Session 2 – Technology: Platforms and Lectures

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Platforms...

- What is a platform in legal education?
- Why is a platform important?
- How is it different than a tool?
- What does all this mean for me?
What is a platform?

platform

/ˈplæt fərm/

See definitions in:

All  Transportation  Oil Industry  Space  Computing  Politics  Shoemaking

noun

1. a raised level surface on which people or things can stand.
   "there are viewing platforms where visitors may gape at the chasm"

2. the declared policy of a political party or group.
   "seeking election on a platform of low taxes"

Similar: policy  program  party line  manifesto  plan  plan of action
platform

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noun

3. a shoe with very thick soles.
   "a pair of chunky platforms"

Definitions from Oxford Languages
Learning Management System

• Common Features
  – Manage courses, users, and roles
  – Manage assessment, attendance
  – Manage student & teacher feedback

• A set of tools to deliver education

• A learning platform
LMS’s in Legal Education

- Blackboard
- Canvas
- Moodle
- Sakai
- TWEN
- LexisNexis Web Courses
- Google Classroom
Let’s take a poll!

LMS’s in Legal Ed
Why are platforms important?

• Order out of chaos
• Common features for each course
• Still flexible
Important, but not perfect

• No platform is complete
• Tools are missing/incomplete/not useful
• Plenty of choices to fill the gaps
The Classroom is a Platform
Why is this important to me?

• Change is happening
  – In teaching
  – In learning
  – In thinking about learning and teaching

• Learning the Law is still what law school is about
  – Platforms and tools need to serve the educational goals of your law school
Thank you. Questions?