



AJMLS Weekly Announcements
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Dean's Message:

I am pleased to announce that John Marshall students won the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on April 13! Eric von Hacke, the president of the Litigation Society reports that a number of student organizations participated, including the Litigation Society, the Asian Law Student Association, the Black Law Student Association, our Georgia Association of Women Lawyers chapter, the Immigration Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta, the Latin American Law Student Association, the SBA and the Student Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. Thanks to everyone who was involved and Dean's Awards to:

Viridiana Careon
Lindsey Tidwell
Eric A. von Hacke
Wellington Tzou

Christina Champagne
Erin Scott
Jordan Sullivan
Joyce Adelugba

Megan Hodgkiss
Anne Bowerman
Ethan Williams
Karen Kenner

Thanks to all who attended "Stump the Professor" last week. I was surrounded by rowdy, raucous, and unruly people, and those were just the faculty teams. I hope it becomes an annual event and generates funds for worthy causes like the Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Ahimsa House.

This is the last Dean's Message of the year. The last big event on the law school calendar is Commencement at 1:30 p.m. on May 19, at the Atlanta Civic Center. It is a great day for the graduates and their families and friends, of course. We will recognize two Distinguished Alumni: Michael Moran and Judith Alembik. And, the Commencement Speaker will be, perhaps, the highest profile legal academic who has visited John Marshall: Harvard Professor Lawrence Lessig. <http://www.law.harvard.edu/faculty/directory/index.html?id=888> Professor Lessig has also taught at Stanford and the University of Chicago. A long-time leading IP scholar, he now focuses on issues involving democracy and money in politics.

Good luck with finals!

Dean Lynn

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Need a Notary?

Ms. Chelikowsky, Ms. Gresham, and Ms. Crawford can notarize documents for you FREE. Please bring valid I.D.

Lost & Found

Please see Ms. Crawford on the 7th floor regarding lost & found items.

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From the Office of Student Services

SBA Officers Election

It is now time to elect SBA Executive Officers for the 2012-2013 academic year! This month, the SBA will hold nominations and elections for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The following is a timeline for the election process:

- **April 14-21, 2012: Elections.** Students will be able to vote for their favorite candidates on OrgSync. The election period will end on April 21st at 5 p.m. To vote, please go to the SBA's OrgSync Page and click "Communication". You will then click "Polls" and select the officer of your choice. The results will be announced by **Sunday, April 22, 2012.**

Contact SBA President, Jennifer Gore with any additional questions at jbgore@johnmarshall.edu.

Peer Academic Advising

AJMLS is excited to provide full-time and part-time students with an Academic Peer Advisor who can assist you with your academic related questions! They can also answer any questions you have regarding academic policy, registration, scheduling, accommodations, and calculating GPA. The updated office hours through the end of the Spring 2012 semester are:

- Monday – 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Room 203A
- Tuesday -11 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 203A
- Wednesday – 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Room 203A
- Thursday – 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Room 203A
- Friday – 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Room 203A
- You can also email your questions to apaquestions@johnmarshall.edu

OSS is Collecting Peer Mentor/ Mentee Evaluation Forms Now!

The Office of Student Services would like feedback on this year's Peer Mentor Program from all peer mentors and mentees! The **Peer Mentor Evaluation Form** and the **Peer Mentee Evaluation Form** are available on the Student Services OrgSync page, under "Files". We encourage all mentors and mentees to complete an evaluation form and email it to Mrs. Stennis at

mstennis@johnmarshall.edu, or submit a hardcopy to the Office of Student Services. We look forward to your feedback on the 2011-2012 Peer Mentor Program!

Mandatory Professionalism Program Series for 1L Students

For all 1L's who missed one or more of the mandatory professionalism programs for the 2011-2012 academic year, you must contact Dean Harrison immediately at sharrison@johnmarshall.edu.

SBA to Host 2012 Barristers' Ball at the Georgia Aquarium

The Barristers' Ball is an annual, school-wide event hosted by the Student Bar Association at most law schools. The students, faculty, staff and alumni at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS) look forward to this event every year, and this year is no exception! The 2012 Barristers' Ball will be 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the GEORGIA AQUARIUM'S OCEANS BALLROOM, 225 Baker St., NW, Atlanta, GA, 30313.

Interested students, faculty, staff and alumni can purchase their tickets online! The price for AJMLS students, faculty and staff is \$21 and \$26 for AJMLS alumni and guests. This event will include free food, catered by Wolf Gang Puck, dancing, an open bar (beer and wine only), free professional photographs taken by an on-site photographer, access to an on-site photo booth, and a night of fun! To purchase tickets, visit <http://ajmls.ticketbud.com/barristersball2012.P>.

Be sure to buy your Barristers' Ball tickets online before they sell out!

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From the Office of Pro Bono Outreach and Externships

Summer Externship News

Students will no longer be able to register for externships online. The new process requires that you complete a Student Action Request and have it signed by Professor Turner or her assistant, Ms. Ortega. You must turn in your externship Secured Placement Form at the time you present your action request for signature.

Ice cream, ice cream we all scream for ice cream!

The office of Pro bono Outreach and Externships is happy to invite you to its first Pro Bono Recognition Celebration where we will acknowledge those of you who have taken on the banner of service to the community through your pro bono service. The event will take place from **3- 5 p.m. on April 18, 2012**, at the Blackburn Conference Center. Come and be recognized!

Pro Bono Opportunities

Georgia Bar Association Video Project – Get involved in a new partnership with the Georgia Bar Association. AJMLS has been asked to create videos for its legal reference guide. This is an **ongoing** project and can be done at your convenience. Contact Greg Gelpi for more information at gjgelpi@johnmarshall.edu.

Young Litigators Moot Court Competition – The Young Litigators is a program for students, ages 11-18 years old, who commit offenses at school. Offenses include but are not limited to,

classroom disruptions, fighting, bullying, and truancy. Students, who admit their guilt, may voluntarily have their case heard in our courtroom. They receive their sanction from teen jurors as an alternative to the sanction from the school. The Young Litigator Moot Court Competition provides an opportunity for middle and high school students to write a brief and defend their brief in front of a panel. They research local and national issues.

We Need Volunteers to Help the Young Litigators Develop Their:

- Opening Statements
- Closing Statements
- Witness Interview Questions
- Provide Support and Guidance with their Briefs and Oral Presentation

For the past three years AJMLS students have given their time and support to the program! We thank you. Attorney Adam Sutton (Graduate from AJMLS and one of the first volunteers with the program, will be part of the Moot Court Competition Panel this year).

If you are interested and would like more information email: dtavaras@gmail.com.

TOGETHER LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THESE YOUTH!

This project is eligible for Pro Bono Credit. If you're looking for more opportunities, go to the Pro Bono Outreach TWEN page. For more information on any of these projects or other pro bono opportunities, contact the PBOE Office at bortega@johnmarshall.edu.

Report your Pro Bono hours

To honor and encourage pro bono work, the Office of Pro Bono Outreach and Externships recognizes students in a number of ways: a celebration in the spring which is currently scheduled for April 18th, Pro Bono Distinction for all who serve a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono work, graduating students receive the "Excellence in Pro Bono Service" award if they are in the top 10 percent of their class for total accumulated pro bono hours and last but not least, the graduating student whose pro bono service had the greatest impact on the community will earn the Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears Pro Bono Award. We want to recognize you, so report your pro bono hours to probono@johnmarshall.edu. Your report should include number of hours worked, where they were earned, and the impact your service had on the community.

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From the Office of Academic Achievement

Office of Academic Achievement Announces 2012 Spring Calendar

DATE	TIME	ACADEMIC WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 4, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Torts II (All) Con Law II 2L (A/D)-Faulks/(Eve)-Ross
Saturday, February 11, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Real Property II (All) Real Property (HP) Con Law II 2L (B)-Adams/(C)-Burch
Saturday, February 18, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Civil Procedure II (All)
Saturday, February 25, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Contracts II (All) Contracts (HP)
Saturday, March 3, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Torts II (All) Con Law II 2L (A/D)-Faulks/(Eve)-Ross
NO WORKSHOP: SATURDAY – MARCH 10, 2012 & MARCH 17, 2012		
Saturday, March 24, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Real Property II (All) Real Property (HP) Con Law II 2L (B)-Adams/(C)-Burch
Saturday, March 31, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Civil Procedure II (All)
Saturday, April 7, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STUDY GROUPS: Contracts II (All) Contracts (HP)
Saturday, April 14, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<u>CANCELLED:</u> Due to low student participation MOCK EXAM: Torts II (All) Real Property II (All)

		Real Property (HP)
Saturday, April 21, 2012	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	CANCELLED: Due to low student participation MOCK EXAM: Civil Procedure II (All) Contracts II (All) Contracts (HP)

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From the Registrar

Transcript Requests

All requests for official transcripts shall be made in writing and submitted to the Registrar's Office. Please complete a Student Action Request form and allow three to five business days for processing. Your written request may be mailed, hand-delivered or faxed to 404-873-3802. There is a \$5 fee for each official copy, payable at the time the request is made. No fee shall be charged for transcripts sent to the Board of Bar Examiners. Students may print unofficial copies of their transcripts using the online student services portal. Transcripts are not issued until all outstanding balances with the Law School are paid in full.

Online Registration and Student Information Services

You may view your transcript, class schedule, student account, financial aid, course offerings, etc. by visiting the online student services portal at:
<https://www.campusanyware.us/student-services/7890/crindex.cgi>.

Please contact the Registrar regarding any registration questions or concerns.

For Letters of Good Standing, please complete a student action request form and submit to Belinda Richardson in the Dean’s office at brichardson@johnmarshall.edu or 404-873-3802.

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From the Office of Alumni

Donate to the Class Gift

The kick off for the 2012 Class Gift Campaign was a great success. More than \$350 was raised for our Textbook Scholarship Fund with the help of BLSA, ALSA and PILS, who sold snacks in the lobby during the third week of February. Approximately 40 percent of the Class of 2012 supported the snack sales.

In order to achieve our goal of 100 percent participation from the Class of 2012, and to benefit our textbook scholarship, we need everyone’s support. **If you are one of the 60 percent, please come by the alumni office to contribute. No amount is too small.** The Alumni Office even has some leftover snacks from the February snack sales that you can purchase! And, while you are there, don’t forget to pick up your free AJMLS alumni license plate frame.

You can also donate by sending your gift, payable to the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, to Chad Dillard, Assistant Director of Alumni, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, 1422 W. Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

This is only the second year that AJMLS has had Class Gifts, so let's pull together as a team and set the standard for future classes following in our footsteps. In doing so, we will create a tradition of helping future AJMLS students succeed!

Stay Connected!

The Alumni Office invites you to join the official alumni Facebook group! This group is separate from the AJMLS Facebook Page and is a great way to connect with alumni. The alumni Facebook Group is titled "The Official Alumni Group of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School" and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

LinkedIn is another way to connect to AJMLS alumni. The AJMLS alumni LinkedIn group is also titled "The Official Alumni Group of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School" and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). LinkedIn is a great networking resource, so be sure to take advantage of the alumni LinkedIn group today.

We hope you continue to build connections with AJMLS alumni. They are an invaluable resource to our school and its students.

Alumni Support for Student Organizations

The Alumni Office welcomes the opportunity to assist student organization when they want to involve alumni in their organization's events and functions. AJMLS alumni are enthusiastic when asked to return to the school to show their support, and one of the best ways to do that is by supporting a student organization.

If you or your student organization would like to connect to AJMLS alumni, be sure to visit the Alumni Office or email Chad Dillard, Assistant Director of Alumni, at cdillard@johnmarshall.edu. The Alumni Office has numerous methods to communicate with our alumni. We can send emails, make phone calls, or mail letters. We also have access to various alumni social media groups and pages. So let us help you build connections with AJMLS alumni.

Donations to Scholarship Funds

The Alumni Office encourages your support of the AJMLS Alumni Association's various funds. These funds help support the entire AJMLS community. One of the most important goals of these funds is to provide scholarships to deserving AJMLS students. No donation is too small, and there are numerous ways to donate. You can donate online by going to www.johnmarshall.edu/alumni and clicking on the "Make Your Gift" icon. If you prefer, you can mail your gift to the AJMLS Alumni Office, ATTN: Barbara Chelikowsky, 1422 West Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

All donations are made to the Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, which is a section 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization created to benefit the law school and its students. Currently, the Alumni Association raises money for six funds: the Annual Fund, the Atlanta's Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Bobby Lee Cook Scholarship Fund, the Melissa Hamrick

Scholarship Fund, the Andy Crawford Scholarship Fund, and the John E. Ryan Endowed Scholarship Fund.

For more information about these funds, please contact the Alumni Office at 404-872-3593 ext. 287. Thank you for your support!

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From the Micronesian Program

Become a Micronesian Survivor Today

Are you a "Survivor" fan? Experience the real **Micronesia**! Gain legal experience in an international setting while spending the summer in the tropics!

No need to compete in the jungles or starve; just volunteer for an externship working in public interest offices throughout **Micronesia** this summer. Become a part of the real Micronesian culture while gaining valuable legal experience on a tropical island.

Placement sites are still available in legislative counsel and judicial chambers, attorneys general offices, public defender offices and legal services. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. For more information please contact Professor Burch (8th floor Faculty Suite – extension: 105 – kburch@johnmarshall.edu) and become an AJMLS Micronesian Survivor!

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Legal Writing Competition

Legal Writing Opportunities

The Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice is now accepting submissions for its first student writing competition. The Catherine Albiston Prize for Recent Developments on Gender, Law & Justice gives students the opportunity to submit pieces for publication in the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice during the 2012-2013 academic year.

We invite submissions of research, analysis, narrative, theory and commentary that critically examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination, including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation and disability. Pieces may be geared toward theoretical legal philosophy or pragmatic, on-the-ground lawyering. We welcome interdisciplinary pieces, but there must be a focus on the law.

It is our experience that papers cannot be judged based on page-length, but rather on the underlying quality of work. With that in mind, we recommend that students submit a manuscript of 30 – 50 pages.

Mandate: Submissions should meet the mandate of the journal.

Our mandate is to publish feminist legal scholarship that critically examines the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination, including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability.

Because conditions of inequality are continually changing, our mandate is also continually evolving. Pieces may come within the mandate because of their subject matter or because of their analytical attention to differences in social location among women.

Eligibility: In order to qualify for selection, the author must be enrolled as a student in law school for the spring semester of 2012. If any part of a paper has already been published, or is to be published elsewhere, we cannot accept the piece.

Instructions for Submission: All entries must be submitted to bgj.solicitations@gmail.com by **May 15, 2012**.

NLR Spring 2012 Suggested Topics:
Tax, Bankruptcy & Restructuring, Healthcare Law

Please note that although students are encouraged to submit articles pertaining to the above-listed topics, they may also submit entries covering current issues related to other areas of the law. The deadline for entries is Monday, April 23, 2012. The winning articles from this month's NLR 2012 Law Student Writing Competition will be published online in May. The top article(s) chosen will be featured on the [NLR home page](#). Up to five runner-up articles may also be posted in the NLR searchable database.

Why Students Should Submit Articles

- Students have the opportunity to publicly display their legal knowledge and skills.
- The student's photo, biography, and contact information will be posted with each article, allowing for professional recognition and exposure.
- Winning articles are published alongside those written by respected attorneys from Am Law 200 and other prominent firms as well as from other respected professional associations.
- Now more than ever, business development skills are expected from law firm associates earlier in their careers. NLR wants to give law students valuable experience generating consumer-friendly legal content of the sort which is included for publication in law firm client newsletters, law firm blogs, bar association journals and trade association publications.
- Student postings will remain in the NLR online database for up to two years, easily accessed by potential employers.

In addition, each winning entry will be accompanied by the student's law school logo and contact information, a branding opportunity for your school.

For complete rules and deadlines, please see the [Submission Guidelines](#). If you have any questions regarding this competition, please contact us at lawschools@natlawreview.com.

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From the Career Development Office

Tips for the Week:

1. ALL GRADUATING 3L's: Please see the announcement below regarding MANDATORY Graduate Exit Forms.
2. You must register for your new Career Development student account at mycareerservice.net in order to apply for all On-Campus Interviews. All resumes/materials MUST be uploaded to your profile as a PDF!
3. My Career Service is not compatible with Safari, please use Internet Explorer 9 or Firefox for the best quality!

Class of 2012 Employment Survey

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is asked by various organizations to provide information about our graduating classes. Such information includes placement and salary statistics and is reported to U.S. News and World Report and the National Association for Law Placement, as well as many others. The more graduates who respond, the more accurate the data and thus, the better AJMLS's figures look. **The better AJMLS's figures look, the better YOU look!** The salary information you give us will remain confidential and will be used only to determine median and average salaries. Please answer all questions that are applicable to you so that we may provide the most thorough statistics to the above organizations.

Certainly we do not expect everyone to be employed at this early date. But we do want to know your plans for after graduation and if we can do anything to help you. We would also like to know where to reach you after graduation (we will try to let you know about opportunities that might be of interest to you). Career Development will survey your class again in November, as we are required to provide statistics for employment upon graduation, and for employment six months after graduation. Please take a few minutes to complete the Class of 2012 Employment Survey and return it to Career Development Office **no later than May 11, 2012. *This form must be returned as part of your final exit clearance for graduation.***

If you have employment for after graduation, you will be required to have the Director of Career Development sign the Career Development portion of the Exit Form.

If you have not yet obtained employment, you will be required to set up a 15 minute meeting with Ms. Betancourt, Ms. Bankston, or Ms. Parker, to discuss your future plans, before we will sign off on the Career Development portion of your Exit Form. We would like to talk to you more in depth to **determine your employment interests** and how we can help you. If we do not know what you want to do, we cannot help.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your assistance.

Ivonne Betancourt
Director of Career Development

HOT JOBS!



PLEASE NOTE: If there is a job posting that requires you to turn in your resume to the Career Development Office, you must bring your resume to the office on resume paper.
NO E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED!

(PLEASE NOTE: You must apply on for all On-Campus Interviews and Resume Forwarding Jobs on your MCS Student Account (mycareerservice.net). You MUST upload your application materials in PDF format to ensure it is received properly by the employer. PLEASE DO NOT apply for positions after the deadline, you will not be considered for the position.)

On-Campus Interviews

Employer: Greene Legal Group LLC

Year: 1L, 2L

Description: Growing Atlanta-based general practice boutique law firm seeks bright, motivated and ambitious law student to fill summer associate position. See MCS for full description.

Application: Please submit resume in PDF FORMAT to My Career Services.

Deadline: April 20, 2012

Resume Forwards

Employer: Jonap & Associates, P.C.

Year: 1L, 2L

Description: Seeking intern to do various legal and non-legal task such as answering phones, obtaining medical records, filing, assisting in preparing legal documents, etc.

Application: Please submit resume in PDF FORMAT to My Career Services. Apply online.

Deadline: April 20, 2012

Job Fairs

SAVE THE DATE:
SOUTHEASTERN MINORITY JOB FAIR
(SEMJF)

Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, 2012
Hyatt Regency Suites, Marietta, GA

You must PRE-REGISTER in the Career Development Office by Monday, April 23rd at noon!

Pre-registered students don't forget: 8th Annual Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (SIPJF) is Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Georgia State University College of Law. More details will be available soon.

Internships & Scholarships

Digital Risk is currently seeking highly motivated law students to fill its Summer 2012 Internship Program Class. The applicant should have a demonstrated interest in corporate and securities law. The Digital Risk in-house legal department, situated in Maitland, Florida, is interested in law students at all levels (1L through 4L) for an unpaid internship for summer 2012. See attachment for more details!

The Latham & Watkins LLP Diversity Scholars Program is now available. See the "Latham & Watkins" attachment for more details! The deadline to apply is June 15, 2012.

Opportunities

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL
present the Eighth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition

See details attached!

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Place Your Announcement in the Next Newsletter

Formatting and Submission

Please use 12-14 point fonts and summarize your announcement. Announcements will generally appear as submitted. Email your announcement to Aleta Watson at awatson@johnmarshall.edu **no later than Friday at 6 p.m.** for publication the following week.

