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Dean's Message

One of the best new additions to the law school this year is the John Marshall Law Review. I am pleased to list the Law Review staff, with a special thanks to Professors D'Agostino and Jaffe who are helping launch the venture. It has the potential to attract incredibly positive attention to the law school while making a real difference in public life and I know it will exceed that potential.

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I don't envy them for the work they'll be doing, but I know the reward in skills and learning will be worth it.

Professor Jewel, other faculty volunteers, and students interested in advocacy in all its forms have also been busy. Like law review, the extra work these students do reflects favorably on the law school and adds to their skills and confidence. I'm pleased to announce the various teams that we will be fielding this year:

Moot Court

Katie Andrews
Michael Bauer
Christine Bechtold
Tina Dufresne
Emily Harris
Nicole Heeder
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Trial Team

Christine Bechtold
Robin Love
Amit Patel
Erik Rosskopf
Nick Utley
Phillip Mansell
Eduardo Fons

Client Counseling Team

John Kington
Branden Pritchett
Nikki Reckless
Schuyler Hoynes

Negotiation Team

Nathan Kratzert
Angel Jacobs

I strongly urge everyone with an interest in advocacy or the protection of children to enter the Closing Argument Competition that you see described on flyers around the school. Download an application here: <http://www.keenanskidsfoundation.com/> There are cash prizes and it is a great competition. (Coincidentally, Don Keenan, the founder of the Keenans Kids Foundation, will be speaking in Professor Kent's Professional Responsibility class next week.)

Finally, for this week, I happened to learn that Paul Seig has been a Big Brother to a young man in Atlanta for the last five years—so we know he didn't do it to earn a Dean's Award. Paul might say that he has received much from the experience, but that kind of unselfishness is really inspirational and the least we can do is give him a Dean's Award for that.

Have a great week!

Dean Lynn

This week's announcements:

- Closing Argument Competition
- Bar Review Talk
- PAD Announcements
- GAWL Announcement
- Volunteer Opportunities

CLOSING ARGUMENT COMPETITION – 2Ls & 3Ls

All second-year and third-year John Marshall students are invited to compete in the 6th annual Closing Argument Competition, sponsored by the Keenan's Kids Foundation. In this competition, students from all of the Georgia schools compete by delivering a 20 minute closing argument in a civil case for a plaintiff, a catastrophically injured child. The fact pattern, exhibits and demonstrative evidence will be provided. The competition will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Keenan Law Firm, located in downtown Atlanta. National and local judges and experienced trial lawyers will determine the winners. The top three students will receive a cash prize: \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place, and \$300 for 3rd place. To apply to compete, download an application at www.keenanskidsfoundation.com and email it to studentapplications@keenankidsfoundation.com. **The deadline to apply is October 8, 2007.** In the past, John Marshall students have placed in this competition. Apply to compete today so that we can continue our tradition of winning!

BAR REVIEW TALK

KaplanPMBR is hosting a Bar Review Talk

Thursday, September 27
12:30 pm
Room 701

Pizza will be served!

3Ls must get information for the 2008 bar exam!

For 3Ls, the deposit for KaplanPMBR bar review courses is \$200.
December graduates must be paid in full by November 16.

1 LS and 2Ls: Only \$100 locks in your rate, is applied towards your courses, and gets you FREE study aids!

If you cannot attend the meeting, find a PMBR rep:

3L PMBR Reps:

Katie Erler, Thomas Florio, Julie Rodebush, Tony Tarnacki

2L PMBR Reps:

Sarah Barbarash, Chris Grubbs, Rachel Sanders, Nick Utley, Danielle Wrick

Night Student Rep: Tracee Benzo

PAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Brother/Big Sister Program

The Big Brother/Big Sister Program meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at FRONT PAGE NEWS, 1104 Crescent Ave. N.E., in downtown Atlanta.

Initiation for PAD will be held on Wednesday, October 10th. Initiation will be in room 303, at 7:00pm. The post-initiation reception will be held at Einstein's, located at 12th & Juniper Streets, 1077 Juniper St, Atlanta, GA 30309.

The ENTIRE student body is invited to attend the initiation ceremony. By attending, every one of you is showing your support for the new members, and making them feel like they are a part of a group that larger than any one of them individually.

We look forward to seeing all of you who signed up for the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, and all current and new members, at Front Page News, and the initiation.

Application Deadline Extended

Due to the high amount of interest in Phi Alpha Delta, we have extended the due date for dues and applications to Friday, September 28th.

Anyone interested in becoming or staying a member NEEDS to place their money in the box at the circulation desk on the 4th Floor in the Library, by this Friday.

Thank you for being patient while we strive to make this year one of the best yet for the Hollowell Chapter.

GAWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAWL has an exciting year planned for the John Marshall Chapter this year. The first event will be the Fall Reception, which will be in November and will honor the women faculty and an alum. This event is still in the early stages of being planned and we would appreciate any help with this event.

If you were unable to make the first general membership meeting, but are still interested in learning about the Fall Reception, please contact Angel Jacobs at angeljacobs@charter.net.

Please remember, if you have not yet paid your dues for this semester, then log onto www.gawl.org and do so soon!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (from the

S.T.A.N.D.

- **WHAT:** Join S.T.A.N.D. and make a difference in the life of a future lawyer! Last year, the Atlanta Council of Young Lawyers (ACYL) implemented a program at Therrell High School, the site of Atlanta Public School's Law and Government magnet program, called Students at Therrell Achieving New Dreams (S.T.A.N.D.). Through S.T.A.N.D., members of the ACYL provide mentoring to students in the magnet program to help students develop a plan and vision for their lives before they graduate from high school and increase awareness and understanding about the rule of law, the judicial system, and legal careers. S.T.A.N.D. is in need of new mentors for this school year. Mentors are responsible for meeting with their assigned student a minimum of two hours per month throughout the school year at a time that is convenient to both mentor and student. There will also be an orientation for the mentors and a few additional "fun" activities scattered throughout the year.
- **WHEN:** Year-round
- **WHERE:** Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- **CONTACT:** Derin Dickerson of Alston & Bird at (404) 881-7454 or Derin.Dickerson@alston.com

One to One Mentoring Program

- **WHAT:** John Hope Elementary School is seeking JMLS students to serve as professional mentors to minority students preparing for professional futures. JMLS students will mentor, motivate and even tutor students on the last Wednesday of each month, designated by the school as "Professional Attire Day." The school also offers various after-school activities/tutorials that JMLS students can assist with.
- **WHEN:** Last Wednesday of each month at 2:00
- **WHERE:** John Hope Elementary School - 112 BOULEVARD, N.E. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30312
- **CONTACT:** Ebony Gamble at (404) 330-4957

Hosea Feed The Hungry

- **WHAT:** Give what you can and be blessed! The Hosea Feed The Hungry Care Center rescues, restores and re-stabilizes people in crisis by providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Their goal is to prevent the cycle of poverty through fostering, empowering and enabling self-sufficiency and building a caring community of humanity worldwide. Due to a recent influx of individuals in need, including working class families and single mothers who are unable to

afford after-school care and transportation, Hosea is seeking to raise \$60,000 in the next 3 weeks in an effort to avoid cutting back on valuable services for these individuals.

- Please visit the website below for more information on how you may be able to help someone in their time of need.
- WHEN: In the next 3 weeks
- CONTACT: Afemo & Elisabeth Omilami at 404 –755– 3353 ext 307;
eomilami@hoseafeedthehungry.com OR visit www.hoseafeedthehungry.com