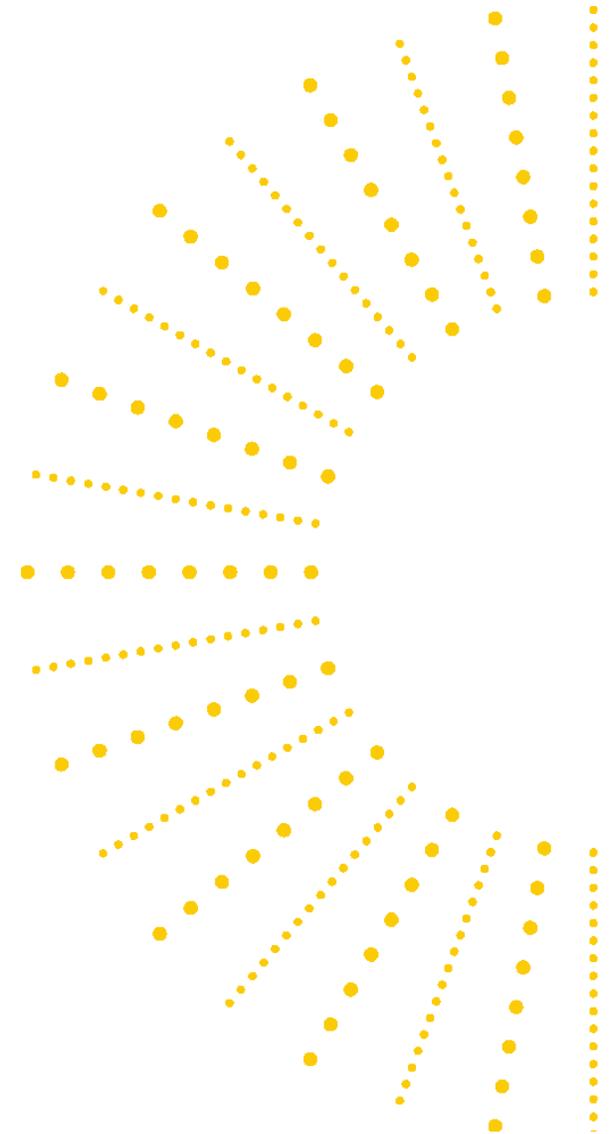
There is a **Uniform Law Commission** that works on legal differences among states and seeks to create more uniformity among state laws.

<http://uniformlaws.org/home>

Uniformity is often achieved as we look at diversity of statutes and perspectives already present in different jurisdictions.

*The US is **stronger** for having 50 states and several territories and possessions, often with very diverse ideas as to how legal issues and problems should be addressed.*

*Diversity is a strength!*



# Online Resources Mean that No One is in a Remote Location for Research...

- Online resources are broadening access in ways that dramatically reduce the cost of providing access to quality educational resources and experiences, particularly for students in remote locations.

In the pre-Internet age, distances often kept students from accessing quality resources...

Not today... loc.gov Library of Congress

# Library of Congress Resources...

- **Congressional Research Service**
- CRS exclusively serves Congress by providing confidential, objective and authoritative research and analysis to help inform legislative debate.

# The World's Largest Library...

- United States Copyright Office (housed in the Library of Congress)
- The U.S. Copyright Office administers the copyright laws for the advancement of the public good, offers services and support to authors and users of creative works, and provides expert impartial assistance to Congress, the courts and executive branch agencies on questions of copyright law and policy.
- All copyrights are federal in nature; a state cannot grant copyrights or copyright protections...so this law is the same throughout the US.

# Law Library of Congress (legal studies)

- Law Library of Congress, the World's Largest Law Library
- Congress established its Law Library in 1832, recognizing its need for ready access to a vast array of legal materials. The Law Library has a collection of **over three million volumes** and covers jurisdictions around the world.
- There is common ground when common information is shared.

# Network and Reach Out to Others...

- Whether it is doing research, or some other task, reach out to others.
- Many are interested in mentoring others, just ask!
- Mentoring can occur on the job or in an educational setting.
- The best jobs are not advertised. Why? They are filled through networking before they have to be advertised.

# Networking, Continuing Education...

- In some fields, continuing education is required for members of the profession. <http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/NCBE-CompGuide-2019.pdf>
- For example, in the US, CLE (continuing legal education) is required by all US states except: South Dakota, Maryland, Michigan and Massachusetts.
- Many of these CLE events are not limited to only lawyers. Those interested in law, and especially paralegals, sometimes attend these events, often at a deep discount and occasionally at no cost.
- Most CLEs are on specialized topics: Family Law, Patent Law, etc.
- Network during the breaks (lady from Atlanta who went to Family Law, CLE and networked for a job and got one in Birmingham, AL).

# Attend, Attend, Attend...

- Networking involves attending events. Attend, attend, attend.
- Even attend events just to explore what they are about; you never know what might interest you!
- Try to also attend events from outside your local area!
- Make a broad range of contacts!

# Cross Disciplinary People Today...

- Many people today have more than one profession.
- In my law school class, we had 2 Medical Doctors, 12 Registered Nurses, and 4 Certified Public Accountants.

In many situations, the same person may have insights into more than one career path.

**It is vital to listen** and to determine how you might help others and how they might help you.

# Be Open to New Ideas...

As careers grow and develop, it is vital to be open to new ideas and to new ways of thinking...

Creativity is an important factor. We must be willing to think not only outside the box, but when we do not know the limits of the box.

Brainstorming with others is a great way to share aspirations and ideas.

# References:

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<http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/NCBE-CompGuide-2019.pdf>
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