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### Dean's Message

I hope you enjoyed Spring Break, but not too much. I know that many of you are tortured with a sense of burning regret that you missed the Bobby Lee Cook Symposium last Saturday. While that will haunt you for the rest of your life, you can mitigate it by attending all future BLC Symposia.

It is time to present a backlog of Dean's Awards to students who have generously given their time to the law school or other great causes. First, for our March 24 Open House for Accepted Students, thanks to the following:

AJ Doucett	Kamau Mason
Tina Dufresne	Sharron Mangum
John Duncan	Beth Martin
Talal Ghosheh	Steve Perkins
Elizabeth Higgins	Cara Rockhill
Schuyler Hoynes	Shana Wallace
Angel Jacobs	David Willingham
Elisa Jones	

Next, thanks to the students who volunteered to help with the Bobby Lee Cook Symposium:

Cara Rockhill	Adam Rust
Angel Jacobs	Jon Kington
Lisa Wiemken	Ian Zimmerman
Laura Anderson	AJ Doucett

Finally, Professor Turner, Director of Pro Bono Outreach and Externships has identified the following students who deserve a Dean's Award for their pro bono activities:

Jay C. Fox--*the Airline Pilots Association*,  
Daniel Stafford--*the State Bar's Access to Justice Committee*.  
Bebe Caffey, Mystical Studaway and Corey Martin--*trained CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers*  
Ulysses Fisher, Alpa Amin, Julia Shelton, and Amber Saunders--*trained TIP (Truancy Intervention Project) volunteers*:

And, these students who participated in Citizenship Day: Douglas Collins, Christopher Conowal, Christina Gonzalez, Dudley Halter, Barbara Kinder, Birute Laukys, Mihir Patel, Janica Porter, and Heidi Rauch

One of my jobs is to tell people how John Marshall is living up to its mission of producing well-trained lawyers with a social conscience. The growing number of our students who exemplify that mission are Exhibit A.

Have a great week!

Dean Lynn

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*This week's announcements:*

- Volunteers Needed – Trial Advocacy Class
- Pro Bono Opportunities
- SBA Officer Elections for 2007-2008
- Sports & Entertainment Law Officers for 2007-08 Announced!
- Micronesian Externship Program Announced
- Pass the Bar the First Time!

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**Volunteers Needed – Trial Advocacy Class**

Would you like to learn more about trial advocacy? Are you interested in participating on a mock trial competition team next year? If so, consider volunteering to serve as a juror for Professor Jewel's trial advocacy class. As a juror, you will watch a full trial and see students make opening and closing arguments, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and object to improper evidence or questions. You will get to see how a trial judge administers the trial. At the end, you will vote with your fellow jurors on the outcome of the case. Jurors are needed for trials on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. - Room 703
- Thursday, April 12, 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. - Room 703
- Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. - Room 703

Interested students may sign-up outside of Professor Jewel's office.

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**Pro Bono Opportunities**

Make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable children...children with mothers in prison. The Civil Pro Bono Family Law Project provides legal services for incarcerated mothers and their children. Opportunities are available for students to assist with legal seminars, research or legal representation. Please contact Prof. Turner if you are interested in volunteering or earning academic credit through an externship.

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**SBA Officer Nominations for 2007-2008**

The SBA will be accepting nominations for officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2007-2008 term during the week of April 9-13. You may nominate candidates for any of the four positions at the circulation desk in the library. Only rising 3Ls and above, in good standing, are eligible for the position of President or Vice President. Elections for the officers will be held the following week (April 16-20).

The aim of the Student Bar Association (SBA) is to act as a liaison between the administration, faculty, and students to keep the law school running smoothly. Additionally, the SBA is the voice of the students that brings problems, grievances, or suggestions to the attention of the faculty and administration. And, as the umbrella organization for the smaller student organizations, the SBA allocates funding to the various student organizations and sponsors events, such as the Barrister's Ball. Students should pay close attention to the bulletin boards located throughout the school for SBA news and updates.

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**2007-2008 Sports & Entertainment Law Society Officers**

President --	Kurt Schuettinger
Vice-President --	Tiffany Simmons
Treasurer --	Jason Goldin
Secretary --	Evanya Stevens

Congratulations!

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**Micronesian Externship Program**

The Law School is launching its Micronesian Externship Program this summer.

The Micronesian Externship Program places students in legal offices throughout the Western Pacific. This summer students will be placed on Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and on Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia. Students may apply for a 3 or 4 credit hour externship. Applications for the Micronesian Externship Program are available from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Registrar's Office. Applications must be submitted to the Associate Dean by April 18th. See James Smith regarding the availability of financial aid.

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**Pass the Bar the First Time!**

Dean Burch and Professor Hamann will provide information on bar passage trends and study techniques to assist you in preparing for the bar exam on April 18th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 301. You are encouraged to attend.