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JMLS Student Newsletter No. 2

Dean's Message

Welcome to the second week of student email! It just changes your whole outlook on life, doesn't it.

The American Bar Association is visiting us next week as part of the continuing review process that will lead to full approval. A six member team will be conducting a site inspection. Briefly, they have already received a Self-Study and several notebooks full of statistical information. The team includes a dean from an independent law school (William Mitchell, in St. Paul, MN), a former dean from Campbell University's law school, a legal writing professor, a librarian, the chief financial officer of an independent law school, and a practitioner from Jackson, MS.

The purpose of the visit is to sit in classes—they'll drop in every class on Monday and Tuesday of next week, speak to professors and staff members, meet the Board of Directors and several local alumni, and speak to students. They will speak to you in the hallways and in the café. They will also host an open meeting for students next Tuesday, February 27, from 5-6:00 p.m. in Room 301. I know that no one time would be really convenient for any one group of students, but I encourage you to make an extra effort to be present. They'll probably ask a few questions to get the ball rolling. I know you'll answer them candidly and be great representatives for the law school.

Finally, a word of thanks to the many students who helped us host last weekend's regional ABA Client Counseling Competition. We are especially indebted to Lisa Wiemken who rendered heroic service. In addition to Lisa, Dean's Awards were earned by:

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| Chris dosSantos | Terri Casey | Nikki Reckles |
| Prosha Nasseh | Angel Jacobs | Amanda Gaddis |
| Tiffany Simmons | John Duncan | Jed Garcia-Glazener |
| Daniel Rice | Kola Ogundeyin | Nick Utley |
| Schuyler Hoynes | Kristi Bankston | Shogun Khadye |

Congratulations and thanks to all of you! Please let me know if I have overlooked anyone.

Have a great week!

Dean Lynn

This week's announcements:

- Georgia Bar Exam and Vista Operating System
- Notice for Graduating Students
- Best Law Schools 2008 Student Survey Deadline February 28th!
- GAWL Volunteers Needed for Annual Art Auction
- SBA News – Barrister’s Ball
- NBLSA – Discussion Panel on February 20th

The Georgia Board of Bar Examiners has confirmed that the Secureexam software used for the Georgia Bar Exam cannot be used on the Vista Operating System.

Sally Lockwood, Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners, has forwarded the following information regarding the Georgia Bar exam. During the February 14th session, it was erroneously stated that ear plugs are not allowed. The Board of Bar Examiners has recently amended their rule to allow ear plugs which are not attached to an electronic device into the exam room. If you have any questions, please consult the Board of Bar Examiners website.

Congratulations to John Marshall’s Client Interviewing and Counseling Team “G” for making it to the Semi-Finals of the Regional Competition

This Saturday John Marshall hosted the Regional Client Interviewing and Counseling Competition to defend their regional championship from 2005. We sponsored two teams: Team “A”, Amanda Yenerall and Kathy Holen and Team “G”, Marisa Gonzales and Brandon Pritchett.

Both teams did a great job and we are proud that one proceeded to the semi-final round. Congratulations to Marisa Gonzales and Brandon Pritchett for their great effort at representing our school at the Semi-Finals. Amanda Holcomb and Kathy Holen did a fine job at the Preliminary Rounds and we wish to thank all of the students that were clients in each of our practice sessions each day for the past several months. A special thanks goes out to Doug Collins, alternate team member, for his constant support as a team member and for creating many interesting characters as a client for the team members.

We received great feedback from the other team members, as well as volunteer clients and judges. This year’s winner was a team from the University of Miami.

Best Law Schools 2008 Student Survey Deadline February 28th

The Princeton Review is giving you the opportunity to voice your opinions of the academics, career preparation, and social life at your school. We ask that you please respond within the next three days.

The "Students Say" profiles that appear on PrincetonReview.com and in our publications will be written directly from survey responses. This text helps readers understand what life at your school is like, assisting potential students in matching themselves with the school most suited to their educational and personal needs.

Visit <http://survey.review.com> today to tell The Princeton Review about life at your school!

Please note: When you log in to our online student survey with your school-issued email address you will be given the option to receive additional information and offers from The Princeton Review. If you would not like any further information, please indicate this on the login page before entering the survey.

The Princeton Review takes strong measures to protect your privacy. We will not share your personal information with any third party unless you give us permission to do so. You can read The Princeton Review's full privacy policy by clicking on the "Privacy Policy" link on the student survey login page.

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The Georgia Association of Women Lawyers needs student volunteers for its annual Art Auction. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, to man the checkout table, and to help set up the auction on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd. The Art Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd, at ArtSpace International, 1192 Huff Road, NW, Atlanta. The proceeds from the Art Auction fund the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers' scholarship fund. Most of the attendees are Atlanta area lawyers. This is a good opportunity to volunteer for a good cause and network. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Assoc. Dean Burch.

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

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