Professor Lance Cole, Director of the Center for Government Law and Public Policy Studies, spoke on “Semester in Residence Programs: Design, Implementation, and Best Practices” at the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning summer conference held June 12-14 at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington. The theme of the conference was "Experiential Learning Across the Curriculum," a timely topic as Dickinson Law has reinvented its curriculum to produce profession-ready lawyers through a new set of innovative required courses beginning in the first semester of law school and a mandatory experiential learning requirement for all Dickinson Law students.

Professor Cole discussed the design and implementation of a capstone semester in residence program for third-year law students at a location geographically removed from a law school’s campus. Professor Cole also addressed accreditation requirements, academic eligibility rules, internship evaluation and selection, supervision requirements, and feedback and evaluation of student internship performance. For his presentation, Professor Cole drew upon the popularity and success of Dickinson Law’s Semester-in-Washington Program, which has been offered by the Law School since 2006. In 2012 Dickinson Law began offering the Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, leveraging the close proximity of the Law School to the Pennsylvania state capital.