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JMLS Student Newsletter No. 1

Dean's Message

It's finally here! Student email! And, the ability to easily and quickly communicate with the whole student body, or any segment of it. This will allow the law school to promote other activities more easily and increase student and faculty participation. And, it allows us to publish this weekly newsletter during the school year, collecting all the miscellaneous announcements that you might miss if you didn't stop to closely read each bulletin board in the building. Each week I'll lead off the Newsletter with a brief message, exclusively for John Marshall law students only.

So, let's start at the beginning: join every bar association you can. These inexpensive memberships give you access to lots of information and publications. Most importantly, the local bar associations also furnish multiple chances to meet lawyers who may hire you, help with your job search, or just be a source of good advice. Lawyers love to help law students; it is when they are least self-interested. Network, network, network!

First, join the law student division of the ABA.

<http://www.abanet.org/lsd/membership/benefits/home.html>

Next, the Georgia Bar Association.

http://gabar.org/public/pdf/membership/law_student_app.pdf

Then, the Atlanta Bar Association. <https://www.atlantabar.org/aba/scriptcontent/pages/2006-2007%20application.pdf>

There, for \$70 dollars you will have several excuses each month to meet lawyers. You may also be able to join another county bar association where you live or wish to practice, but not all of them currently have student memberships.

My final bit of career development advice is a book recommendation: *Never Eat Alone*, by Keith Ferrazzi (2005, Currency/Doubleday). It's not in paperback yet, but the price on Amazon is about what the paperback price would be.

I strongly encourage you to attend the Town Hall meetings tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., in Room 301. We'll discuss the upcoming ABA site inspection and the students' role in it. We'll announce new scholarships, including the Sarah and Michael Salomon Prize, awarded to the top ten students (7 full-time, 3 part-time) at the end of their first year of studies. (For part-time students, the award is made after the third full semester, ending in December of the second year of the part-time program. I wish it were retroactive, but only current and future first-year students are eligible.) And, I'll try to answer or find answers for any questions or concerns you may have. See you then!

Dean Lynn

This week's announcements:

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Pro Bono Outreach and Externships

Please join us in welcoming Renata Turner, the Director of Pro Bono Outreach and Externships, to the JMLS family. Professor Turner will be responsible for coordinating externships and launching a new Pro Bono Program. "I'm excited and honored to help JMLS students develop their legal skills and foster their commitment to social justice through real-world experiences especially in the pro bono community." Please stay tuned for more details and drop by Professor Turner's office, located on the 2nd floor, to say hello.

Pro Bono March Madness

It's a slam-dunk for pro bono and your opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. In one month, Atlanta Bar CLE and the Pro Bono Committee offer attorneys twelve seminars supporting various Atlanta-based pro bono projects. It's your chance to score big for pro bono! For more information and to register, please see the links below. If you are interested in volunteer, please see Professor Turner, Director of Pro Bono Outreach & Externships on the 2nd floor!

<http://www.avlf.org/docs/MarchMadness2007.pdf>
https://www.atlantabar.org/ABA/Source/Calendar/Images/probono_registration.pdf

Volunteer Opportunities – Be Nominated for a Dean's Award

The Office of Admissions is seeking volunteers for two upcoming events. The first event is a prospective student open house being held on Saturday the 24th of February from 9:00 am until around noon. Students are needed to give tours, help at the sign in table, and help with set up and take down. Breakfast will be provided for volunteers!

The second event is an accepted student open house and will be held on Saturday the 24th of March from 8:30 am until around 1:30 pm. Students are needed to give tours in the morning and answer any questions the accepted students may have. Breakfast will be provided fro these volunteers. We also need current students to join faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and accepted students during lunch.

We also need at least one representative from each organization to set up a table and be available to discuss their organization with the accepted students both during and after lunch. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers!

Please contact Shannon Keef in the Office of Admissions at skeef@johnmarshall.edu or 404-872-3593 ext. 148 to volunteer for the events. Thank you for supporting the future of JMLS.

SBA News

THE BARRISTERS' BALL (aka Law School Prom)

March 10, 2007

The Fabulous Fox Theatre Egyptian Ballroom

8:00pm until 12:00am

Each year, the officers of the John Marshall SBA host the Barristers' Ball, creating an opportunity for friends and significant others to join with law students, faculty, and staff, dress up, and spend an elegant evening dancing and enjoying each other's company. So, mark your calendars and dust off those tuxes! The Barristers' Ball will be held March 10, 2007 at the Fox Theater's Egyptian Ballroom from 8pm until 12am. The Breakfast Club will provide the retro sounds of the 80's for your enjoyment and dancing pleasure. Also, there will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar (with your first four drinks being on the SBA, of course!). So, if your tux is a little snug, don't fret. Dress is black-tie optional. Put on your best interview suit and come on down. A good time will be had by all!

Five Simple Rules For Enjoying The Barristers' Ball

- 1) If you want to go, buy your date's ticket early as they may sell out.
- 2) It is more formal than a regular party, but you don't have to wear a tux. If something is called a "ball," attending in casual clothes is inappropriate.
- 3) Though a date is not required, this can be a good opportunity to introduce someone you're dating who's not in the law school to many of your friends and acquaintances at once -- and more to the point, to introduce them to your non-barrister significant other, so "The Loudmouth in Contracts" and "The Guy Who Saved My Torts Grade" will have faces matched to their descriptions.
- 4) Remember, YOUR behavior reflects upon OUR school!
- 5) Have fun!

NBLSA Discussion Panel

February 20, 2007

5:00pm Room 302B

The Black Law Student Association, Avarita Hanson Chapter presents "*Voting Rights: A Retrospective*" discussion panel. Topics include: Felon Disenfranchisement, Election Protection, Voting Rights and the Civil Rights Movement, and Getting Young Voters to the Polls.

Speakers include:

Judge Barbara Mobley, Dekalb State Court Judge

Tesha Clemmons, Esq., Juvenile Court Attorney
Nancy Abudu, Esq., ACLU Voting Rights Project
Charles Lester, Jr., Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP

For more information, please contact Amber Saunders at a acsaunder@johnmarshall.edu.

Of Sausage and Judges

Submitted by: Professor Robert J. D'Agostino

Having listened to a most interesting discussion in Associate Dean Burch's Constitutional Law Class about judicial legislating under the guise of applying the rational basis test, it struck me as rather absurd for nine insular individuals on a court to have assigned such powers to themselves. Why not as a rule give deference to legislative findings or to tradition? Justice Brennan in arguing why the Supreme Court could and should ignore the plain meaning of the Constitution labeled such fealty as allegiance to the "dead hand of the past" (tradition or the vote of past generations in other words).

This is not to suggest that the accommodations made in the past to maintain our system of ordered liberty must never change, rather it suggest that the origination of such change is not necessarily or wisely done by the imposition of abstract, supposedly rational principles as history has demonstrated from the French Revolution to the rise of National and International Socialism. It would seem that it is a potentially disruptive game when we allow abstractions to trump the sausage that constitutes a stable society developed through time and governed by legislative bodies, however structured.

Café 458

Dear John Marshall Community:

Do you know about this fabulous, worthwhile and delicious opportunity? Café 458 opens its doors to the public each Saturday and Sunday for brunch. They have a professional executive chef and service manager, and the restaurant is staffed with volunteers from the community. This means you can enjoy a *great* meal at a reasonable price and feel good about it. Proceeds from the meal, including all tips, go to Samaritan House. The menu is creative, and the food is scrumptious.

Delectable examples: Carolina Pulled Pork Eggs Benedict, Pumpkin Pie Bread Pudding French Toast, and Frittatas (an open faced omelet baked in the oven) with bacon, tomato and brie. You will not be disappointed!

Something to Brag About: Café 458 won 4 Creative Loafing "Best Of 2004" awards: Best Chef, Best New Intown Restaurant, Best Brunch, and Best Wait Staff, two "Best of 2005" awards: Best Brunch and Best Grits, and a "Best of 2006" award: Best Restaurant with a Social Conscience! In addition, the Café 458 Weekend Brunch has been featured in several local newspapers and magazines as well as on the Food Network's show "The Secret Life of..."

The 4-1-1: Café 458 is part of Samaritan House, a non-profit organization that helps homeless men and women get back on their feet. Many of them suffer from alcohol and drug addiction, mental illness and physical disabilities. Part of Samaritan House's values promotes self-sufficiency; dignity and helping people grow toward independence. Its cozy restaurant is where folks enrolled in its programs can order from a menu and be served, giving them a more dignified experience than a soup kitchen.

Bonus Round: Some JMLS students will be volunteering there Sunday, February 25. If you come to enjoy brunch on that day between 9am-2pm, you will see us happily working for your tips!

We would love to see you there on February 25. If you can't make it that day, we encourage you to try Café 458 some other weekend. It is a fun, relaxed dining experience, the proceeds of which will benefit a worthy cause.

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