Producing Legislative Counsel: Ways and Means

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The Problem

• Lack of attention to legislation in law schools
• Little appreciation for the dynamic and creative role of legislative counsel
• No clear educational and career path
Approaches

• In service training (apprenticeship) and internal courses
• External non academic courses
• Academic courses – undergraduate and graduate
Methods

- Continuous mentoring
- Internally provided instruction
- Externally provided instruction
- External residential instruction
- External distance instruction
- Clinical experiences
Issues

• Can it be taught? Who will teach?
• Need for practice and feedback - intensive supervision
• Large classes? Is modeling sufficient?
• Generic or jurisdiction specific?
Comparisons

• Logistics
  – location, availability, and arrangement of venues; facilities, staff, and resources

• Finances
  – cost of teaching or training (time and money); costs/benefits to participants

• Pedagogy
  – methods of delivery; teaching and learning styles, learner supports and resources; content of courses
Thank you!

Questions?