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Dean's Message

The theme this week is: writing competitions. Numerous bar associations, legal journals, and industry groups sponsor writing competitions for law students. Frequently, they offer substantial cash prizes or trips to a conference. You may even be able to parlay one article or essay into multiple entries. One student submitted the same copyright article to three different competitions and won all three. (Make sure the rules of each competition permit that.) And, the article may be substantially based on a paper that you wrote for a class or law review. Two-fors are always good.

As we receive notices of these competitions, we'll announce them in this email newsletter, but you may see others posted on law school boards, published in the ABA Journal, state bar journals, or magazines aimed at law students.

My final wave of overdue Dean's Awards go to those students who helped with the Nicholas House dinner: Angel Jacobs, Molly Brien, Tammy Holcomb, Schulyer Hoynes, Steve Perkins, Cara Rockhill, and Mystical Studaway. And, I'm pleased to confer Dean's Awards on the students who helped with the Gate City Bar Association's Inaugural Justice Robert Benham Camp: Tiffany Simmons, Sharron Mangum, and Evanya Stevens. Finally, in the overdue category, a Dean's Award goes to Daniel Stafford for his assistance this summer with the State Bar pro bono project.

Now that we're caught, David Willingham did a great job in helping arrange Constitution Day on Monday. He deserves a Dean's Award.

Don't be shy. If you or a friend have rendered a substantial service to the law school or the community, let me know. Encouraging and recognizing those activities is central to promoting the law school's mission.

Have a great week!

Dean Lynn

This week's announcements:

- Wildlife & Conservation Law Writing Contest

- Ready Your Resumell - Resume Workshop
- New Orleans Career Event

WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION LAW WRITING CONTEST

The Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) is sponsoring a Wildlife and Conservation Law Writing Contest. The National Winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the 60th Annual Conference of SEAFWA to be held October 11 – 15, 2008, in Corpus Christi, Texas. This contest not only affords the student an opportunity to contribute to wildlife and conservation law by participating in the SEAFWA annual, but it also affords the student a chance to meet with professionals in the legal field to explore possible career options.

Participants may select their own topic relating to fish and wildlife, habitat or conservation law or choose from the following topics:

1. Constitutional issues relating to the state regulation of hunting and fishing
2. Criminal law issues relating to the regulation of hunting and fishing
3. Liability of states for damage by wildlife
4. Privatization of fish and wildlife resources
5. Issues arising under the Endangered Species Act
6. Regulation of exotic wildlife/holding wildlife as pets/exotic wildlife trade & commerce

The contest will be judged by a panel of distinguished legal scholars. Papers will be judged on:

1. Substantive content (papers subject to a 25-page maximum on text)
2. Clarity
3. Style

Students interested in preparing for a future in fish and wildlife conservation must submit papers no later than July 31, 2008 to:

Emily P. Hitchcock
 Executive Counsel
 Georgia Department of Natural Resources
 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252 East
 Atlanta, GA 30334

READY YOUR RESUME!! (This Thursday at 5:15p.m.)

Q. Interested in securing an internship, clerkship, permanent attorney position or legal employment of *any* kind?

A. If the answer is “yes” make sure your resume is up-to-date, polished, professional and ready to submit as opportunities arise.

Don't miss the Career Development Resume Workshop being held this Thursday, September 20th at 5:15 p.m. in Room 701.

NEW ORLEANS CAREER EVENT

Vault and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) are hosting a New Orleans Career Event on October 18, 2007. This is a great opportunity for you to gain exposure to top legal employers from across the U.S. as well as network with other students and practicing attorneys. The event details are below, for more information on the event and to register please visit www.vault.com/legaldiversity.

The event is sponsored by Jones Walker and is being held in conjunction with Loyola University New Orleans College of Law's Annual Diversity Conference, "Leadership: Vision and Values",

Date: October 18, 2007

Location: Hale Boggs Federal Building
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

There are no fees associated with participation in this event.

Please register for this event by October 12th at www.vault.com/legaldiversity.

Questions? Please contact Ivonne Betancourt for more information at (404)872-3593 ext. 113.