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JMLS Student Newsletter No. 3

### Dean's Message

Spring has arrived, I hope. I understand that Georgia's weather might yank it away from us again, but just for a few days. We're also in the middle of our ABA site inspection. You will see well-dressed strangers coming into class and, usually, leaving early. Feel free to speak to them as you pass them in the hallways and, *especially*, be sure to attend the Open Meeting for students with the team. That is in Room 301 tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 5-6:00 p.m. That meeting is an important part of the overall site visit. We want the team to hear from you.

Last Saturday was the last Open House for prospective students. Almost 200 students and family members attended. As always, it was a great success due largely to the enthusiastic student volunteers. I am pleased to give each of them a Dean's Award which they must claim in person:

Josh Arcila	Elizabeth Higgins
Kristi Bankston	Amelia Inman
Damon Burk	Jennifer Johnson
AJ Doucett	Sharron Mangum
Jed Garcia-Glazener	Beth Martin
Talal Ghosheh	Shana Wallace
Schuyler Haynes	Suzanda Webb
Coulter Henry	Tori White

And, several students also helped us host the visit of an impressive group of young men, the Men of Action-High School. They, too, deserve a Dean's Award:

Ulysses Fisher      Amber Saunders      Tiffany Simmons

And, a number of students are involved in a great work, Café 458, to raise money for homeless mission projects by cooking and serving brunch. You have probably seen the announcements around school. These generous folks also have earned our recognition and admiration in the form of a Dean's Award. They are great representatives of the law school:

Tori White      Jennifer Hamilton      Tucker Morris      Jason Goldin

Finally, I apologize to Steve Perkins who was omitted from last week's list of Dean's Award recipients for helping with the Client Counseling Competition Regional. Steve, come on down!

Thanks to all of our students who are involved in the life of the law school and the community. Your activities support our mission and make your educational experience even richer.

Dean Lynn

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*This week's announcements:*

- Pro Bono Opportunity for JMLS Students – State Emeritus Rules
- Best Law Schools 2008 Student Survey Deadline February 28<sup>th</sup>!
- GAWL Volunteers Needed for Annual Art Auction
- SBA News – Barrister's Ball

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The State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee is looking for a law student to do a pro bono research project on the various Emeritus Rules for lawyers in other states. The student's work will be present to the Commission on Civil Justice appointed by Justice Leah Ward Sears. It would be great exposure for a student and JMLS.

The State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee is entrusted with oversight of pro bono and legal aid policy for the State Bar. Mindful of the anticipated increase in the number of attorneys reaching traditional retirement age, and hoping to promote rules that will encourage that population to participate in pro bono work during and after the active practice of law, the Committee asks for assistance through legal research and scholarship to help determine the Committee's position on possible changes to the Pro Bono Emeritus Rules.

The current State Bar Emeritus Members provisions, Bar Rules 1-502 (Dues) and 1-202(d) (Emeritus) were added in 1995. The Committee has learned that other Bar Associations throughout America have considered and adopted a variety of rules and approaches to the question of how to promote pro bono work from emeritus lawyers, and seeks a full compilation of that information. Moreover, the Committee asks that after due consideration of the information gathered that the author suggest and even draft recommendations for consideration by the Committee and, ultimately, by the Commission on Civil Justice that has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

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**Best Law Schools 2008 Student Survey Deadline February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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### **GAWL**

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.

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### **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!

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