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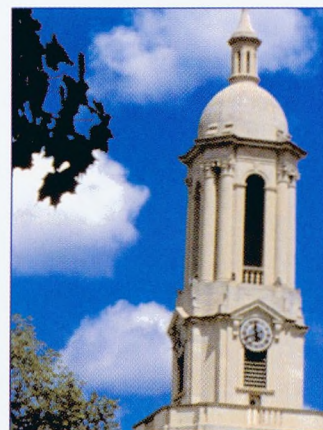
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Message from the International Justice



During the awards banquet at our 2004 Convention, I challenged each of you to RAISE THE BAR. Well, here is it one year later, and RAISE

THE BAR you did! Our law Fraternity is in the best shape we have been in a very long time - perhaps the best ever!

A quick look at our numbers tells us that we initiated 4,633 law school members (including law school students, faculty, honorary and alumni). This is a record!

We initiated 3,777 pre-law students. This is also a record!

For the first time in our history, the combined total of law school initiates, faculty, honorary, alumni and pre-law members exceeded more than 8,000. This is a record total of 8,410!

Equally important as new initiates is that for the first time in more than 10 years, the number of Chapter reactivations and new Chapters chartered outnumbered the Chapters going inactive. We finished the fiscal year with an inspiring 85% of our law school Chapters active!

While numbers give us raw data, they really translate into what P.A.D. is all about. Through sustaining and growing your Chapters, you enable *Service to the Student, the Law School, the Community and the Profession* to be a reality. Programming last year was second to none. The sheer number and excellence of the various award applications from our law school chapters was overwhelming. Elsewhere in this issue of "The Reporter" you will see the winners in all of those categories.

The Alumni Advisory Council and the Pre-Law Advisory Council both presented comprehensive reports at our recently concluded summer key volunteers' meeting in Dallas, Texas, the site of our 2006 Convention. Both of these Councils are kicking out the sides of the box and we expect serious and substantial proposals from them for discussion and implementation before and at the 2006 Convention.

We have accomplished all of these feats through the relentless and dedicated hard work of our students, District Justices, alumni members, the International Executive Office and the International Executive Board. Along the way, as students, you are developing lasting fraternal bonds and leadership skills which will serve you well during the years to come. I extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our Brothers and Sisters who are making a positive difference.

And now is the time to RAISE THE BAR even higher! You have set us on a course of distinction. Make sure you, all of your Chapter officers and as many members as

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"The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage the moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service."



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WRITING COMPETITION WINNER

Excerpt, from Charles Dickens' *Bleak House*:

... Jarndyce and Jarndyce drones on. This scarecrow of a suit has, in course of time, become so complicated that no man alive knows what it means ... [it] has passed into a joke The very solicitors' boys who have kept the wretched suitors at bay, by protesting time out of mind that Mr. Chizzle, Mizzle, or otherwise was particularly engaged and had appointments until dinner, may have got an extra moral twist and shuffle into themselves out of Jarndyce and Jarndyce. The receiver in the cause has acquired a goodly sum of money by it but has acquired too a distrust of his own mother and a contempt for his own kind. Chizzle, Mizzle, and otherwise have lapsed into a habit of vaguely promising themselves that they will look into that outstanding little matter ...

Writing Competition Winner...

By,
Lauren Webb
Lamar Chapter

University of Mississippi School of Law

From Small Town Practice to Big Time Problem: Chancery Court and the Perimeters of Professional Service

Honorable Mention to:
2nd Place – Gaetano Parrinello,
Cardozo Chapter

TOPIC: Professional Service

While interning in chancery court, I often thought of Dickens' *Bleak House*. In his vivid illustration of the judiciary and its players, Dickens' depiction of chancery, replete with impersonal lawyers and oppressive sluggishness, while comical, rings quite true. Family feuds erupt over the course of will contests and subsequent property disputes. When litigation spans

years, yes, sometimes the players become cartoonish, their behavior outlandish. Similarly, lawyers' constant omissions and procedural errors become jokes. On the other hand, many confident and competent attorneys embody the professionalism due, whether in a state chancery court or the U.S. Supreme Court.



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3RD ANNUAL PHI ALPHA DELTA – WRITING COMPETITION

P.A.D. is sponsoring its **THIRD** annual student writing competition. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and reward student-written articles in the areas of the essential aspects of a lawyer: compassion, courage, integrity and professional service. This competition is open to law school and pre-law students. Winning articles will be selected quarterly. Each winner's paper will be published in "The Reporter." The annual winner will be selected from the quarterly winners, receiving additional recognition along with a monetary award of \$1000.00.

THE SUBJECTS

Eligible articles address one of the following areas of the essential aspects of a lawyer:

- 1st Compassion
- 2nd Courage
- 3rd Integrity
- 4th Professional Service

HOW TO APPLY

The piece must be written by a student member (law or pre-law.) Only one piece by a member shall be submitted in a quarter. Eligible pieces include any unpublished essay or written article prepared by the student. All pieces must be the work of an individual student. Joint works are not permitted. Pieces should be no more than 1500 words in length and be submitted in their final published form.

Entries are to be made by submitting four copies of the piece along with a completed Entry Form. The quarterly winners will be announced and published in the Phi Alpha Delta Reporter. An entry form can be downloaded from www.pad.org - click on Pre-Law or Law School Downloads.

AWARDS

The cash prize for the writing competition is \$250 per quarter. A \$1000 prize will be awarded to the best submission of the four quarters annually. In addition to the cash prize, the winning article will be published "The Reporter" and P.A.D. Website.

JUDGING

Eligible pieces will be judged on (1) quality of scholarship; (2) originality; (3) contribution to the understanding and development of the essential aspects of a lawyer; (4) analysis and reasoning; and (5) quality and clarity of writing.

All decisions of the judges, who are appointed by the International Justice and Executive Board, are final. The Fraternity reserves the right to screen entries and limit the number of papers submitted to the judges for final decision. The Fraternity also reserves the right to make no award if, in the judges' discretion, a worthy paper is not submitted.

NEXT DEADLINE - 10/10/05
SUBJECT #1 - COMPASSION
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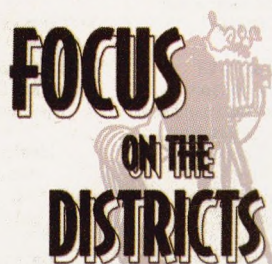


RECORD BREAKING YEAR!

During the Awards Banquet at the 55th Biennial Convention last August, newly elected International Justice J. Derek Hill (Hull) challenged those in attendance to "Raise the Bar" at their chapters. Without a doubt, those in attendance were paying attention and stepped up to the challenge!

This past year, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International set a new rush record with 4,633 reported members! That total surpassed the previous record of 4,321 set in 1987-1988 by over 300 initiates! Congratulations to all of our chapters who helped Raise the Bar this past year!

Here are some great facts and statistics that you will find interesting!



Law Chapters that are 25% or more of their schools student body:

Willis Chapter (Ohio Northern)	48%
Tureaud Chapter (Southern)	32%
Benson Chapter (Washburn)	30%
Vaught Chapter (OK City)	30%
Fleming Chapter (Nova)	30%
Lincoln Chapter (John Marshal) ...	29%
S. Douglas Chapter (Southern IL)	25%
Jordan Chapter (TX Southern)	27%
Russell Chapter (Georgia State)	27%
Madison Chapter (Roger Williams) ...	27%
Cahn Chapter (UDC)	25%
Sutin Chapter (Appalachian)	25%
Timberlake Chapter (Wake Forest) ...	25%

More stats, awards & highlights on the following "FOCUS on the DISTRICTS" pages!

Lincoln Chapter Breaks Record!

In 2003-2004, the Lincoln Chapter (John Marshal Law School) broke a twenty-year-old rushing record, which had been held by the Rasco Chapter (University of Miami) by initiating 169 new members. For many chapters, it would be tempting to rest on their laurels and revel in such a great accomplishment. However, upon hearing International Justice J. Derek Hill's (Hull Chapter) challenge to Raise the Bar at the 55th Biennial Convention, Lincoln Chapter decided they could do exactly that.

This year, the chapter Raised the Bar and welcomed 182 new members into the Lincoln Chapter and the fraternity! Congratulations Lincoln Chapter! We can't wait to see what you do in 2005-2006!

Mensaje IJ

Durante el banquete de premiaciones de nuestra Convención del 2004, reté a cada uno de ustedes a "LEVANTAR LA VARA". Bien, pues aquí estamos un año después y lo lograron ALZARON LA VARA. Nuestra Fraternidad Jurídica esta en la en su mejor momento en mucho tiempo, quizás la mejor condición de su historia.

Una rápida mirada a nuestros números nos dice que iniciamos 4,633 miembros de Escuelas de Derecho (incluidos estudiantes de derecho, facultad, honorarios y exalumnos). ¡Eso es un record!

Iniciamos 3, 777 estudiantes pre-jurídicos. ¡Lo que también constituye un record!

Por primera vez en nuestra historia, el número total combinado de estudiantes de derecho, facultad, honorarios, exalumnos y pre-jurídicos excede los 8,000. ¡Esto es un record absoluto de 8,410 nuevos miembros en un año!

Igualmente importante que los nuevos iniciados es que por primera vez en mas de 10 años, el número de Capítulos reactivados y nuevos Capítulos instalados sobre pasa los Capítulos que quedaron inactivos. ¡Finalizamos el año fiscal con un inspirador número de 85% de nuestros Capítulos de Escuela de Derecho activos!

Aunque que lo números nos ofrecen datos crudos, realmente se traducen en aquello de lo que se trata P.A.D. A través del mantenimiento y crecimiento de sus Capítulos, ustedes permiten que el *Servicio al Estudiante, la Facultad de Derecho, la Comunidad y la Profesión* sea una realidad. Las actividades del año pasado fueron de primer orden. La cantidad y calidad de los formularios sometidos para los diferentes premios por nuestros Capítulos de Escuela de Derecho fue abrumadora. Mas adelante en esté número del "The Reporter" verán los ganadores en todas las categorías.

Ambos, el Consejo Asesor de Exalumnos y el Consejo Asesor Pre-jurídico, presentaron sendos informes comprensivos en nuestra recientemente concluida Reunión de Verano de los Voluntarios en Dallas, Texas, la sede de nuestra Convención del 2006.

Ambos Consejos Asesores están "sacudiendo la caja" y esperamos propuestas serias y sustanciales de ellos para discusión e implantación antes y durante la Convención del 2006.

Hemos logrado todas estas hazañas a través del implacable y dedicado esfuerzo de nuestros estudiantes, Directores de Distrito,



Miller Wins PFA Awards

P.A.D. is proud to announce that Wendy Miller, Justice of the Hickman Chapter from 2004-2005 was awarded with the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award and the Outstanding Community Service Award for the Professional Fraternity Association. These two prestigious and competitive awards were presented at the



(l. to r.) Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Wendy M. Miller (Hickman Justice/ABA's Standing Committee on Legal Aid & Indigent Defendants-Law Student Liaison 2004-2005); and Bill Whitehurst (ABA's SCLAID Chair).



2005 PFA Conference in Orlando, Florida. The PFA is an association of 37 Professional Fraternities with disciplines from law and business to nursing and chemistry. We at P.A.D. are extremely proud of Wendy and her efforts with Hickman Chapter. Wendy and the chapter are true role-models for the entire Phi Alpha Delta family.

CAMPBELL'S "RE-INVIGORATION!"



In the back row from left to right are: **Matthew Nolan**, Treasurer; **David Waddilove**, Justice; **Laura Wholihan**, District XII Justice; **Ronald Winter**, International Secretary; and **Christopher White**, Vice-Justice. Ron flew in from New York with his family to initiate Campbell's officers. In addition, the chapter initiated the whole class! Although, this was not technically a reactivation – it was a re-invigoration initiation! Laura Wholihan introduced Campbell's members to other District XII brothers and sisters! The chapter had a great intake of quality members as they celebrate the chapter's 100th anniversary in 2005. They are looking forward to a great year in the 2005-2006 school year!

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Hoffman Chapter

Event

On Sunday March 20, 2005 the Hoffman Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at Chase College of Law hosted St. Baldrick's. Seven men participated in shaving their heads in order to raise funds for the NCCF. There were also two women this year that cut 10 inches off of their hair for Locks of Love. Participating this year in shaving their heads were Professor Edward Brewer, III, who is one of the faculty advisors for Hoffman Chapter, Justin Lawrence, Chapter Justice, Nick Zingerelli, Past Chapter Justice, Ethan Baker, Bryan Herald, who's mother Carol Risk was this year's Fundraising Chair, Spencer Isaacs, and Ben Lewis, 2005-2006 Vice-Justice Night. The two women who cut their hair were April

Frank and
Catherine
Hussy.

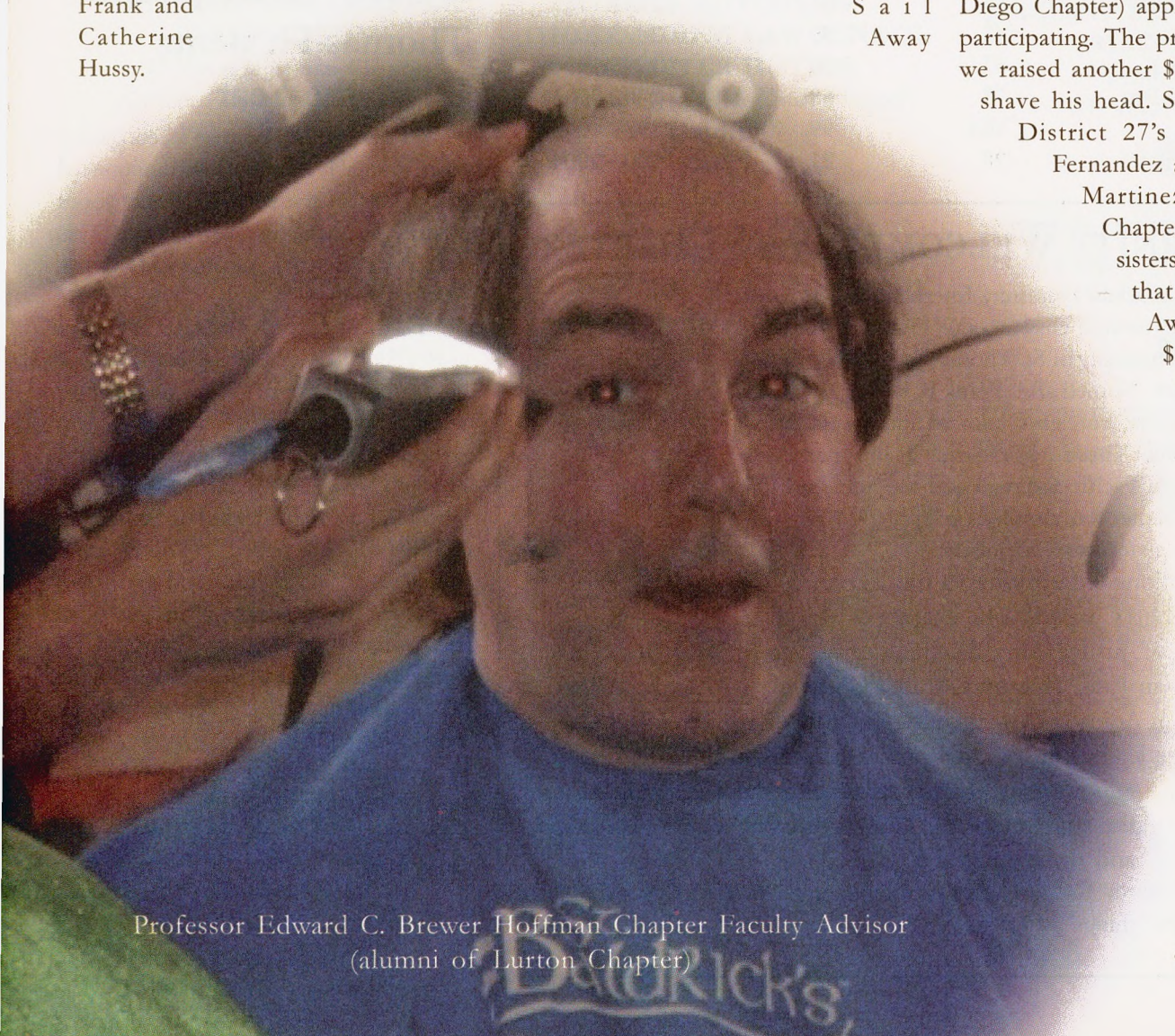
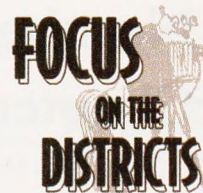
Our top three fundraisers were Professor Brewer, Justin Lawrence, and Ethan Baker. In conjunction with the head shaving there was also a raffle held to benefit the NCCF. Twenty-four area businesses donated gift certificates and items that were used in the raffle. Around 50 people were in attendance at Jack Quinn's to watch the shearing of our friends. We were pleased to have Dean MacKnight and Dean Whiteman in attendance as well from Chase College of Law. Also joining us for the event was our District Justice James Rose.

This year we were lucky enough to hold St. Baldrick's twice. Though the official event was held on March 20, 2005 here in Kentucky, the brothers and sisters of Hoffman Chapter took the event

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hosted by the NY Area Alumni Chapter. Hoffman Chapter's District Justice, James Rose, had agreed to shave his head if the chapter raised \$500 in his name. Unfortunately, we didn't make it prior to the event in March, however, on the cruise the idea was put forth by International Vice Justice Brother John Weitkamp that we should finish raising the money on the cruise and shave James' head. Graciously James agreed, and we were successful in raising the remaining \$440. We agreed that he would be allowed to keep his hair until the final night of the cruise. During the evening event on April 10, 2005 James lost his hair for children's cancer. It gets even better though, as the night unfolded Brother Raymond Armstrong (De Diego Chapter) approached me about participating. The proposal was that if we raised another \$500 he too would shave his head. So with help from District 27's Justice, Rosario Fernandez and Brother Nino Martinez (De Diego Chapter) the brothers and sisters of Phi Alpha Delta that attended the Sail Away raised another \$512 in Ray's name.

We raised \$952 on the cruise for an overall grand total of \$3604 for 2004-2005. This means that over the last 3 years Hoffman Chapter has raised \$7604 for the National Childhood Cancer Foundation.



Professor Edward C. Brewer Hoffman Chapter Faculty Advisor
(alumni of Lurton Chapter)

Number of Chapters that Set Chapter Recruiting Records

Phi Alpha Delta set a new rushing record in 2004-2005 by initiating 4,633 new members. The vast majority of P.A.D. Law Chapters held at least one fall initiation and one spring initiation each, with many holding up to six initiations during the course of the year!

As a result of strong, diverse chapter programming and year-round rushing, the following chapters set new chapter rush records for themselves as in their pursuit to Raise the Bar! Congratulations!

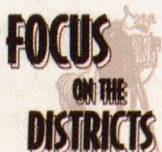
CHAPTER	04-05	OLD RECORD	YEAR
Vaught (OCU)	84	56	1976-1977
Lincoln (JMLS)	182	169	2003-2004
MacDonald (Windsor)	24	16	2002-2003
Willis (ONU)	72	66	2003-2004
Hoffman (NKU)	55	47	88-89 & 02-03
McKellar (Memphis)	59	51	1976-1977
Russell (Ga. State)	88	81	1983-1984
Kenison (Franklin Pierce)	44	27	1994-1995
Watson (Pittsburgh)	88	75	1990-1991
Madison (Roger Williams)	63	61	2001-2002
Lowenstein (Yeshiva)	56	37	1984-1985
Cahn (UDC)	43	39	2003-2004
Cardozo (Catholic)	67	66	1993-1994
LaGuardia (Brooklyn)	78	68	2002-2003
Touro (Touro)	103	99	1989-1990
Burger (Western State)	28	21	2003-2004

FRATERNITY WELCOMES 192ND CHAPTER

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is pleased to welcome our newest chapter, the Frank B. Kellogg Chapter at the University of St. Thomas located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Named after Frank B. Kellogg, a Senator from Minnesota, Foreign Diplomat and special prosecutor for President Theodore Roosevelt in anti-trust cases against the Union Pacific Railroad and the Standard Oil Company, the chapter was installed on April 27, 2005 with the initiation of sixteen new members.

Congratulations are in order to the Executive Board for Kellogg Chapter. The chapter is in the capable hands of Justice Amy Bauch, Vice-Justice Richard Crabb, Clerk Kathryn Lee Van Etta, Treasurer Annah Gardner, and Marshal Elaine Wright. Alumni Advisor Larnience McKoy Moore will be a great mentor to these leaders, too. Each possesses skills to build and maintain a strong chapter that will make a difference for the students of St. Thomas, as well as the profession, and the community.

Congratulations and welcome! We look forward to great things from you!



District XXIII – Outstanding District

During their Summer Meeting in Dallas this past July, the International Executive Board announced several award winners for the 2004-2005 school year.

District XXIII consists of chapters at American (Brandeis), UDC (Cahn), Catholic (Cardozo), Maryland (Darrow), George Washington (Jay), Baltimore (LaBrum), Howard (Langston), George Mason (Mason) and Georgetown (Taft). The award is based on the overall performance of the chapters in the district in holding programs and fulfilling the fraternity motto of Service to the Student, the Law School, the Profession and the Community. Congratulations District XXIII and District Justice Tom Bentz!

District XXIII Justice Thomas H. Bentz DJ of the Year

As part of the Summer Meetings, the International Executive Board announced the winner of the 2004-2005 Stan Jones District Justice of the Year Award. This year's recipient is Thomas H. Bentz (*Webster*).

District Justice Bentz began his career in Phi Alpha Delta as a Pre-Law member of the University of Michigan Chapter while an undergraduate student in Ann Arbor. Upon entering law school at Loyola University – Chicago, DJ Bentz joined the Webster Chapter on September 29, 1995 where he served as Chapter Justice during his 2L and 3L Years and his chapter accounted for approximately a third of all initiates reported in District XI. In 2001, DJ Bentz was named District Justice of District XXIII. Since then, the chapters in the district have consistently held strong and diverse programming which have resulted in increasing rushing totals as well! Congratulations Tom, and keep up the great work!

Picking a winner in each category for the 2004-2005 International Awards was quite a difficult task. With nearly seventy applications to review for awards, the International Executive Board faced the daunting task of selecting the best of the best. Congratulations to the following winners!



Phi Alpha Delta 2004-2005 AWARDS

OUTSTANDING LAW RELATED EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD:

Hickman Chapter (Houston)
Camp C.O.O.L.



OUTSTANDING LAW RELATED EDUCATION STUDENT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT:

Wendy Miller
(Hickman Chapter)



100 NEW INITIATES AWARD: Lincoln Chapter (John Marshal) – 182 Touro Chapter (Touro) – 103



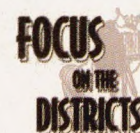
THE TOP RUSHING AWARD: Lincoln Chapter (John Marshal) – 182



GREATEST P.A.D./STUDENT BODY RATIO AWARD:

Willis Chapter
(Ohio Northern): 48%

The Willis Chapter ended the school year with 137 members. Just two years ago the chapter was down to eight members. Congratulations to past Willis Chapter Justices Katie Lyons and Simon Patry, as well as all of their chapter officers, committee chairs and members on this remarkable turnaround!



STANLEY H. KOHN OUTSTANDING CHAPTER COMPETITION

1st Place: Hoffman Chapter
(Northern Kentucky) - District XV.
2nd Place: Hickman Chapter
(Houston) – District IX
3rd Place: Hayes Chapter
(Capital) – District XIV



CHAPTER MERIT AWARD

Lincoln Chapter (John Marshal)
District XI
Kenison Chapter (Franklin Pierce)
District XVIII
Lowenstein Chapter (Yeshiva)
District XXI
Tilden Chapter (New York Law)
District XXI
Wormser Chapter (Fordham)
District XXI
Henry Chapter (Richmond)
District XXIV
Cherry Chapter (Fla. A&M)
District XXVI
Fleming Chapter (Nova)
District XXXII
LaGuardia Chapter (Brooklyn)
District XXIX
Touro Chapter (Touro)
District XXIX

ALEX HOTCHKISS OUTSTANDING LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER JUSTICE

Justin Lawrence (Hoffman Chapter)
District XV



FRANK E. GRAY OUTSTANDING LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER CLERK

Karen Lockhart (Touro Chapter)
District XXIX



OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AWARD:

1st Place: Kension Chapter
(Franklin Pierce) – Exploring Law
Lecture Series

2nd Place: Hickman Chapter
(Houston) – Professional Speaker
Series: “Animal Law”

3rd Place: Terrell Chapter
(Florida State) – “After Innocence”
Discussion



Top 25 Rushing Chapters for Law

Dist	Chapter	Initiates
1	Lincoln (JMLS)	182
2	Touro (Touro)	103
3	Jordan (TMLS)	90
4	Russell (GA State)	88
5	Watson (Pitt)	88
6	Ross (USC)	84
7	Vaught (OCU)	84
8	LaGuardia (Brooklyn)	78
9	Blackstone (Chicago-Kent)	76
10	Fleming (Nova)	76
11	Willis (ONU)	72
12	Hayes (Capital)	68
13	Cardozo (Catholic)	67
14	Story (DePaul)	66
15	Madison (Roger Williams)	63
16	McKellar (Memphis)	59
17	Tureaud (Southern)	58
18	Benson (Washburn)	57
19	Hull (Cumberland)	57
20	Humphrey (Michigan State)	56
21	Lowenstein (Yeshiva)	56
22	Hoffman (NKU)	55
23	Magruder (Illinois)	52
24	S Douglas (SIU)	50
25	Webster (Loyola-Chicago)	48

District VIII

Most Improved District

One of the awards voted upon at the Summer Board meeting was for the Most Improved District. The award is given annually to the district that the International Executive Board believes improved the most the prior year.

Congratulations to District VIII (Garland Chapter at Arkansas-Fayetteville, Hardy Chapter at Tulsa, Harlan Chapter at Oklahoma, Robinson Chapter at Arkansas-Little Rock and Vaught Chapter at Oklahoma City University) for being named the Most Improved District in 2004-2005 and District VIII Justice Jeffrey Crain for his outstanding work there this past year!

Top Rushing Chapters by District

Dist	Chapter	Initiates
1	Connelly (Gonzaga)	18
2	Dirksen (Golden Gate)	21
3	Ross (USC)	84
4	Hughes (Denver)	45
5	Black (Arizona State)	21
6	Hammond (Iowa)	19
7	Benson (Washburn)	57
8	Vaught (Oklahoma City)	84
9	Jordan (Texas Southern)	90
10	Kellogg (St Thomas)	16
11	Lincoln (John Marshal)	184
12	Humphrey (Michigan State)	56
13	Magruder (Illinois)	52
14	Willis (Ohio Northern)	72
15	McKellar (Memphis)	59
16	Tureaud (Southern)	58
17	Russell (Georgia State)	88
18	Kenison (Franklin Pierce)	44
19	Watson (Pittsburgh)	88
20	Madison (Roger Williams)	63
21	Lowenstein (Yeshiva)	56
22	Pepper (Widener)	45
23	Cardozo (Catholic)	67
24	Sutin (Appalachian)	34
25	Timberlake (Wake Forest)	37
26	Fleming (Nova)	76
27	Ramos (Puerto Rico)	28
29	Touro (Touro)	103
30t	Beaumont (Cal. Western)	42
30t	A L Stephens (Whittier)	42
30t	Whittaker (Chapman)	42

Hickman Chapter – Best of the Year!

Hickman Chapter recently made history at the President's Roundtable Awards Ceremony at the University of Houston Law Center.

Hickman Chapter of PAD was named Student Organization of the Year for 2004-2005 (an award "traditionally" given year after year — after year — to the Student Bar Association at UH Law). CONGRATULATIONS to Hickman Chapter!



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miembros exalumnos, personal de la Oficina Ejecutiva Internacional y la Junta Ejecutiva Internacional. A lo largo del camino, como estudiantes, ustedes están desarrollando duraderos lazos fraternales y destrezas de liderato que les serán de mucha utilidad en los años por venir. Quiero extender un AGRADECIMIENTO de corazón a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están haciendo una diferencia positiva.

Y ahora, ¡es el momento de LEVANTAR LA VARA aún más alto! Ustedes nos han puesto en una ruta de distinción. Asegúrense que ustedes, todos los oficiales de sus Capítulos y tantos miembros como puedan asistan a la Conferencia de Distrito programada para este otoño. La Conferencia de Distrito es tu oportunidad para interactuar y desarrollar contactos con otros miembros de P.A.D. en tu Distrito, intercambiar ideas de actividades y discutir sobre la operación de los Capítulos.

Inicien a otros en sus Capítulos de manera que aseguren la continua salud y bienestar de estos. Efectúen tantas iniciaciones como sea posible. Recuerden que solo atrayendo nuevos miembros a sus Capítulos pueden continuar desarrollando los programas profesionales, sociales, académicos y de servicio a la comunidad que han hecho de P.A.D. la extraordinaria organización profesional que es.

Y, ¡no es muy temprano para comenzar a planificar su asistencia a la convención del 2006! Mientras que cada Capítulo tiene derecho al reembolso de los gastos de un delegado, para ayudar a los Capítulos de las Escuelas de Derecho a enviar un segundo delegado a la Convención, hemos establecido un programa de "Ahorrando para la Convención". En la reunión de este verano, ¡la Junta Ejecutiva Internacional voto para aprobar el pago de un dividendo de 10% sobre el total que cada Capítulo de Escuela de Derecho "ahorre" con la Oficina Ejecutiva Internacional a favor de un segundo delegado! Por favor, pónganse en contacto con su Director de Distrito o con la Oficina Ejecutiva para más detalles.

Espero grandes cosas de nuestra Fraternidad durante este año académico y sé que ¡TÚ vas a continuar ALZANDO LA VARA para todos nosotros!

Fraternalmente,

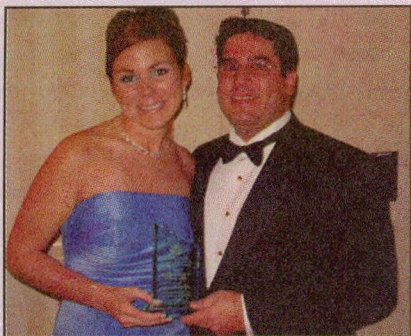
J. Derek Hill
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Effective Programming... the KEY!

*Scarlet Ann Wooton
Harlan Chapter - Alumna*

Effective programming is one of the keys to a successful rush. The first step is meeting with the officer board/membership early in the semester to establish a "calendar" of events to include a discussion of the 5 W's: who, what, when, where, and how. Appoint and/or ask for members to volunteer to "chair/coordinate" the projected programs. Delegation ensures a "chapter effort."

FLEMING CHAPTER *Best of the Best*



We are proud to announce that Fleming Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta was awarded Organization of the Year at the NSU Law Center.

David Rothenberg, says "As Justice, I can only say that this could not have been achieved without the dedication of my eboard, the devotion our executive committee, and the commitment of our membership. It is only through the tireless efforts of all involved that our chapter could have achieved this great honor.."

Congratulations to the Fleming Chapter!

"How To" Series...

First-year students can easily feel "lost" and "alone" during the first semester. They eagerly look for guidance and advice, especially from fellow law school peers, about what they are "supposed to be doing" to survive and succeed during the first year. An effective program strategy to get first-years out in record numbers, is for the chapters to sponsor a series of "How To" workshops that focus on the needs of first-year law students. This series should be open to anyone, without a membership requirement.

How to #1: Within the first two weeks, organize a "How to Brief" workshop, going over basics of outlining a case. Provide a few take-home examples.

How to #2: During the middle of the semester a "How to Outline" session will be a lifesaver as the first years begin to wonder what to do with all those endless notes. If your chapter has an outline bank, point out that one of the key benefits of "membership" is access to great outlines. Also, bring some examples of the various study aids that are available such as tapes,

flashcards, commercial outlines and discuss the pros and cons of them. If your chapter has a study aid library, emphasize "members" can check-out study aids.

How to #3: During early to mid November, present a "How to Take a Final" session. Provide an opportunity for students to ask questions about specific professor's finals (have several chapter members be available to field these questions). Emphasize that one of the most effective methods of study is analyzing and practicing old finals. Be prepared to advise the students on where to obtain their specific professor's old finals (have a list of the professor's who have old finals available; old finals may be online). **General Tips:** Ask professors to come and share their insight on what they expect on a final or brief. Target professors who teach first-year topics. Provide some sort of snack food following the sessions such as pizza. Check with representatives of the various Bar Reviews such as Micromash, Bar Bri, and PMBR or Lexis/Westlaw student associates for sponsorship of the program. These

company reps generally have an interest in gaining a high visibility with first-years, and are often willing to provide partial or total financial funding for related costs such as food.

Pre-Law "Sponsorship"

Pre-Law P.A.D.'s are key candidates for law school, and thus future potential members and leaders. You can contact the Executive Office to find out if there are any active P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapters near you. If so, make contact with the Pre-Law Advisor/President, and offer to

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“sponsor” the chapter. Sponsorship programs could range from pairing a law school chapter member with a pre-law member to serve as a “mentor,” dinner/social with pre-law/law school chapter, or arranging for the Pre-Law Chapter to visit the law school/sit-in on class. General Tips: Discuss with law school administration your chapter’s willingness to assist with “potential student” orientation activities such as tours/accompany visiting students to sit-in on class.

Professional Programming

Fall is on-campus interview season. Sponsor a “How to Ace Your First Interview” workshop. **It is never too early to plan for your rush!** Locate a few P.A.D. area alumni who would be willing to discuss what they look for during interviews. Note that one of the many benefits of P.A.D. is the extensive network of legal professionals available to members.

Communication is Key!

Effective publicity and dissemination of chapter programming events is vital. A variety of communication mediums will ensure widespread student body awareness of chapter programs.

1. **Chapter Web-Site:** A home-page is a great place to post officer contacts and program dates. Often, space is available for student organizations through the school. Also, your chapter page can be linked to the International page(email info@pad.org).
2. **Bulletin Board:** Post officer contacts, calendar of events, photos on the board.
3. **Chapter email/distribution lists** can be utilized to send out “last minute” reminders and meeting minutes. Gather names/emails of “interested” students at programming events and add them to the distribution list. You can easily create a separate “chapter” email account/distribution list through yahoo or hotmail i.e. chaptername@yahoo.com (HarlanChapter@yahoo.com).

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

My name is Byron Rupp, and I am the Director of Chapter Operations.

As the fall semester begins, I’d like to talk to you about **RUSHING**. Effective rushing is crucial to maintaining membership, insuring growth, expanding programming, and discovering leadership potential.

Rushing is a year-round event! This does not mean that you need to have a rush table set up every day of the semester. However, it means that with each event, the name and image of Phi Alpha Delta is presented to potential members. Use these opportunities. Know the benefits of joining P.A.D., and talk about your chapter’s events. Know why you joined P.A.D. Many times, this is the first question that a potential member may ask you.

Recruiting/information tables are one of the most effective ways to let students know of P.A.D.’s presence at your school. Most schools have an organization fair or picnic during the first few weeks of the semester. This is one of the best times to set up a rush table. Make sure that you have plenty of

materials, and members to staff the table. Have an Interested Students Sheet at the table – this will help with the collection of names, and email address so that students are contacted later regarding initiation and other chapter events.

First and foremost, recruitment should always be about personal relationships. you are doing more than finding new members you are making new friendships which will last a lifetime. Don’t forget the “Rule of Five.” 1. Meet them.

2. Make them your friend. 3.

Introduce them to your friends. 4. Introduce them to P.A.D. 5. Invite

them to become a member of P.A.D. Most of us will practice law after school. These are the folks you will spend the next 30-40 years of your professional lives with. Wouldn’t you rather network with friends than strangers?

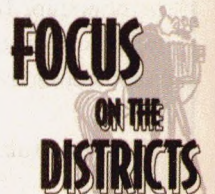
I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Best of luck in the upcoming year!

4. **A mass mailing** of flyers to student boxes 2 to 3 days prior to the event is another method. Use bright colored flyers with the P.A.D. logo (can download from the International home-page).

5. **Student/alumni magazine:** Submit articles/new releases concerning a significant chapter activity to local student publications.

If you have additional questions concerning law school in general, or chapter programming, rush or communication related questions please email the P.A.D. office at info@pad.org.

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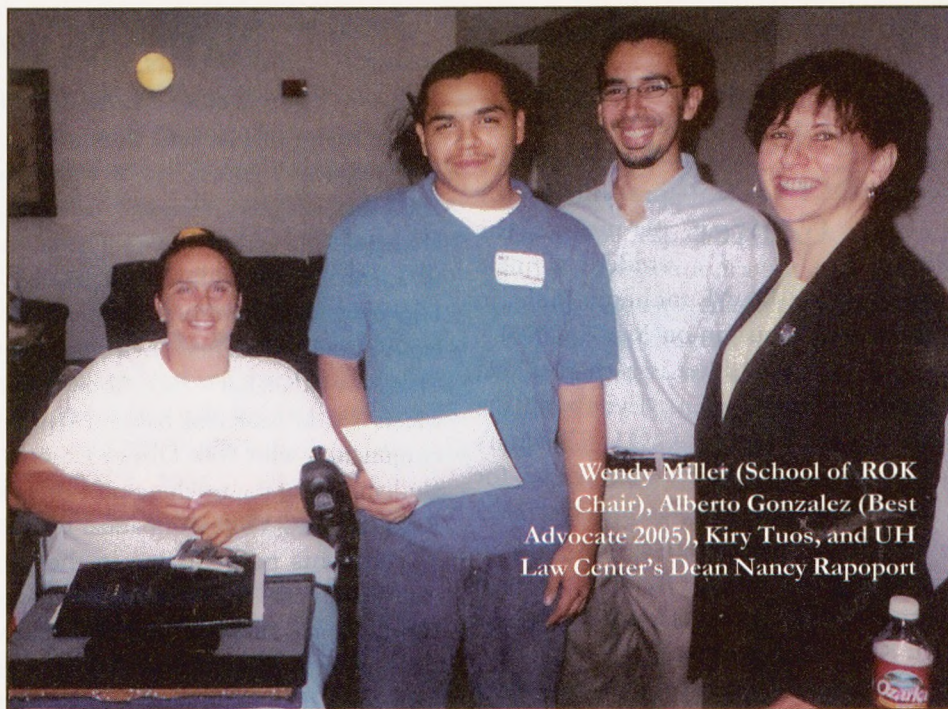
"SCHOOL OF ROK"

- *Right of Kids*

by, Wendy Miller
Hickman Chapter Justice

Hickman Chapter received recognition from the Houston legal community at a May 2005 banquet hosted by the Houston Young Lawyers Association. Hickman was a 2005 grant recipient from the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. The grant of \$1,650 supported Hickman's newest law-related education project, School of ROK (Rights of Kids) —

held at



Wendy Miller (School of ROK Chair), Alberto Gonzalez (Best Advocate 2005), Kiry Tuos, and UH Law Center's Dean Nancy Rapoport

UH Law campus on April 26, 2005.

"School of ROK" had thirty-nine participants from four Houston-area high schools. The event began with a greeting by UH Law's Assistant Dean Sondra Tennessee and a morning of law classes focusing on legal rights of teenagers. Topics included Juvenile Law (taught by Kiry Tuos-Southwest Juvenile Defender Center) and watching a film on "In Re Gault"; Consumer Law (taught by People's Law School founder-Professor Richard Alderman); Making the Legal Transition from Teenager to Adult (taught by Barbara Stalder, Children's Legal Services of Houston); and Medical Decision-Making (taught by Jane's Due Process, Austin-TX).

At lunch, the high school students learned about the American Jury (materials courtesy of State Bar of Texas and American Bar Association), were "sworn-in" as jury members, and received their jury instructions. Divided into four juries, the students (with the assistance of law student "jury observers") then participated in jury deliberations covering a set fact pattern. The

jury observers played an active role in the deliberation process by "acting out" opening and closing arguments, and by helping the 'jurors' with the necessary legal concepts, such as "beyond a reasonable doubt." The day concluded with a jury quiz, a visit with UH Law's Dean Nancy Rapoport, and the awards/presentation of certificates.

The two main awards for School of ROK 2005 were Best Advocate and Best Juror. Best Advocate (based on participation in the law classes) was Alberto Gonzalez from Milby High School. Best Juror (based on the total score from jury observer scores and the jury quiz) was Elise Tobey from Memorial High School. Wendy Miller

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These Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center pages were produced under a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

Dean Tennessee welcoming the School of ROK participants to the UH Law Center.



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(Hickman Justice/School of ROK, Chair) presented the plaques to the student winners at the Law Day Luncheon (held in downtown Houston on May 5, 2005).

Hickman Chapter is a chapter that makes things happen. Even with the success of it's Camp C.O.O.L. (Children's Orientation On Law), a two-camp for K-6th grade, the goals set for 2004-2005 included providing a law-related education project to benefit the high school population of Houston. School of ROK was that goal.

Hickman Chapter has made its presence known in its school and in Houston. It was honored in 2005 with UH Law Center's coveted "Organization of the Year" and has received the award for Best Community Service for two consecutive years from Campus Activities on the main campus of the University of Houston. SOR individually received community recognition with a \$1,650 grant from the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation (HYLF) to support it. [HYLF, created in 1992, supports the charitable programs of young lawyers in Harris County.] As a bonus — UH Law Center is matching the HYLF funds dollar for dollar. In the 2005-2006 academic year, Hickman Chapter will receive an additional \$1,650 in funding to assist with costs for Initiations, Chapter Meetings, and Professional Speaker Events.

Special thanks from Hickman for assisting with this event go to the topic presenters, the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Andre Rodriguez (Milby High School teacher), Lisa Reed (City of Hedwig Village Teen Court coordinator), Kim Diepraam (HYLA Executive Director), Tammi Sweet (State Bar of Texas), Andrew Sagan (P.A.D. Int'l), Clint Raney (law student "judge"), all "jury observers" and event volunteers donating time the valuable week before finals, and UH Law faculty and administration (for always supporting Hickman's endeavors).

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

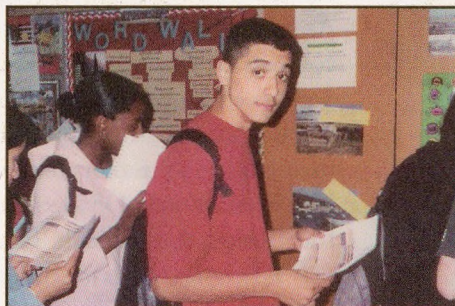
Wendy M. Miller, Hickman Justice 2004-2005

In honor of National Youth Service Day, Hickman Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity joined forces with Mikki Wagner's eighth grade class on April 15, 2005. Ms. Wagner graciously for one class period turned her class over to five law students for a lesson on family violence. From 8:30 am to 9:50 am at T.S. Grantham Academy in the Aldine Independent School District (Houston, Texas), the five Hickman volunteers presented an interactive lesson on "family violence" to thirty eighth-grader students. The program began with an 8-minute age-appropriate video, "It's Not O.K.: Let's Talk About Domestic Violence." The video (hosted by 'Boy Meets World' star Ben Savage) was produced by the American Bar Association in conjunction with Walt Disney Company and was followed by a discussion with the students using the teaching plan of Lesson Four from PAD's "Respect, Reflect, and Resolve" Anti-Violence manual for middle and high school students.

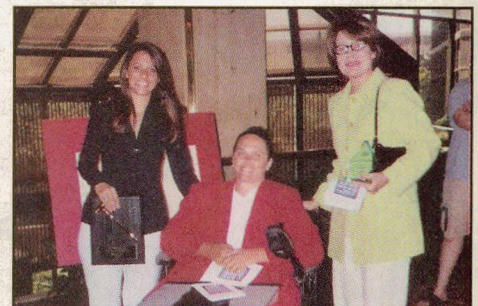
Students participating in the program with Hickman volunteers began by exploring where they stood on the issue of spanking children and learning about the surprising statistics surrounding family violence. Using examples of in-home violence, the students divided into five thoughtful groups to discuss 'why' the behavior happened. The program concluded by bringing the students back together to find 'solutions' on how the behavior could have been prevented.

As a National Youth Service Day Partner, Phi Alpha Delta International Public Service Center (Carole Collins, Director) made this event with the topic of violence prevention possible by awarding Hickman Chapter a grant of \$200 to support it. The grant was used to purchase the materials and handouts (including the ABA video), the candy "rewards" for the students, and also paid the toll expenses for the law student volunteers in their travel from the law center to the middle school. Ms. Wagner's classroom gift as a "thank you" for allowing Hickman to spend time with her students was an U.S. History-themed gift basket with items from the WB-TV program, "Liberty's Kids." In addition to books and a DVD from the TV program, the basket included an U.S. History bundle of CD-ROMs with interactive lessons and games on the entire history of the United States (from the founding fathers to the presidency of George W. Bush).

National Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2005. National Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, engaging millions of young Americans and focusing national attention on the amazing leadership of young people. As a national partner of National Youth Service Day, P.A.D. Public Service Center offered the sponsorship of 25 mini-grants for Violence Prevention. The mini-grants supported the mission of the PAD P.S.C. by teaching children and youth to resolve conflict without violence, and to prevent juvenile delinquency as a whole. PAD P.S.C. uses Law-Related Education and Service Learning to address violence by and against youth for a safe, disciplined and drug-free schools and communities



National Youth Service Day
participant reviews his materials.



Elise Tobey (Best Juror 2005), Wendy Miller (Hickman Justice), and Lisa Reed (City of Hedwig Village Teen Court)

Pre-Law Mini-Grants Available - Phi Alpha Delta PSC

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Conference - Nov. 3-6, 2005

The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center (P.A.D. P.S.C.) invites Pre-Law School Chapters to participate in the **Pre-Law Conference, November 3-6, 2005**. As a national partner of Youth for Justice, P.A.D. P.S.C. will sponsor **Twenty-Five, \$200.00 grants**, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, to assist chapters in strengthening service in their communities.

The mini-grants support the mission of the P.A.D.P.S.C. by teaching children and youth to resolve conflict without violence, and to prevent juvenile delinquency as a whole. P.A.D.P.S.C. uses Law-Related Education and Service Learning to address violence by and against youth for a safe, disciplined and drug-free schools and communities.

Participating Chapters agree to: (1) Participate in a workshop provided by the Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center 2) To implement a community service learning project in their community. Upon completion of the project, each chapter will be responsible for providing a short summary of the project to Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center.

The first 25 Pre-Law chapters that submit a request and agree to the eligibility requirements will be awarded a mini-grant of \$200. Please submit no later than **October 1, 2005**.

Mail or fax them to:

P.A.D. Public Service Center,
345 North Charles Street, 3rd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201
Fax: 410-347-3119

For more information, contact
Carole Collins, Director, Phi Alpha Delta
Public Service Center, at 410-347-3118
or email at psc@pad.org.

Annual Canned Food Drive

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The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center annually sponsors a Canned Food Drive Competition among its pre-law and law school chapters. This year's winners are University of Arizona (Pre-Law chapter) with a total of 1662 cans and Nova Southeastern University (Fleming Chapter) with a total of 7149 cans. We encourage you to participate in this worthwhile public service project. Your food drive can take place at anytime during the school year. **Congratulations** to all the participants in the Canned Food Drive.

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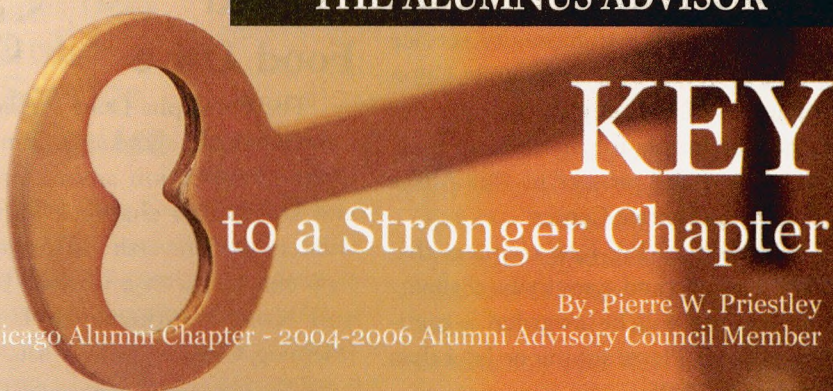
YES! I would like to volunteer with the Law Related Education Program

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THE ALUMNUS ADVISOR

KEY to a Stronger Chapter

By, Pierre W. Priestley

Chicago Alumni Chapter - 2004-2006 Alumni Advisory Council Member

One of the most important components of a strong P.A.D. student chapter is the alumnus advisor. Student chapters often overlook these committed P.A.D. brothers and sisters who want to serve the fraternity and profession by working with a local chapter. The alumnus advisor should be an integral part of every student chapter to help insure that the fraternity will stay strong and the benefits of membership will be available for future members.

The alumnus advisor's job is generally to support the student chapter by providing advice and assistance to the officers and chapter membership. In addition the advisor serves as a resource to aid the members in their fraternal and professional development. Alumnus advisors carry out their duties in a variety of ways. Some actively meet with the chapter officers on a periodic basis; others show their support by attending chapter events or providing logistical or financial support for activities. Still others keep in communication via phone or email and make themselves available on an as needed basis. Most alumnus advisors are very happy to respond to their chapter's needs and help in any way they can.

Student chapters often do not recognize the value and importance of the alumnus advisor. The alumnus advisor can provide a sense of history and consistency to the chapter. Student membership is transitory and as such most chapter leaders have little knowledge of

what programs and activities have worked (or not worked) in the past. Each chapter seeks to be innovative with its programming, however, the alumnus advisor's historical perspective can help the chapter leaders avoid making the same mistakes of previous programs. The alumnus advisor provides more input than "that's not how we used to do it," rather his/her legal and fraternity background and collective knowledge is a valuable reference that should be embraced by the chapter and its officers.

In addition to their broad experience, alumnus advisors can help their chapters by utilizing their contacts in the legal and business community. Law students often want local attorneys and judges to participate in or attend chapter events. In many instances it can be difficult to get through to a well-known attorney or get on a judge's schedule. This is an example of where the alumnus advisor can help facilitate the introduction or invitation on behalf of the chapter. Most practicing attorneys – especially P.A.D.'s – have an extensive network of legal community contacts that can be very useful to a student chapter. These contacts can be utilized for panel discussions, lectures, mentoring, job fairs, and almost any other programming, rush, or educational activity that the chapter may sponsor. Most good programs and projects can be enhanced by the participation and support of the legal community. The alumnus advisor is the bridge to the legal community and is thus serves an

important role in keeping the chapter strong and successful.

Through their legal experience and contacts alumnus advisors also serve a practical function. Most law students, especially third years, would like assistance finding a clerkship or a position as an associate in a law firm. Legal jobs can be very competitive, thus, the advice and assistance of a practicing attorney can be very helpful. The alumnus advisor certainly can't hire every P.A.D. member but his recommendation or referral may be the deciding factor between two otherwise equal candidates. In addition, the alumnus advisor can provide useful information to members about various types of law practice and practical advice on how to achieve one's legal career goals. Few law school organizations integrate alumnus and students together professionally and socially. Phi Alpha Delta is unique in that student chapters, when properly organized, have at least three alumnus (District Justice, Alumnus Advisor, Faculty Advisor) who have committed themselves to the development of the chapter and its members. How much you recognize and take advantage of this benefit is up to you.

The purpose of this article is to remind student chapters how important the alumnus advisor is to the strength and success of your chapter. Alumnus advisors are P.A.D. members who want to strengthen the fraternity and their profession by helping the student members develop the professional, leadership, and legal skills necessary to be responsible members of the legal profession. They have made the commitment to you and are available as a steady resource to your chapter. If you don't have at least one (you can have more than one) alumnus advisor then approach your District Justice and begin the process of having one appointed for you. You, your chapter, and the fraternity will benefit from your decision.

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By,
Tiffany Stephenson
4th Year Law Student
University of Queensland Australia

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the Australian Law Students
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The Goods and Services Tax or the "GST" as known to most Australians will have been in operation for five years in July of 2005. Taxation laws in Australia form one of the most complex systems in the world. It was hoped that through the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax of 10%, this would alleviate the inconsistent tax laws that were in place prior to the reforms, which not only contained too many loop holes, but favoured the wealthier classes. However, the process of change has been far from smooth or, in many cases, welcomed by all sectors from consumers to businesses and political spheres. Following the passing of the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) Act 1999*. The new system came into operation on the 1st July 2000. Some of the most problematic realities of implementing the scheme was in the retail industry, in which there were 'exceptions' for items to be sold that were classified as 'items of necessity'. These merchandise included all raw foods, *uncooked* meat, female hygiene products and soap. One of the media frenzies that resulted from this classification system was the "cooked chicken" debate. The process of cooking

and storing the chicken (or any other food product for that matter) attracted the GST because it was at an additional cost to the business to provide the service of preparing an item that could have otherwise been undertaken by the consumer. So in the end, for the sake of what often amounted to a difference of only a couple of cents, businesses were forced to spend thousands converting not only their accounting databases and records, but also on additional wages for employees to re-price all items on the shelves by the magic moment when the new laws came into force. Larger companies hired temporary staff during this time to work all night "graveyard" shifts as they raced against the clock. Unfortunately this was only the beginning of the GST Jitters to follow...

According to Robert Richards who is a specialist in revenue and associated corporate law in Australia, lawyers are now in favourable position to effectively administer the GST because it is a transaction based tax. There are still doubts as to whether a supply is GST free or not, and there are on going issues involving one-off transactions. These create unique difficulties because it is the

supplier of goods or services who is liable for any GST, and they are also the vendors. Hence if that supplier does not recover the GST from the recipient at the time of supply, they may never recover the GST. Further, if this agreement ignores GST, the supply will be deemed 'GST free' automatically according to law. Sometimes an indemnity is made by the recipient of the goods or services, which essentially amounts to a promise to pay GST where if it is determined to be applicable. However indemnities are notoriously unreliable and often a financial risk. There are some avenues of recourse for suppliers despite the difficulties associated with enforcing indemnity assurances. For example a supplier may draft and submit a 'ruling request' form to the Australian Taxation Office according to the *Taxation Administration Act*. Following a successful lodgement, a ruling by the Tax Office will be made. The Tax Office has the authority to issue Public rulings and determinations or private rulings. These are distinct from each other in the sense that public are intended to have a general application and private rulings result from



requests made by individuals. All rulings are published and available on line for reference. The review process is not strictly regulated and there are no set guidelines for review of requests for GST determinations or rulings. It is accepted that the Office is given the discretion to scrutinise submissions by people specialised in the taxation field to a greater extent than unassisted members of the public.

This is not an efficient process for this reasons coupled by the fact that the Taxation Office is under no obligation to issue a ruling within a specified time and it cannot be forced to make a speedy finding according to the Act s14ZAO. Requests on the progress can only be made every three months. Finally, the last sting in the tail is the fact that any determination regarding a GST matter that is made by the Tax Office will not be binding on the office as other Taxation decisions (for example Income Tax). In effect this means that rulings can only be relied upon to the extent of the accuracy contained within the information supplied to the department. This is subject to assessment at any time in the future. Note also that the Office is not bound by any oral advice offered by its employees, and applicants cannot rely upon such advice. (Principle does not apply across the board, advice on other Taxes can be)

A recent court case involving assessment of GST concerned tax payers that are large multi-national companies including International Lease Finance Corporation Incorporated (American jet aircraft owners), two of its wholly owned subsidiaries and Australian airline leasing company. The NSW Supreme Court dismissed proceedings by these four companies who sought declaratory relief in respect of their liabilities under the GST Act. As a result of restructuring lease agreements, the complex transactions between the companies attracted a large GST which prompted

the Commissioner to serve notices of assessment under s22 of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and a declaration under s165-40 of the GST Act. This effected increased the net amount in specified tax period to approximately \$AU70 million dollars payable. The taxpayers opposed this claiming it had been a tentative assessment to which the court held that the evaluations were conclusive, the Commission had provided signed copies of the assessment notices and conducted their investigations in accordance with the legislative requirements. There was no scope for residual arguments with respect to which figures and sums should have been utilised. In conclusion, this represents a very strong stance taken by the courts to rigidly enforce the GST scheme

This article has touched briefly upon some of the social and legal dilemmas associated with the Australian Goods and Services Tax. It is important to realise that this is simplification of the issues in one area that exists within a vast array of tax laws that are as complex as they are numerous. For a more in depth analysis of this, and related topics please refer to the following articles or alternatively contact the author at s4008423@student.uq.edu.au.

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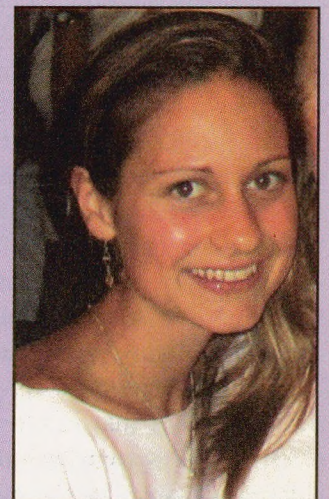
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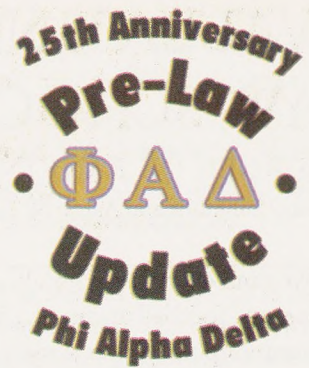
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Does Your Major Really Matter?

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research and write about a variety of issues, honing the competency needed in law school.

Many of us forget lawyers also serve as counselors and that the legal profession is in many ways a “healing” profession. Majors such as psychology, sociology or other social sciences can give you insight into human nature, behavior and issues impacting our society. In turn, this knowledge will allow you to better relate to, and serve, your future clients.

Students majoring in business or economics will develop an understanding of the corporate world and the specific needs of the companies and organizations they serve should they later pursue a career in corporate or business law.

You should remember that the majors listed in this article represent only the tip of the iceberg of law student educational backgrounds. For example, there were 57 different majors represented in this year’s entering class at my school. Our students hold degrees from Art History to zoology.

Should you decide to pursue a unique or lesser known program of study that may be unfamiliar to admission committees, you should provide course descriptions or other academic information that the committee can review in evaluating your transcript. Be sure to highlight those courses that required proficiency in utilizing skills relevant to law school.

You should choose a major based on your interests and not your desire to attend law school. It is clear to admission committees when an applicant has chosen

Does your major really matter? That is the question I am asked repeatedly each year by applicants trying to decide the next step on their paths to law school. College is a time to bend and stretch your mind in a variety of new directions. Your degree should give you the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of what your university has to offer. Fortunately, you can build the essential skills to law school success in almost any major.

A lawyer must be able to think analytically and logically. He or she must possess strong oral and written communication skills, as well as superior researching abilities. There are innumerable combinations of major and electives courses that can help build these skills. Your major will provide your educational foundation, and by carefully selecting electives, you can supplement any areas of deficiency presented by your major. For example, a student majoring in Music could still be headed down the road to law school, as long as he or she compliments that major with courses that will teach and hone the skills relevant to success in law school.

Taking courses that require you to think analytically and logically will not only help prepare you for law school, but can also help prepare you for the LSAT. After all, it is your analytical and logical

reasoning, reading comprehension, and writing skills which are being tested.

Admission committees are looking for academic rigor in your undergraduate course of study, irrespective of your major. After all, law school is an academically challenging endeavor and we want to know that you are capable of performing at a high level in the classroom. Admission committees do not expect or require you to have taken any law related courses prior to entering law school. Moreover, law schools value diversity in the broadest sense of the term, and diversity of thought and educational background are keys to enrolling a talented pool of students. So, to all those who ask “Is there one major that is my ticket to law school?” the answer is no.

Undoubtedly, some majors are more common among law school applicants than others. Political Science is generally considered to be the most logical path to law school. But majoring in Political Science will not necessarily render you more prepared than students with other majors; it can, however, be helpful in evaluating your tolerance for intensive reading and writing and your desire to pursue law as a career. Upper division courses in subjects such as English, history or philosophy will also require you to

EVALUATING LAW SCHOOLS:

THE ROLE OF RANKINGS

By, Tracy Simmons and Aaron N. Taylor

We rank everything: hotels, cameras, restaurants, football teams, etc. Rankings are commonplace in our society because they provide a readily accessed and seemingly readily understood evaluation of worth or quality. In higher education, specifically legal education, rankings are used to rate everything from tuition to employment rates, library volumes to bar pass rates, and so on. Some are humorous. Some use complex formulas to derive their data. Seek and you shall find. Rankings are everywhere.

Law school rankings are big business. They sell magazines. They increase traffic on websites. Applicants embrace them because they purport to do the “work” for them. Some schools even embrace them (at least when the news is good). Rankings can be sources of helpful information; but too many applicants rely on rankings to determine the best law school for them. Because of this, the two major law school-related organizations—the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)—have made it their policies to caution applicants against over-reliance on rankings.

The ABA, the principal law school accrediting body, frowns on law school rankings. The organization states that “no rating of law schools beyond the simple statement of their accreditation status is...advocated by the official organizations in legal education.” Further, the ABA states that “qualities that make one kind of school good for one student may not be as important to another....” The organization implores prospective students to “consider a variety of factors in making their choice among approved schools.”

The LSAC levies even harsher criticism upon law school rankings. In a letter, endorsed by 181 law school deans, discussing the shortcomings of

commercial rankings, the LSAC states that “these ranking systems are inherently flawed because none of them can take your special needs and circumstances into account when comparing law schools.” The letter states further that measuring law schools by the same yardstick “ignores the qualities that make you and the law schools unique, and is unworthy of being an important influence on the choice you are about to make.”

There is a common criticism of law school rankings in both of these assessments: rankings fail to account for the unique qualities of applicants and law schools. This major, even fatal, flaw of law school rankings makes their value dubious and over-reliance on them unwise. In this article, we hope to provide a guide to the proper usage of law school rankings and give you tips on performing comprehensive research into the nation’s law schools.

What role should rankings play in evaluating schools?

The answer to this question is simple: a limited one. For starters, rankings are incapable of measuring actual quality of law programs. Rankings have some use, however, in measuring perceived quality; thus, as they relate to reputation, rankings can be one of many factors you consider. But do not rely too heavily on rankings, even in this limited manner. The inherent “relativity” of reputations and perceptions render rankings unfit as primary selection tools. Besides, your decision of where to apply and where to attend law school should go far beyond reputations. Thus, your research should go far beyond rankings. The particular factors that you find most important will reflect your individual situation—a reality for which rankings are unable to accommodate.

How should I evaluate schools?

If you were to use Google to search the term “law school,” you would get over one hundred million hits. Needless to say, this is more information than you could ever utilize. The sheer volume of information out there overwhelms many



prospective law students. This phenomenon probably best explains the popularity of rankings; their orderly manner of presenting information is welcomed relief for applicants suffering from “information overload”. But unfortunately, the only way that you are going to gain the information you need about schools is through in-depth research—immersing yourself in the “sea” of information. This type of research is time-consuming and at times unpleasant; but it is necessary.

Prior to beginning your research you should make a list of factors and qualities in a law school that are important to you. These factors will obviously be based on your own desires; but in compiling your list you should also seek the advice of other knowledgeable people, particularly current law students or recent law school grads. You could benefit from their ability to utilize hindsight and experience in helping you determine what qualities are important. At this stage, most of your factors will be general in nature, becoming more specific as you acquire more information. Do not be afraid to alter, add, or subtract factors.

Once you are satisfied with your initial list, you should begin to research schools. Using your list in this early phase of your research will help prevent you from becoming overwhelmed because you will know what you are looking for and will be able to distinguish important information from unimportant. Be sure to utilize an array of sources, both primary and secondary. Contact individual schools, perform internet searches, read magazines like this one, and purchase guides such as the ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools. There are countless resources

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available to you that are easy to obtain, and most of them are free.

Of course, the initial purpose of your list will be to help you determine where to apply, and the general factors filling your list should be effective in performing that task. But when it comes time to decide where to attend, your factors should become more specific and thorough in nature. For example, if one of your goals is to attend a school on the cutting-edge of academic technology, you should now begin to research and compare the particular technologies in use at schools from which you are choosing. Or if cost is a major factor, you should not only assess specific grant opportunities in the first year, but also in the second and third years.

At this stage, you should also judge schools based on both tangible and intangibles factors. The tangible factors are obvious—tuition, diversity, course selection, GPA/LSAT medians, location, scholarship opportunities, etc. But the intangibles can be just as important. What feeling do you get when you interact with members of the school community? Is admission office staff helpful, pleasant, etc.? If you have visited a school, did the environment seem supportive and collegial? Or did everyone seem to be on edge and unfriendly? Do not ignore your “sixth sense,” it can prove valuable.

So as you navigate the admission process, your list should be your trusted guide. Be particularly mindful of glaring contrasts between the schools on your list. If you notice that your list is made up of a low-tuition public school, known for its public interest focus as well as a high-tuition private school, known for its corporate focus, make sure that there is a rational reason for this contrast.

One last word about rankings

Different lists employ different methods for assigning ranks. Therefore, when utilizing a ranking list be sure to pay close attention to its research methodology. At a minimum, you should be aware of the factors that are measured and the weight assigned to each factor. You should

also take note of inherent biases (smaller schools vs. larger schools, older schools vs. newer schools, etc.) created by different methodologies. You should assess the compatibility between factors that are important to you and factors deemed important by the compilers of the list. Taking the time to develop this type of thorough understanding of the rankings might defeat the purpose of having such a “neat and tidy” list before you, but it is the only way to truly place them in the proper context.

Good luck in your research. Law school will be a wonderful journey. Empower yourself with the information you need to choose the best school for you.

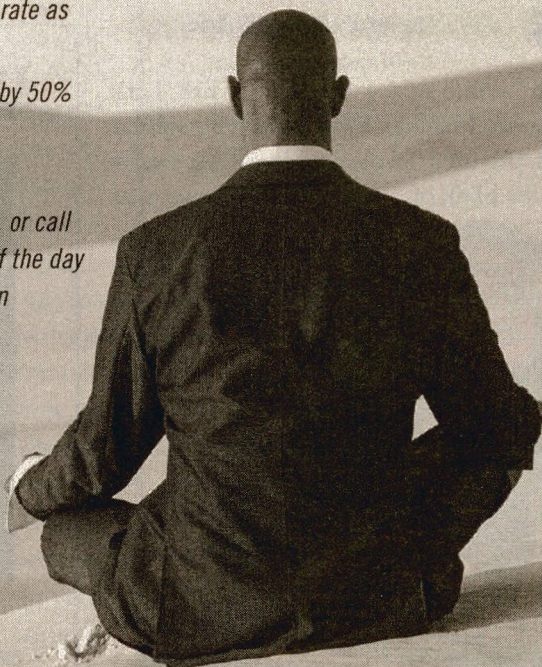
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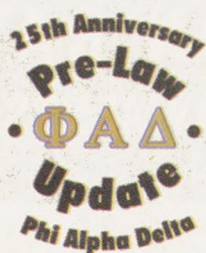
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the "right" major for him or her. Let's just say I can spot someone who started off pre-med to please his or her family in the blink of an eye. Taking classes that you enjoy leads to a stronger academic performance and, thus, a stronger application to law school. So you should consider all of your options *before* choosing your major, and once you have done so, be certain that your particular program of study is adequate preparation for what faces you in law school. No matter what major you choose, it is important that you engage in a well-rounded course of study and strive to do your best by giving your studies the utmost attention.

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Top Rushing Pre-Law Chapters by District

Dist.	Chapter	Initiates
1	Western Oregon	24
2	UC-Berkley	27
3	UC-Santa Barbara	50
4	UC-Boulder	30
5	Arizona-Tucson	107
6	Iowa	65
7	Missouri-Columbia	37
8	Oklahoma State	38
9	Houston	64
10	Carthage	3
11	DePaul	30
12	Michigan-Ann Arbor	74
13	Illinois	64
14	John Carroll	21
15	Ohio University	61
16	Louisiana State	51
17	Georgia	41
19	SUNY-Binghamton	38
20	Roger Williams	5
22	Delaware	59
23	Maryland - College Park	74
24	Virginia Tech	60
25	North Carolina	26
26	Central Florida	140
27	Cath Univ of Puerto Rico	11
29	Hofstra	9
30	UC-San Diego	62

Top 25 Rushing Pre-Law Chapters

Place	Chapter	Initiates
1	Central Florida	140
2	Arizona-Tucson	107
3	Maryland - College Park	74
4	Michigan	74
5	Iowa	65
6	Houston	64
7	Illinois	64
8	UC-San Diego	62
9	Louisiana State	62
10	Texas Tech	62
11	Ohio	61
12	Texas - Austin	61
13	Virginia Tech	60
14	Delaware	59
15	Florida State	55
16	James Madison	52
17	UC-Santa Barbara	50
18	Florida International	49
19	Georgetown	48
20	Miami	48
21	Temple	47
22	Baylor	44
23	Florida	44
24	Miami (OH)	44
25t	Arizona State	41
25t	Georgia	41

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Pre-Law Advisory Council Report

By, James Erwin
Pre-Law Advisory Council Chair

The Pre-Law Advisory Council (PLAC) enters the summer season with many projects in progress and excited about the proposals we anticipate bringing to the membership over the next year.

Two new members have been appointed to PLAC since our last report. Wendy Miller, a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center joins as an alumni member of the Council and Michael Harnden of the University of Arizona is our new student representative. Michael is currently a pre-law member and Wendy, in addition to her strong performance as Justice of her law school chapter, also brings experience as a member of the pre-law chapter at the University of Houston.

As we reported previously, Mara Harvey has undertaken the responsibility of looking into providing our pre-law members with a more effective and more appealing method of communicating with each other. Though not yet finalized, plans for a discussion board are in progress. Once completed, this board will provide pre-law students and faculty with a more dedicated forum in which they can exchange information, thoughts, questions and comments which relate to pre-law issues. The objective of this project is to provide the membership with a method of communicating other than the current listserv which tends to also relate to many law student and alumni issues. The topics will therefore be of much more interest

to the pre-law members and should make for much more efficient communication.

Verlaine Walker and Michael Harnden have been spearheading another project aimed at improving the services we provide in our mock trial programs. Under their guidance, PLAC is looking to provide PAD with recommendations on issues such as (1) whether to expand or alter the programs to include or switch to similar aspects such as moot court competitions or opening and closing statement competitions, (2) how to finance an expansion of the programs, and (3) how to improve the general quality of the programs. As you can imagine, the scope of this project is enormous and Verlaine and Mike are looking for help in this undertaking. Anyone interested in contributing to this project (or any of our tasks) is asked to e-mail me at jerwin@erwinlawfirm.com and I will forward their information accordingly.

Over the past several months, I personally have been dedicated to developing a more self-sustaining infrastructure for the pre-law membership. Many of you may not be aware of this, but you belong to the fastest growing segment of PAD and within the next year, we may well be initiating over 5,000 new pre-law members each year. As the membership continues to grow, we remain dedicated to ensuring that each of you has the opportunity to maximize the quality of your experiences with PAD. For that reason, we are working on creating a separate staff and volunteer support framework and a new set of services and programs exclusively for pre-law students. I am excited about some of the concepts we are working on and am certain that your chapters will soon be able to benefit from our work as you will be able to offer greater recruiting incentives and more tools to keep your members involved and active in your chapter activities.

"TOP 10" RUSHING PITFALLS

10. Not knowing the **MATERIALS** you are handing out
9. Not **ACTIVELY** approaching potential new members
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7. Putting entire rushing effort into **ONE** program
6. Recruiting only one particular **CLASS LEVEL**
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Business attire is appropriate for all sessions. For the banquet, women should plan to wear cocktail attire, and men should plan to wear jacket and tie.

■ Mock Trial Competition

The tournament consist of three rounds of competition for all teams. During the first two rounds, teams are given an opportunity to prosecute and defend. The third will be determined randomly who will prosecute/defend. Scores from rounds 1, 2 & 3 will be tallied and averaged. The top 4 teams will advance to the championship round.

The following will be awarded:

- Outstanding Overall Team
- Outstanding Defense Team
- Outstanding Prosecution Team
- Overall Outstanding Attorney
- Outstanding Witness

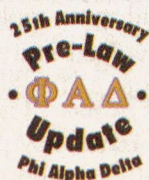
Only conference registrants are eligible to compete. Teams consist of four members with a required additional cost of \$25 per person plus conference registration fee to compete. The case will be available September 1, 2005.

**Teams will be penalized for not attending all educational sessions and teams dropping out will not be allowed any refunds.*

■ Accommodations

The Hilton Hotel located across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. is the host site of the 2005 Pre-Law Conference. It is just a few blocks from the metro stop which gives members access to Washington DC. The hotel offers free shuttle service between National Airport and the Metro station. Once at the station, you are just minutes from all of the attractions!

Rooms are available at \$109/night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel at (800) 695-7551. When calling, mention Phi Alpha Delta to receive the special rate. Reservations must be made by Monday, October 17th to get the special rate. Reservations will continue to be accepted on a space available basis, at regular hotel rates after the deadline.



■ AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005

9:00 am	Registration Opens
10:00 am	Mock Trial Info. Session
11:00 am	Mock Trial Round #1-A
1:30 pm	Mock Trial Round #1-B
4:00 pm	Mock Trial Round #2-A
6:30 pm	Mock Trial Round #2-B
8:30 pm	Kickoff & Welcome Meet & Greet P.A.D.s sponsored by The Princeton Review

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2005

7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am	Review/Announcements
8:45 am	FEATURE - OPTION ONE "What to Expect the First Year of Law School" with Dr. Paul Lisnek Presented by Bar/Bri Law School Prep Program
	FEATURE - OPTION TWO "Transitioning to a Pre-Law Officer" with Alums/Staff
10:30 am	FEATURE - LAW SCHOOL EXPO visit with over 25 law schools from across the country.
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	FEATURE - OPTION ONE "Guerrilla Tactics Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams" Presented by Kimm Walton
	FEATURE - OPTION TWO "Your legal career options" P.A.D. Alums and Judges
2:30 pm	Free Time for sightseeing & Tours of Law Schools
4:00 pm	Mock Trial Round #3 - A
6:30 pm	Mock Trial Round #3 - B

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	FEATUREI - "Leadership Uncommon" with Elaine Penn
10:30 am	BREAK
10:45 am	FEATUREI - "Chapter Growth and Q and A"
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	ROTATING WORKSHOPS Public Service - Carole Collins Internships - TBA LSAT - Q and A - TBA
4:00 pm	Final Round of Mock Trial
7:00 pm	Pre-Law Awards Banquet

FEATURED SPEAKERS

"WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR
FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENTS"

session presented by

DR. PAUL LISNEK

Dr. Lisnek is nationally recognized for his frequent appearances on NBC News, MSNBC, CNBC and Court TV programs including the Today Show, Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, and Rivera Live. He has authored 8 books including Law School Companion, The Complete Litigator, Practice Made Perfect, and Winning the Mind Game, Negotiating in Business and Life. He is one of the nation's premiere lecturers on the continuing legal education circuit and has appeared in most every state, lectures annually at the American Bar Association, has been invited by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana to keynote the annual court dinner, as well as Fortune 100 companies.

"GUERRILLA TACTICS - GETTING
THE LEGAL JOB OF YOUR
DREAMS"

session presented by

KIMM WALTON

You won't want to miss this session! "The Job Goddess" will be making her presentation on Saturday morning. Kimm is one of the nation's leading experts on how to get an awesome job. This is much more than just career help, Kimm is downright hilarious! You will gain valuable tips from one of the most innovative thinkers in the country.

"LEADERSHIP
UNCOMMON"

session presented by

ELAINE PENN

Why are some people stronger leaders than others? Elaine will explore the three common traits of excellent leaders: they have a vision, a plan and an unshakable self belief. She will explore these qualities and others to develop your leadership abilities. A Phi Alpha Delta first-time presenter and one not to be missed!

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PRE-LAW CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Phone: () _____
E-Mail: _____
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MOCK TRIAL:

☐ I will be competing in the Mock Trial Competition with a Team
from my Chapter. Enclosed is our \$100 Team Registration Fee.

Our Team Members Are:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

- ☐ I will participate in Mock Trial, however I don't have a team
☐ I will participate as an Attorney (\$25 registration fee enclosed)
☐ I will participate as a Witness (\$25 registration fee enclosed)
☐ I will participate as a Clerk/Timekeeper

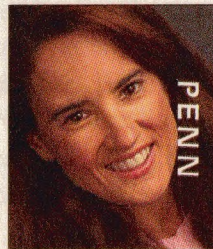
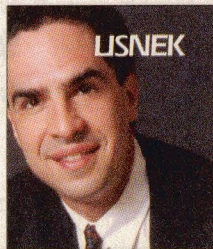
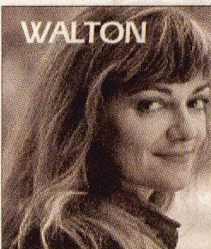
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Have Questions about Recruiting?

1. Can we hold more than one initiation per year?

ABSOLUTELY! Each chapter is required to hold at least one initiation per semester! In the fall, every chapter should hold their first fall initiation within six weeks from the first day of school. In the spring, each chapter should hold their first initiation within four weeks from the first day of the semester.

Some chapters hold six, seven or even eight initiations each year! Chapter officers should schedule a second or third initiation as soon as they receive applications. A person is not a member, and cannot receive all the benefits of membership, until they have been through the initiation ceremony.

2. How do we rush new members?

Publicity – Publicize early and often! Use a publicity committee. Distribute a chapter calendar to members and interested students. Use in-class announcements, notes on classroom chalkboards, notes on the P.A.D. bulletin board, email blasts and flyers in individuals' mailboxes.

3. What if no one wants to join or nobody's interested?

Make sure that your chapter holds events that will benefit its members academically, personally and professionally! The Executive Office guarantees that every chapter can develop and implement programs that will aid in the chapters recruiting effort by being unique, successful and most importantly, will be beneficial to the student body.

4. Recruiting – Importance?

Ask the students who have indicated their interest in P.A.D. to join! The number one reason that individuals do not join an organization or fraternity is because **NO ONE ASKED THEM!** Use personalized invitations and phone calls to connect with potential members.

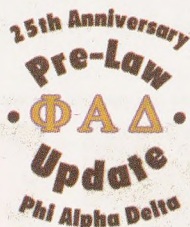
5. You've initiated 'em now what?

Assign them to committees! A members' interest in P.A.D. is typically at one of its highest points when they join P.A.D. If your chapter does not utilize a committee system, now is the time to implement one. A committee system allows a chapter to hold a full and diverse calendar of events while reducing the amount of work each individual contributes as well.

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The bar and bench face many obstacles in the area of legal professionalism. A primary problem is preventing unprofessional behavior from pervading professional service. Much analysis and commentary suggest that we must remedy these ills from the ground up, plant the seeds for professionalism early, in law school.

In its 1986 report, the American Bar Association asserted that because the law school provides the student's first exposure to the profession, schools should adhere to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. An additional ABA report contends that in order for a professional group to create a positive identity grounded in professionalism,

[I]t must not only claim as its own a special body of learning and skills ... but it must also embrace a core body of values which sets members of the profession apart and justifies their claim to an exclusive right to engage in the profession's activities.²

Professionalism, asserts the report, lies in strict adherence to this core body of values.³

Although many reports of the ABA Commission on Professionalism declare that lawyers' efforts to comply with professionalism rules are on the rise, I fear that the trend in lawyers' actual professional service may well be in a precipitous decline. While I hope that these negative statistics are inaccurate, in my recent experience in chancery court, I believe that this trend does in fact exist, and is dangerous.

Competency.

Dickens accurately summarizes chancery's climate. Two key components foster what can lend to a derisive atmosphere: (1) the subject matter and (2) the attitudes of attorneys appearing before the chancellor.

Chancery is a court of equity. The majority of proceedings before a chancellor constitute "small time" disputes: will contests, heirship determinations, divorces, and custody battles.

'ABA Commission on Professionalism, *In the Spirit of Public Service: A Blueprint for the Rekindling of Lawyer*

Professionalism (1986), reprinted in *Statement of Good Practices by Law Professors in the Discharge of Their Ethical and Professional Responsibilities*.

2 *Legal Education and Professional Development - An Educational Continuum*, student edition (1992), a publication by the ABA's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession: Narrowing the Gap.

3 *Id.*

However, these proceedings do not feel small to the parties involved. Rather, as Dickens illustrates, such matters often become larger than life

Attorneys who engage in primarily chancery practice tend to show more deference to the court. Many of these attorneys contribute to the positivism and professionalism which compliment and uphold the integrity of all courts.

Frequently, lawyers who spend most of their time in circuit court or federal court make a circus of chancery. They are not necessarily despicable creatures or even bad lawyers. Many are simply not used to handling chancery matters. When a criminal defense lawyer handles of a divorce for an indigent friend of a friend, the situation is ripe for error. Whether the case is a viable source of revenue or whether it's what he or she "does," is irrelevant. Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 states as follows:

"A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation."

When an attorney appears before the chancellor equipped with less than the nominal requirements, it detracts from the court's integrity, disrespects the chancellor, and inhibits professional service to clients.

Usually, these attorneys are extremely polite to the chancellor, making frequent requests of the court's indulgence. A chancellor who gently but firmly reminds counsel of her professional responsibility of competence (regardless of her "regular" work) usually observes improved courtroom performance.

Yet some lawyers who spend most of their careers in chancery contribute to the perception of the downward spiral of professional service. Despite 25 or 30 years of practice, they may forget their duty to clients, court, and the profession. One lawyer scratched his head and asked:

"Judge, what's the statutory percentage for support for three children?"

"Counsel, you've been practicing for twenty-six years. You should know that portion of the code as well as I do."

(Laughing) "Well, yes, Your Honor, I know. But, what is that figure again...?"

Most law students could probably quote the statutory guidelines for calculating support in their state. Those who do not know the guidelines could easily remedy their unfamiliarity. This common problem does not connote professional service; rather, it weakens the integrity of the profession. Even the most capable attorneys demean the court and our profession by not being prepared or allowing arrogance to inhibit professional service.

We all lose.

Clients bear the cost of poor professional service. If ill-prepared counsel performs poorly, clients suffer. Many petitioners and respondents are undergoing major life changes: divorcing a spouse, seeking custody of a child. Clients may be working second and third jobs to pay attorney's fees. Thus, when counsel does not prepare for the case with due care or when he disparages his client, parties lose from all angles:

Father filed petition for modification of decree and citation for contempt. Mother cross-complained, alleging use of alcohol and cigarettes in the presence of the child, a violation of the decree. She also complains that Father's 12 by 30 foot cabin is unsuitable for visitation. Father works fifty-five hours per week and has arranged his work schedule to devote entire weekends to his son. Father's counsel refers to his client's home as "the shack you live in" and the "dump that you call home." Father responds to counsel's questions:



More Than 200 P.A.D.s SailAway in Puerto Rico

On April 7-11, 2005, the New York City Alumni Chapter held the 2005 P.A.D. SailAway. More than 200 P.A.D. members from over 20 States participated in various events in Puerto Rico and aboard Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas for a weekend of networking, sight-seeing, socializing and professional activities. The 2005 SailAway was the third in a series of annual events open to all members organized by the New York City Alumni Chapter. In February 2003, the P.A.D. FlyAway program was conceived by a group of New York City Alumni members who had participated in the P.A.D. Strategic Planning Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

The purpose of the FlyAway program is to provide P.A.D. members with a unique travel opportunity aimed at helping members network during various social and professional activities. A secondary goal of the program is to bring active P.A.D. members from across the country to a single location for the purpose of increasing interest in P.A.D.. The program is formatted as a weekend event incorporating one or more events and a District-wide initiation. Each Spring, the FlyAway provides P.A.D.s with a small sampling of the fun, excitement

and fraternal bonding that occurs at our biennial Conventions. A fully functional website was designed, created and maintained for this event by Jon Lamphier (*Wormser*) and Joel Braithwaite (*Langston*). (www.P.A.D.SailAway.com).

In April 2003, the inaugural FlyAway was held in Manhattan with events aboard the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum and at the Sheraton NY Hotel & Towers. In connection with our event, we conferred Honorary Membership upon Lt. General Martin R. Steele (Ret.) and the Honorable Kevin Thomas Duffy. This program received national recognition from the Professional Fraternity Association as the 2003 Outstanding Professional Program. In March 2004, we traveled to the Mirage Hotel & Casino and conferred Honorary Membership upon Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman at the Golden Nugget Hotel.

On Thursday, April 7, 2005, P.A.D. members and International Officers from various locations traveled to Puerto Rico to attend a District-wide initiation at the Puerto Rico Bar Association coordinated by District XXVII Justice Rosario Fernandez. More than 125 people attended this most impressive event with over thirty new members initiated into three Puerto Rico Chapters!

On Friday, April 8, 2005, International Board Member Jose Raul Cepeda led a pre-cruise walking tour of San Cristobal in Old San

Juan. That afternoon the P.A.D. Shuttle Van, sponsored by International Board Member Arnie Hirsch, began transporting SailAway participants from the Sheraton Old San Juan to the Pan American Pier. At 8:00pm,



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more than 100 P.A.D.s, set sail aboard the Empress of the Seas. After dinner, our group participated in Welcome Reception at the Viking Crown Lounge. Although the seas were a bit choppy, thanks to the Sea Bands distributed to our group by NYC Alumni Marshal Marguerite Holmes, everyone had a great time meeting one another and planning various weekend activities.

On Saturday morning the National Law Foundation sponsored a free two credit Ethics CLE presentation.

On Saturday afternoon, the SailAway group explored the Island of St. Kitts, visiting a shopping village, taking a trail tour and visiting Turtle Beach. After a formal dinner on the ship, the entire SailAway group gathered for a surprise birthday celebration for New York City Alumni Chapter Justice and SailAway Chair, Steve Savva. Steve was completely surprised due to the efforts of several unnamed "P.A.D. Collaborators" who worked covertly to set this event up in the weeks prior to the sailing.

On Sunday morning, the ship docked in St. Maarten for a final day of fun in the sun. Several groups toured the beaches, shopping villages and other landmarks on this Caribbean paradise.

Sunday evenings highlights included a sampling of the specialty drinks offered by the ship, the chaotic taking of a group photo and watching District XV Justice James Rose and DeDiego Chapter member Ray Armstrong have their heads shaved to benefit the St. Baldrick's

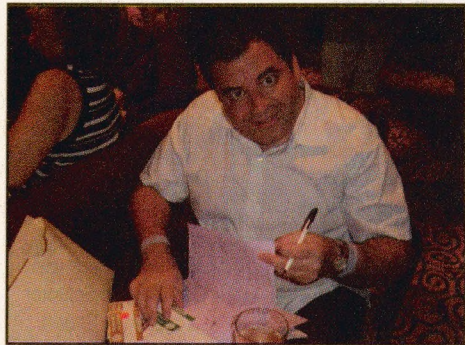


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National Childhood Cancer Foundation. Due to the efforts of the Stephanie White and the rest of Hoffman Chapter, more than \$4,000 was raised to benefit this most worthwhile cause.

For those who attended the SailAway, we hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend and were able to experience one of the best benefits of membership in P.A.D., the bond of friendship. For those of you who were unable to join us, please plan to participate in your next District Conference and/or the 2006 Biennial Convention in Dallas, Texas. After attending one of these events you will soon realize why membership in P.A.D. is a something you will cherish for many years to come.

Special thanks to the International Officers who participated in this event: J. Derek Hill, International Justice; John Weitkamp, International Vice Justice; Ronald Winter, International Secretary; Jose Raul Cepeda-Borrero, International Board Member; Arnold Hirsch, International Board Member; Philip Greenberg, International Board Member; Kathleen Maloney, International Tribune; James Rose, Former District XV Justice;

Published

Elizabeth Ricci's (*Fleming*) entry entitled "Citizenship" was published in the Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court published by Facts on File. Elizabeth practices immigration with Rambana & Ricci, P.A. in Tallahassee, FL. Sister Ricci is a former District Justice.



Pamela Nash, Former District XXI Justice; Rodney Sparrow, Former Asst. Dist XXI Justice; Rosario Fernandez, District XXVII Justice

Additional thanks to our generous sponsors:

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The New York City Alumni Chapter is very pleased to announce that the success of this event has prompted us to continue the FlyAway/SailAway Program in 2006! In the next month or so, we will begin forming a committee to explore potential locations, themes and formats for our next event. We encourage your participation and suggestions! Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the Committee or if you have any suggestions by sending an e-mail to P.A.D.FlyAway@aol.com.

We appreciate everyone's interest and support in our program and look forward to seeing you at a future P.A.D. event.

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"Sir, I was unaware that that there decree said that I couldn't have those things in the house."

"Are you literate, sir?" Counsel demanded sharply. "Yes, sir."

"Can you read and write?" "Yes, sir."

"Then why didn't you follow the decree?"

"As soon as I realized, sir, I disposed of all alcohol and cigarettes. I want to see my boy. I don't need those things. I just want to spend time with my son. He's all that matters."

In a few thoughtless maneuvers an attorney can devastate lives, *while* accepting undeserved fees from cash-strapped clients. In order to raise the bar we must elevate our expectations. Unless we adhere to them, we reduce the Model Rules to a meaningless void of aspirational ideals.

What We're Certifying as True.

"I hereby certify that I know the foregoing information to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge." Then we sign our names, which should mean something:

"How long have the parents been separated?"

"Don't know, Your Honor."

"Your pleadings say that they've been separated since January. Why's that?"

"I don't know exactly when it was, Your Honor. I just threw that date in to get the complaint filed."

"Why don't you know the date?"

"My client didn't tell me. I didn't ask her."

"When you sign your name to a document and file it with the court, you are swearing that to the best of your knowledge, it is a true and correct statement ... the court takes that pretty seriously."

"I know, I know, Judge. I was just trying to get it filed. I'll amend it, but the *point* is ...

The point is mistakes are inevitable. But many are avoidable. Blatant laziness does not minimize that risk. Clearly, the canons we commit to memory and the oaths we take to uphold our commitment to professional service are worth something.

Only we can sustain that value.

Our value.

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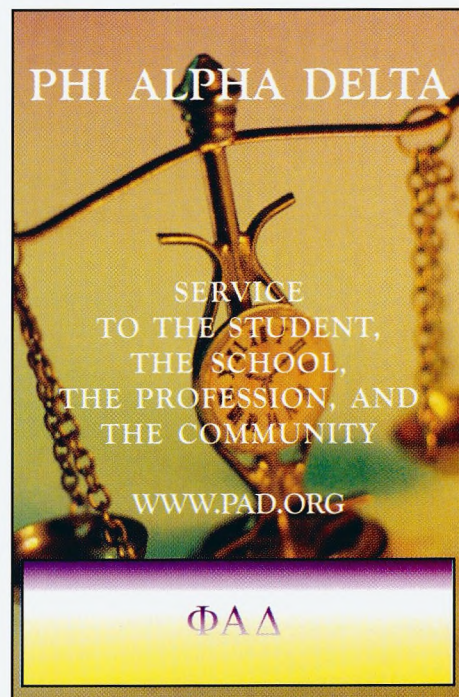
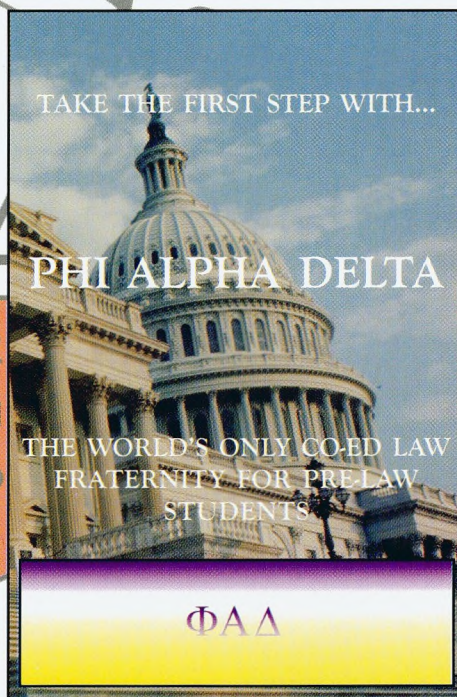
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I look forward to great things from our Fraternity this coming academic year and know that you will continue to RAISE THE BAR for all of us!

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Each chapter attending is encouraged to send at least two delegates. Turn to page 20 for our details on our new “Banking for Bucks” program... which could save your chapter some money! Stay-tuned to the Fall edition of “The Reporter” for further details on this great event

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