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Meet P.A.D.'s Newest Staff Member



Hello! My name is Jennifer Smutek and I am the new Pre-Law Operations assistant here at Phi Alpha Delta. I am excited to have been invited to work with such a prestigious organization and I am grateful to have found a home here at the Executive Office in Baltimore, MD.

I will be working with Byron Rupp, Director of Pre-Law Operations, with the day to day operations of the Phi Alpha Delta's Pre-Law program. Most importantly, I will be here to assist the officers, members and potential members of each chapter in answering questions and offering guidance throughout your membership with the fraternity. It is my goal to provide you with the support you need to make your chapter the best that it can be and help you get the most out of your membership with Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law.

I thank you for the opportunity to be working with such a great fraternity and I look forward to working with you and your chapters throughout your Pre-Law academic career.

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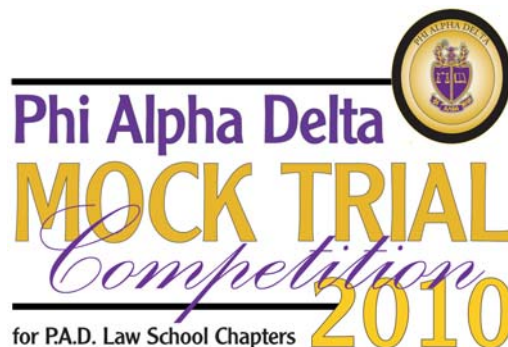
You are cordially invited to be a part of the Law School Mock Trial Competition being held in Las Vegas on March 5-6, 2010 at the University of Las Vegas Boyd School of Law. Forty teams from across the country will come together display their trial advocacy skills in front of judges and attorneys. Themis Bar Review and Geico insurance are proud sponsors of this P.A.D. signature event.

Come be a part of this signature event of P.A.D. by volunteering to be a judge. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Alumnus, Mandy Thomas (amthomas.esq@gmail.com) or Director of Law Operations, Jon Bassford (jon@pad.org). We have 180 judging spots available so any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Besides judging, you are also invited to be a part of the opening and award receptions at the Alexis Park Resort. Please go to the P.A.D. website to download the Alumni/Guest Registration form under the 2010 Law Mock Trial Page.

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By Stephen T. King,
International Secretary

As I am sure each of you are aware, the fraternity had an outstanding fall semester from the perspective of recruiting and initiating new members. Based on reports from the members of the International Executive Board, the district conferences were for the most part well organized and well attended. Based on my own observations, the chapter clerks and secretaries have been submitting the necessary reports and communicating with their chapter members. Now is the time to maintain momentum into the spring semester and to look ahead to two big events: officer transition at the chapter level and the 2010 Convention at the International level.

In the spirit of the season, it is New Year's Resolution time. I resolve to be less surly and more energetic. I also resolve not to drink any bottle of wine that costs less than \$ 9 (after tax). Finally, I resolve

to exercise and eat more healthy (whenever I feel like it).

Here are some basic law school chapter resolutions to put on your list:

1. Conduct at least two spring initiations;
2. Fine tune the spring chapter calendar and submit the calendar to the Executive Office and District Justice;
3. Conduct new officer elections;
4. Conduct transition meeting between old and new officers;
5. Choose delegates to attend the 2010 Convention in Tampa (preferably from the newly elected officers); and
6. Register delegates for the 2010 Convention.

This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but merely to remind everyone of important tasks for the chapter officers to complete in the next few months. The year to year success of a chapter depends in large part on a successful officer transition process, chapter attendance at the summer Convention, and communication with the Executive Office and local District Justice.

Have a Happy New Year and a successful spring semester!

Honorary Initiation at Alden Chapter

John Lord O'Brian Hall on the Amherst campus of University at Buffalo was the setting for a presentation entitled: "Race, Law and Politics in America: Have We Become a PostRacial Society?". The presenter was John A. Payton, President and Director Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. The audience was made up of law students, professors and attorneys with an interest in what this engaging gentleman had to say about the lingering questions of race in our society

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity was on hand as well to bestow one of its highest honors upon Mr. Payton – Honorary Membership, which is reserved for those among us who attain an "unusual distinction" in the field of law on at least a "statewide basis." The process begins with a Petition for Honorary membership filed with the Executive Office on behalf of the honoree. The Executive Office then distributes a ballot to the Fraternity's nine members of the International Executive Board for its determination of the candidate's achievements and the Petition's merit. A majority vote of the IEB is required to bestow Honorary membership. Carlos C. Alden Chapter at University at Buffalo Law School submitted such a petition in the weeks leading up to Mr. Payton's appearance at UB.

International Vice Justice Ronald J. Winter, himself a 1981 graduate of the law school, was on hand to provide the an Honorary Key and membership certificate to Mr. Payton on October 22, 2009. He was joined for the presentation by Alden Chapter Justice Dan Lesniewski and Clerk Mike Donlon.



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Coke Chapter Balances Fun and Fundraising

This semester the Coke Chapter has taken on many events at the University of Toledo. We held outlining and finals preparation seminars for 1Ls, and increased our supplement library. In September we held a Bone Marrow Registry Drive, registering more than 40 people to be tested as bone marrow matches. The Chapter also hosted a Fall Float Social for 50 students down the Maumee River in Toledo. It was a night filled with fraternalism, music and fun as we broke away from our studies for a few hours.



The theme of October was "Laughter," as we held our "Unlimited Laughs" social at a local comedy club, which helped raise money for our chapter. Also in October, we held a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital with the Professor Halloween Costume Contest. We raised hundreds of dollars for this worthy charity, while getting to poke fun at some of our favorite professors.

In November we had the chance to unwind one more time before finals at our annual "Ten Dolla Holla" social. Our annual Canned Food Drive and Warm Clothing Drive was also held that month. We collected over 10 boxes of warm clothing and collected over 700 food items for the local mission. The Coke chapter has been diligently working on many events this semester and is looking forward to the chance to reconnect with our alumni base in the area through our new Alumni Newsletter. We are also proud to have initiated 14 new members into our chapter at two initiations this Fall.

Law Operations Reminders

As we enter the spring semester, please remember the following important points and dates when promoting a successful semester for your Chapter and the Fraternity:

- Submit your Spring Calendar to the Executive Office
- Hold a Spring Initiation
- Officer Elections by March 30th
- Names of Convention delegates submitted to the Executive Office by March 30th
- Officer Transitions by April 10th
- Submit your fall calendar to the Executive Office by April 15th
- All applications due into the Executive Office by May 1st
- Deadline for Convention early registration discount – May 1st

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Director of Law Operations Jon Bassford. The Chapter Operations Guide is always available online and is a great resource for Chapter officers and members.

Frankfurter Update

The Frankfurter Chapter has been busy this Fall. We recently initiated 12 – 1L students: Robert Ciccio, Sean Geary, Randall Gleason, Jamie Griebner, Ashley Hill, Adrienne MacDonald, Brooke Perrone, Danielle Pixley, Carolina Save, Bishoi Sourial, Michael Tripicco and Eva Ovalle. Our newest members were eager to jump right in, forming community service and public relations committees, and helping to plan several Fall and Spring events. We held a successful fundraising event with the MacLean Chapter from the New England



Story Chapter 5th Annual Founder's Day Auction

The Joseph Story Law School Chapter at DePaul University College of Law recently held its 5th Annual Founder's Day Auction at Petterino's, a popular Chicago restaurant. This event commemorated the 107th anniversary of the founding of the Chapter. The event included a live auction, a silent auction, and a raffle. The officers of Story Chapter worked throughout the semester to collect donations from local businesses, alumni and professors to use as auction items. Many DePaul Students, alumni, and professors were in attendance and they enjoyed a night of socializing and networking while supporting a great cause. Items in the auction included study sessions with professors, shadow days with attorneys, dinners to local restaurants, and tickets to Chicago Sporting events.

In accordance with the fraternity's motto of service to the community, the students directed that a portion of the proceeds from the event be donated to the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network. At the conclusion of the event, a check for \$2,000 was presented to the Network, an organization which not only administers the City of Chicago/ State of Illinois 24-hour, toll-free Domestic Violence Help Line, but also spearheads advocacy efforts to improve the practices of the legal system in regards to domestic violence issues. Story Chapter is very happy with the results of the auction and hopes to continue to support the Battered Women's Network in the future.



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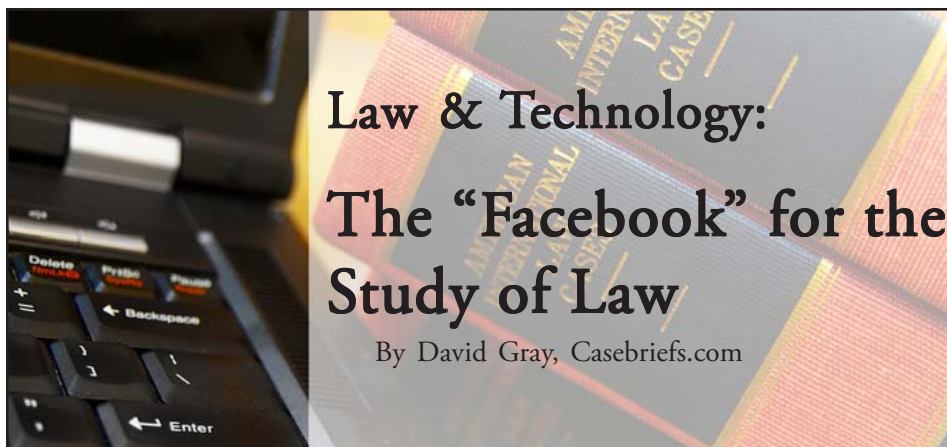
Above: Vice Justice Ian Keefe collects donations for a local charity.

Top right: New members are initiated into the Frankfurter Chapter.

Ray Chapter's Second Annual Haunted Boston Ghost Tour

The Ray Chapter of Northeastern University Law School celebrated Halloween with its second annual Haunted Boston Ghost Tour. The tour highlighted the many sites and tales of Boston's haunted past. Ray chapter members were privileged to the many stories of witches, war veterans and Boston's Brahmins as we walked around some of the city's most famous landmarks. We are greatly looking forward to the third annual Ghost Tour next year!





Today in an age of social networking we have so many options that enable us to “connect” with friends, family, fellow students and others that we may have something in common with. The problem exists however that our connections begin to become frivolous and mundane especially when it comes to trying to connect with our fellow academic peers – the serious level has been removed in place of fun and simple general-life comments. For many of us much of this becomes a nuisance even though we are unwilling to admit it. After speaking with many law and pre-law students what has become to be very apparent is that if there were a way to more seriously connect with fellow peers then networking could and would become beneficial part of the study of law. What if there was a site that enables law and pre-law students to connect in a more serious environment? Enter www.eCasebriefs.com.

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The first thing you must do is to create an account. This is a very simple process. Just click “Join Now” on the bottom left of the site’s home page or click Sign Up on the upper left login button. To create the account all you need to do is answer

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1. Create your Profile: This is an important first step. To do this perform the following. On the bottom left click My Law Network-Profile-Public. Enter your undergraduate school, your law school and the current courses you are taking. You may also upload a photo of yourself.

2. Find Common Peers: Now that you have created your profile, it is very easy for you to find other students that you have a commonality, whether it is the institutions you’ve attended or courses you are currently taking. For instance, let’s say you are a law student and you want to find other students in your law school. Simply click on your law school and the database will automatically find those other students that attend your law school. This is beneficial for creating public and private study groups.

3. Create a Study Group: Now that you are able to locate other students that you have something in common with you may now want to begin networking, in more of a serious way, with those students. How about creating your own private study group with a few students? To do so perform the following: click Groups-Create

a Group. Then enter the group name, description, designation and invitees. It’s that simple. Now that you have created your study group you are able to share content with your study group members. One of the most beneficial ways of sharing content is through My Library.

4. My Library: Allow your study group members to see your Library. The eCasebriefs.com site allows you to create a complete library of all content important for your classes. Once you are logged into your account access any content within the site – a brief, outline, exam prep, etc. To do this, notice at the top of the item are the words Add to My Library in blue and click it. Now, in your profile under My Library you will see that course added and if you click it you will notice the item that you saved. You are now able to share your Library with members of your Study Group if you choose to do so.

5. Chat: This is one of the easiest and most helpful features of the site. When logged in and similar to facebook, in the lower right of your screen you will see Chat. Click Chat and all of your friends appear if they are also logged in. Communicate just as you would in facebook.

As you can see, the www.eCasebriefs.com site is the only law specific networking tool for students. Use it to your advantage as everything on the site is free for you to use, including the content.

Finally, and as we close out the year and begin a new one, I would personally like to make a special note of appreciation to the following Florida Atlantic University MBA students: Carmen Alvarado, Bill Plate and Bret Tavcar and Graduate Engineers Renzo Saldan and Ali Siphaoglu for their continued support and assistance in creating one of the most valuable tools for law and pre-law students - the eCasebriefs.com site.



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LSAT Logic Games: Friend or Foe?

By Dave Killoran, PowerScore LSAT
Course Developer and author of the
PowerScore LSAT Logic Games Bible

When prospective LSAT takers first encounter the Logic Games section, they are often baffled by the complexity of the rules and the unusual nature of the questions. Even after taking several sections and practicing for a few weeks, the typical student still runs out of time and cannot complete all of the questions, let alone answer each question correctly. Not surprisingly, this situation can cause test takers to dread the Logic Games section. Unfortunately, many students carry that feeling with them to the actual LSAT, and the resulting stress and anxiety can hinder their performance, ultimately creating the very result they feared most: poor LSAT performance.

The good news is that while the Logic Games section may initially be daunting, you can learn techniques and methods that will dramatically improve your performance. Why is this true? Because in order to preserve a basic level of test consistency over time, the Games section repeats the same types of game structures and rules. If you learn how to best represent those elements and how to make the inferences that typically follow from certain situations, you can quickly and consistently set up games and solve the questions. Most importantly, you can attack the Games with confidence and a feeling of power and control. Let's look at an example drawn from the *PowerScore LSAT Logic Games Bible*, which details a comprehensive methodology for solving any type of Logic Game. The example discusses a type of inference that the LSAT frequently requires test takers to make.

Please take a moment to review this scenario and answer the corresponding question:

Sample game scenario:

Five variables—A, B, C, D, and E—are divided into two groups: a group of three and a group of two.

Rules: A and B cannot be in the same group.
C and D must be in the same group.

Question: Which one of the following cannot be false?

- (A) A must be in the group of two.
- (B) B must be in the group of two.
- (C) C must be in the group of two.
- (D) D must be in the group of two.
- (E) E must be in the group of two.

Solution:

Because A and B cannot be in the same group, we know that one member of this pair must be in the group of three and the other must be in the group of two. But, we cannot be certain exactly which group includes A, and which includes B. The best way to handle this uncertainty is to “reserve” a space in each group for the choice of A or B. This should be shown as an A/B dual-option:

A/B B/A
3 2

This leaves only one remaining space in the group of two, and it follows that the CD block must then be placed into the group of three. Since this fills all the available spaces in the group of three, E must then fill the remaining space in the group of two:

D
C E A/B
B/A 3 2

Again, although it cannot be determined exactly in which group A or B is placed, the fact that a space must be reserved in each group affects the other variables, and in spite of the A/B uncertainty we can conclude that C and D must be in the group of three and E must be in the group of two. Consequently, because E must be in the group of two, answer choice (E) cannot be false (which means the same thing as “must be true”), and (E) is correct. Note that even the “cannot be false” wording of the answer choice is designed to slow you down, but that you can learn to move faster through such language with practice.

This powerful technique can be used in many different games, and it attacks a concept frequently used by the test makers. In games, during the placement of variables, in many situations you cannot determine the exact variables being selected, but you can “leap” that uncertainty to determine the placement or selection of other variables.

Although this is a simplified example, it shows the type of reasoning required to perform well on certain games. Once you have seen a few examples of this type, when you encounter them on a real game, your ability to quickly solve the problem increases dramatically. By studying with the best materials and learning how to attack Logic Games, you turn it from a section you fear into a section you enjoy. Well, if not enjoy, then at least one there is no need to dread!

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2009 Pre-Law Conference Review

The 2008 Pre-Law Conference and Mock Trial Competition was held November 12-14 in Alexandria, Virginia. Here's a short list of what you missed if you didn't make it!

- Adam Carrol's incredible presentations on *Networking* and *Building Your OnLine Brand name!*
- The Princeton Review's Andrew Brody presentation on *Everyday logic: How thinking like a lawyer can help you become one;*
- Kaplan's Director of Pre-Law Operations Jeff Thomas's presentations on the *Do's and Don'ts of Law School Admissions* and *Preparing a Personal Statement;*
- Dean Reyes Aguillar's presentation on *Making an Informed Financial Decision about Law School;*
- A presentation by representatives of the United States Air Force and Navy JAG branches about *A Day in the Life of a JAG Officer;*
- A mock trial competition featuring 16 teams, 64 participants and 15 judges;

- Our annual Law Fair with more than 37 law schools and graduate schools and other vendors in attendance and several of them offering Application Fee Waivers to P.A.D. Pre-Law members in attendance;
- Knewton Test Prep presented a seminar on Deconstructing the 2008 and 2009 LSAT's;
- Two LSAT Prep Courses donated to attendees of the Conference from The Princeton Review;
- Two LSAT Prep Courses donated to attendees of the Conference from Kaplan;
- Drawings for a set of the PowerScore Trilogy;
- Each chapter in attendance received a free LSAT Prep Course from Kaplan to use for fundraising or to award one of their members. Over \$50,000 in LSAT Prep Courses were given to Chapters and attendees at the Pre-Law Conference.

A special thank you to our attendees, mock trial competitors and volunteers. Extra special thanks go to our mock trial judges and timekeepers. Without them we could not have had as successful a competition as we did. They are:

Judges:

- International Vice Justice
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- Olivia Cammack, Esq.
- Kathryn Coniglio
- Alexandra N. Freemire
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- Chris Clay, Concord University
- Elliot Drake,
Western Illinois University
- Cate Grahl,
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- Joel Ortega, Texas Tech University
- Katrina Petz,
George Mason University
- James Ruppert,
Western Illinois University
- Amanda Szeszycki,
Western Illinois University

Check out the Photo Galleries & the Online Edition of *The Reporter* to see more pictures taken of the attendees and the events at www.pad.org!



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The 2009 Pre-Law Conference Award Winners



Above: The University of Arizona Mock Trial Team with International Vice Justice Ronald J. Winter

Below: Outstanding Attorney Award Winners Kelly Gordon and Janna Kovich with International Vice Justice Ronald J. Winter.

The 2009 Mock Trial Competition Winners

Outstanding Prosecution Team

Indiana University Team 2 - Alex Lewis and Nicole Nystrom

Outstanding Defense Team

University of Arizona - Keegan Waters and Danny Conner

Outstanding Witness

Indiana University - Emil Adsit

Overall Outstanding Attorneys

Indiana University Team 1 - Kelley Gordon and Janna Kovich

For the overall Mock Trial Competition:

4th Place

Indiana University Team 2

3rd Place

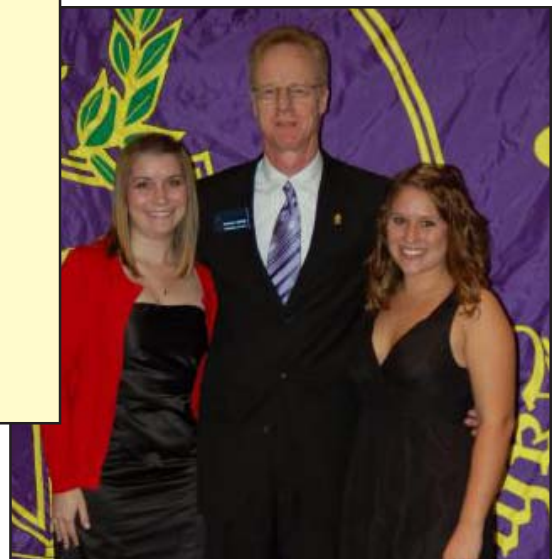
Concord University Team 2

2nd Place

Indiana University Team 1

1st Place

University of Arizona



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The 2008-2009 Pre-Law Award Winners:

Best Pre-Law Communication Program

University of California San Diego

Outstanding Recruitment (most new initiates)

University of Florida with 169

Best Professional Program

University of Arizona for Mock Law Class

Outstanding Pre-Law Faculty Advisor

Verlaine Walker, University of Arizona

Outstanding Pre-Law Secretary

Rachel Smith of Missouri State University

Outstanding Pre-Law Chapter President

Sarah Biebelhausen of the University of Arizona

Outstanding New Pre-Law Chapter

Regent University

Don Hutson Outstanding Pre-Law Chapter

3rd Place - Missouri State University

2nd Place - University of California San Diego

1st Place - University of Arizona



Left: Keegan Waters of the University of Arizona accepts the Outstanding President Award on behalf of 2008 winner Sarah Biebelhausen.

Below: Don Hutson Outstanding Pre-Law Chapter - University of Arizona



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MOCK TRIAL & LAW SCHOOL EXPO

2010 Pre-Law Conference Dates Announced

The 2010 Pre-Law Conference will be held November 11-13 in Alexandria, Virginia. Sponsored by The Princeton Review, the Conference will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia and will once again feature great speakers, our nationally recognized law expo and the annual Mock Trial Competition. All Chapters should plan to attend. We can't wait to see you there!



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A New Beginning

By Courtney Sample,
Vice President of Social Affairs

In early November, the brothers and sisters of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity at Rutgers University soaked in the spirit of the holidays by participating in the annual Walk-A-Thon in an effort to raise money for Elijah's Promise, a local New Brunswick soup kitchen. A few weeks later, our dedicated members wrapped gifts for local pre-school children just in time for the holidays. Our chapter, which inducted 18 new members this past semester, has worked hard to show its dedication to professionalism and community service. The recent election of a more dynamic executive board in the Spring 2009 has triggered a positive change in the attitudes in both our new and returning members. We have become more proactive on campus and within our fraternity, from co-sponsoring events with other organizations, to hosting LSAT workshops for aspiring lawyers. Our chapter hopes to strengthen and expand our influence within our community in 2010 by implementing new ideas such as our first annual LSAT Awareness Week!



Albion College Pre-Law Chapter Initiation

The Pre-Law Chapter at Albion College was proud to welcome seven new members on November 1, 2009.



Temple University Pre-Law In Action

By Jaclyn Poulton, Pre-Law Treasurer

The Temple University Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta held many events this semester. We have hosted many speakers from a variety of fields, including pre-law advisors, law professors, and practicing attorneys. We also attended Temple's Student Professional Organization Fair, and hosted "Dress for Success," a seminar on how to dress properly for interviews and networking events.

Our chapter is also heavily involved in the Philadelphia community. P.A.D. members have volunteered at MANNA, Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, preparing meals to be sent to needy families in the Philadelphia area. Members also visited the Public Interest Law Center where our volunteers got to learn about public interest law while copying and preparing law briefs so they can be moved to the Center's new location. In October, Temple P.A.D. members also took part in the 8th Annual Kidney Walk at the Philadelphia Zoo. In addition to all of these community service events, Temple's Pre-Law P.A.D. Chapter also held a food drive for Philabundance and a toy drive for Ronald McDonald House Philadelphia.

To top off our community service and professional events, we also held several social events. We organized a member lunch, participated in game night, went bowling, attended a Temple football game, visited the State Penitentiary for their haunted house, went to karaoke night at Applebee's, and arranged a potluck.

The year ended with our Fall Initiation followed by an end-of-the-semester party. This semester, over 30 members were inducted. Fall 2009 was a wonderful semester at Temple's P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter, and next semester promises to be even better.



FAQs *of* Pre-Law

By Byron K. Rupp
Director of Pre-Law
Operations

As classes start and chapters resume their usual activity, I would like to address our three most commonly asked questions.

Why do we have Open Membership?

Phi Alpha Delta is very proud to be the first law fraternity to:

- Welcome members of all religions;
- Welcome members of all races;
- Welcome members of both genders; and
- Create an undergraduate program and welcome them as members.

The very founding of Phi Alpha Delta was a result of a ruling by the Supreme Court of Illinois seeking to exclude individuals.

During the 2008 International Convention, a change was made to the International Constitution and By-Laws that removed the ability for Law, Pre-Law and Alumni chapters to restrict membership. To join P.A.D. a person must:

1. Submit their membership application;

2. Submit their International Initiation Fee, and pay any applicable local chapter dues;

3. Be a student in good standing (as defined by the school's policy) at a school where a P.A.D. Chapter is installed ;

4. Be initiated by participating in the Membership Initiation Ceremony.

The second most asked question is *what type of programming should we have?*

The purpose of our Pre-Law Program is to provide our members with the opportunity to use our materials and chapter programming to make an informed decision about what a Juris Doctor degree will enable them to do. For those who decide that they wish to pursue that degree, our materials and programming should also help prepare them for the LSAT and law school and their future career.

We expect our chapters to hold programs that are heavily geared towards academic and professional development.



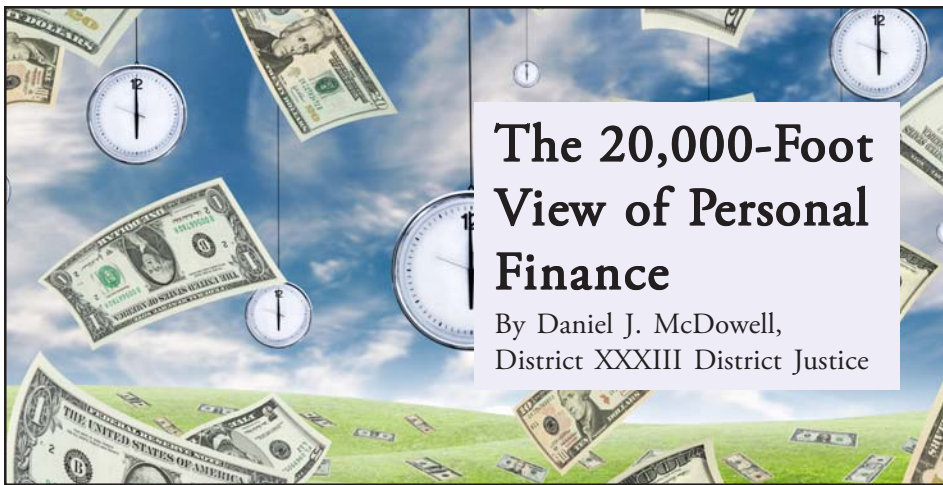
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The 20,000-Foot View of Personal Finance

By Daniel J. McDowell,
District XXXIII District Justice

It's easy to become very confused and frustrated when reading the articles that are EVERYWHERE regarding personal finance: whether to refinance your mortgage, whether to consolidate debt, whether to use index funds or exchange traded funds, whether to put your money in plastic wrap before burying it in the backyard, or whether you should get in before the boom in silver (gold is *so* last quarter). These are all valid considerations when examining your financial "health." But when you're just trying to get a handle on things for the first time, or perhaps for the 50th time, and you just need some broad perspective, it is hard to know where to turn.

I want to talk about a high-level view of personal finance; a view into which all of the good advice fits, but one that can help you reorient yourself when you've lost the forest for the trees.

There was a Far Side comic written in the '80s with a picture of Einstein standing in front of a board full of equations, with the caption "Einstein discovers that time is actually money." This comic highlights the two most important resources we have: time and money. I had a professor at Duquesne University who said that our objective in life is to sell as little time for as much money as we can. I would refine that a bit to say that our goal should be to have as much of both as we desire, by selling as much or as little time for as much money as possible.

So we are faced with one fundamental question: how do we make

both our time and our money work for us? You've already got a handle on how you can make your time more valuable, as you're in law school (no comments from the peanut gallery, please). But it is very important not to lose sight of this objective after we graduate. There will always be opportunities for us to augment our skills, either through CLE or other professional designations.

So my first point is this: actively seek ways to make your time more valuable to others. Your time is your inventory. Take all reasonable, and some unreasonable, steps to protect it and make it as valuable as you can. In the end, it really is your most important asset.

Our second consideration is one that is hard to remember when we are so broke we are deciding how much gas we can buy and still afford razor blades to shave before the interview we have in a few days (a past personal example). That consideration is the best use of the money that we have on hand. What is the best lever, for lack of a better term, to use to put our money to work for us to augment our work efforts? Most of the financial advisors you meet have that title next to their names because of their job, and not because of some professional designation. Most have a vested interest in keeping you focused on equity investing believing that the best use of your cash is to invest it. This is for two reasons: first, they make their money this way, and second, it is what they focus on all the time. To quote an old stockbroker adage, asking

some financial advisors about an investment strategy that does not make them money can be like asking your wife if your girlfriend is attractive.

My broad point is this – opportunities to grow your money are all around you. With the turmoil in the markets, everyone is thinking that their way is the best way for you to have the kind of wealth you want. Don't put blinders on and think that if you don't invest in the market you'll never meet your financial objectives. Investing in your education and your profession may yield even more than the stock market for you. So could buying a business or starting your own practice. The idea is to keep your eyes open for all opportunities.

The financial services industry has made investing an emotional endeavor. It should not be. Get emotional about being disciplined and pursuing your goals, but do not get emotional about the nuts and bolts of your strategy, and don't get caught up in the moodswings of the market. This can be difficult: when you're up to your armpits in alligators, it's difficult to remember that your first objective is to drain the swamp.

Next time: who should be your advisor?

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Your chapter programs should provide members with an understanding about:

- LSDAS/LSAC;
- the LSAT;
- Writing effective personal statements;
- Getting letters of recommendation
- Law school;
- Traditional and non-traditional careers in the law by bringing in speakers from the P.A.D. Network!

Please remember that a chapter can and should plan to hold many of the same events, or at least same types of events, multiple times during the year. Why? Well, you'll be bringing in new members over the course of the year and they'll be interested in learning more about these areas. Plus you're likely to have some current members who missed a program due to scheduling conflicts, illness or the like.

Chapters also need to hold at least one initiation each semester at the bare minimum. Each time you bring in new a member, remember to add him or her to a committee. You'll have additional help and possibly someone who will become a future chapter leader!

We're very proud of our chapters' community service efforts as well (our combined chapters donated over one million dollars to their respective local and national charities last year!) and expect each chapter to hold at least one community service event each semester as such.

Our Pre-Law Program has hundreds of great examples of unique and exciting programs and we would love to have you share what you're doing. If your chapter is holding a program that you want to tell us about, please email us at info@pad.org and tell us about it!

The third most asked question is: *How do we recruit new members?*

Whether you realize it or not, everything your chapter does is a recruitment event. However, there are some basics that make up every event that will help your recruiting efforts.

Publicity – As mentioned, every event you hold is part of your recruiting

effort. When people see that a chapter is active and holding programs, including **members only programs**, they will be far more willing to join. Lack of publicity subsequently leads to the perception of the chapter as a low profile, do-little organization with minimal name recognition that also leads to low recruiting results.

An **Interested Student and membership email blast is an integral part of your recruitment process**. Every time your chapter has an event or sets up a recruitment table, the chapter should collect the names of everyone who stops by on the "Interested Student Sheet" which can be found in the chapter recruitment box and online at www.pad.org under the Pre-Law Chapters and Downloads section. After the event or recruitment table, take the names and emails of each person that signed the interest sheet and put them into an email list. Then, whenever the chapter is holding the next program, simply email the details of the upcoming event to the people that are already in your list.

Ask the students who have shown 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!** There are several methods to ask someone to join, and each chapter should utilize them in order to maximize its recruiting success.

Use the **personal approach**. During events, chapter officers and members should take the time to get to know the students who have indicated an interest in P.A.D. As the initiation deadline approaches, have each officer or member contact the interested students and ask them to personally join. One of the nicest things a chapter can do is to give a formal invitation to each student who has indicated an interest in P.A.D. Chapters that use this method will experience a significant increase in the number of new initiates. In addition, this method is greatly appreciated by students and instantly increases the sense of fraternalism that we aim for in all our actions in P.A.D.

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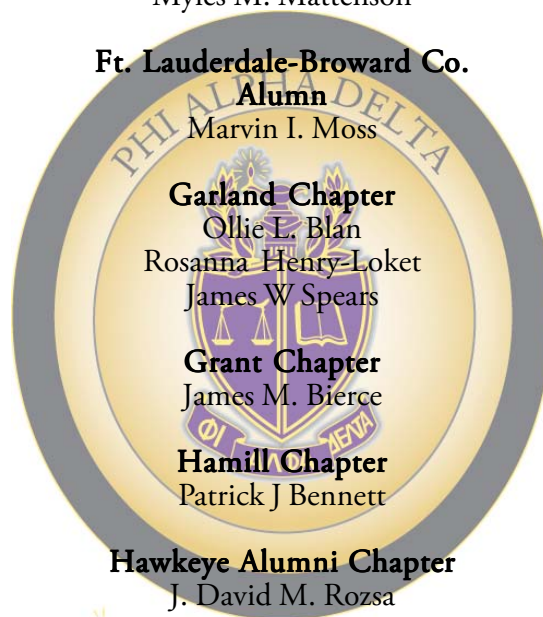
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Chicago Alumni Chapter Holds Honorary Initiation

By Pierre Priestley, Vice Justice

The Chicago Alumni Chapter's biggest event of October was the honorary initiation of Hon. George N. Leighton. Born in 1912 to immigrant parents, he was raised in Massachusetts where as a child he worked in the cranberry bogs. In seventh grade he left school to work on an oil tanker. In 1936, he won a writing contest that included a \$200 college scholarship. Although he passed the entrance examination to Howard University, he was initially not admitted as he lacked a high school diploma. Howard allowed him to enroll, however, with his scholarship conditioned upon good standing. By the end of the first term, he was on the Dean's List and eventually graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Judge Leighton continued his studies at Harvard Law School and after a hiatus for WWII service, graduated in 1946. Judge Leighton thereafter moved to Chicago and has risen to the top of the legal profession as a Illinois Circuit Court, Appellate Court, and U.S. District Court Judge. He continues, at age 97, to work every day at Neal & Leroy, LLC, where he is Of Counsel.

Over 150 distinguished members of the bench and bar attended the initiation of our dear new brother. Chicago Chapter Honorary Chairman, Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the U.S. Dist. Court of the Northern District of Illinois, was the installing officer along with Justice Michele Jochner and Vice Justice Pierre Priestley. After the initiation and remarks by Judge Leighton, the attendees enjoyed a reception and surprise cake for our brother's 97th birthday to be celebrated the next day. Judge Leighton is one of the most beloved members of the Illinois Bar and we are very fortunate to count him as a brother.



Judge Leighton (front), Pierre Priestley, Judge James F. Holderman, Michele Jochner, P.A.D. District XI Justice John K. Norris.

In Memoriam...

John F. McCabe (*West Suburban Alumni*)

(October 28, 1957–October 24, 2009)

John Frances McCabe Age 51, a resident of Channahon, IL passed away Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Brother McCabe was born in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Maine West H.S. in Des Plaines, IL, received his B.S. in Political Science from Northern Illinois University, and graduated from the Ohio State University Law School. As former Will Co. Assistant States Attorney, Chief of the Felony Division, John successfully tried over fifty cases and obtained many felony convictions. John also published an article regarding DNA evidence. Recently he was employed as an attorney by Codilis and Associates, P.C. of Burr Ridge, IL. John was a man of integrity and humility who was dedicated to his family and his profession.

John M. O'Quinn (*Hickman*)

(September 4, 1941–October 29, 2009)

Brother John O'Quinn was killed on the morning of October 29th in an automobile accident in Houston.

Brother O'Quinn was a magna cum laude University of Houston Law Center graduate and previous Editor-in-Chief of the Houston Law Review. Admitted to the Texas bar in 1967, Mr. O'Quinn was Board Certified in both Personal Injury and Civil Trial Law.

Brother O'Quinn was the founder of O'Quinn, Laminack & Pirtle in Houston, Texas. He specialized in Personal Injury cases. O'Quinn has also been recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America by the National Law Journal, as among the five best Texas Trial lawyers of the past century by the Houston Chronicle, as one of the 100 Legal Legends of Texas by the Texas Lawyer, and in Harvard Law's Best Lawyers in America.

Gene E. Franchini (*Taft*)

(May 19, 1935–November 4, 2009)

Brother Gene E. Franchini passed away following a heart attack while delivering a lecture to the first year students of the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Brother Franchini received his BBA degree from the University of New Mexico, and his JD from Georgetown University, where he joined the Taft Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. He was admitted to practice in 1960 in New Mexico. Brother Franchini spent 32 years as a trial lawyer, six years as a District Judge and 12 years on the New Mexico Supreme Court. Brother Franchini retired from the high court in 2002. His immediate survivors include his wife of 40 years, Gylnnie, and four children.

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An Exciting Fall for the Chicago Alumni Chapter

By Pierre Priestley, Vice Justice

The Chicago Alumni Chapter has been extremely busy this fall, sponsoring an array of activities designed to further the fraternity's commitment of service to the student, school, profession, and the community. The Chapter has sought to be a leader in the greater Chicago legal community in providing programs that enhance the profession and further the goals of Phi Alpha Delta.

October was an exciting month for the Chapter. We started off participating in the 2009 Unity Award Dinner and All-Bar Swearing-In Ceremony, of which our sister, Justice Anne M. Burke of the Illinois Supreme Court was the officiant. This annual event brought together the leaders of nearly 60 bar and legal organizations in the metropolitan Chicago area to affirm an oath of their commitment to diversity in the legal profession. Our justice, Michele Jochner, was the co-chair of this event and participated in the oath along with 56 other bar presidents and leaders. Later in the month, the Chicago Alumni Chapter - along with the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) and the Chicago Area Law School Consortium - co-sponsored a program for law students and new lawyers, entitled "Exploring Your Options: Pro Bono and Public Interest Law Opportunities." The event attracted over 50 attendees and included a panel discussion with experienced pro bono practitioners and meetings with mentors in small groups to discuss public interest law. In addition, law school counselors were made available to the participants to review resumes.

We continued our fall season with two additional programs. Chicago Alumni Chapter members were very active in supporting our brothers and sisters in the Joseph Story Chapter at DePaul University College of Law. Story Chapter sponsored a silent auction and

fundraising gala for the benefit of the Chicago Metropolitan Bettered Women's Network and to fund chapter operations for the upcoming year. Many Chicago Chapter members contributed time and/or items for the auction or donated money to assist our law school brethren.

On November 19th, we held our annual Justice Daniel P. Ward Scholarship Awards Dinner at a local restaurant. The scholarship, awarded annually since 1993, is given to deserving P.A.D. law student members based upon leadership, service, and scholarship. This year, due to the generosity of many chapter members, we awarded six scholarships to deserving brothers and sisters ranging in value from \$500 to \$1,500. Under the leadership of committee chair Hon. Julie-April Montgomery, our chapter was able to financially assist at least one member of Lincoln, Dooley, Story, and Webster Chapters. Chapter Justice Michele Jochner remarked how proud we all were in the achievements of the awardees and encouraged them to continue their service to the fraternity.

Finally, in our continuing effort to fulfill our fraternal mission of service to the profession and the community, the Chapter actively promoted volunteer opportunities to participate in the Pro Bono Program of the Chicago Legal Clinic. For over two decades, the Clinic has filled the gap in providing legal services to low-income Chicago-area clients by matching those who have meritorious civil actions with private attorneys who volunteer to represent them on a pro bono basis.

The Chicago Alumni Chapter has plans for a very active winter schedule. Upcoming events include the initiation of a new group of attorneys and jurists,



Members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter gather to celebrate the accomplishments of P.A.D. law chapter members during the annual Justice Daniel P. Ward Scholarship Dinner.

and the honorary initiation of a prominent political leader. Additionally, we will host a post-holiday chapter party and our annual Prof Vincent Vitullo Ethics and Professionalism CLE Seminar. Stay tuned for more excitement!

See more pictures from the Chicago Alumni Chapter in the Online Edition of The Reporter.

Buffalo Alumni Celebrate Founder's Day

Twenty members of the Buffalo Alumni Chapter gathered for brunch on Sunday, November 8, 2009 to celebrate the 107th birthday of the founding of phi Alpha Delta. They were joined by four guests and two students from Alden Chapter at University at Buffalo Law School.

Justice Oliver K. Young welcomed the members and outlined a program for future events, including a holiday party, honorary initiation and student mentoring program. He also insisted that the chapter would be represented at the convention in Tampa next summer.

International Vice Justice Ron Winter was on hand to give a brief history of the founding of the Fraternity. Brother Winter was assisted in his preparation by District X Justice B. J. Maley.

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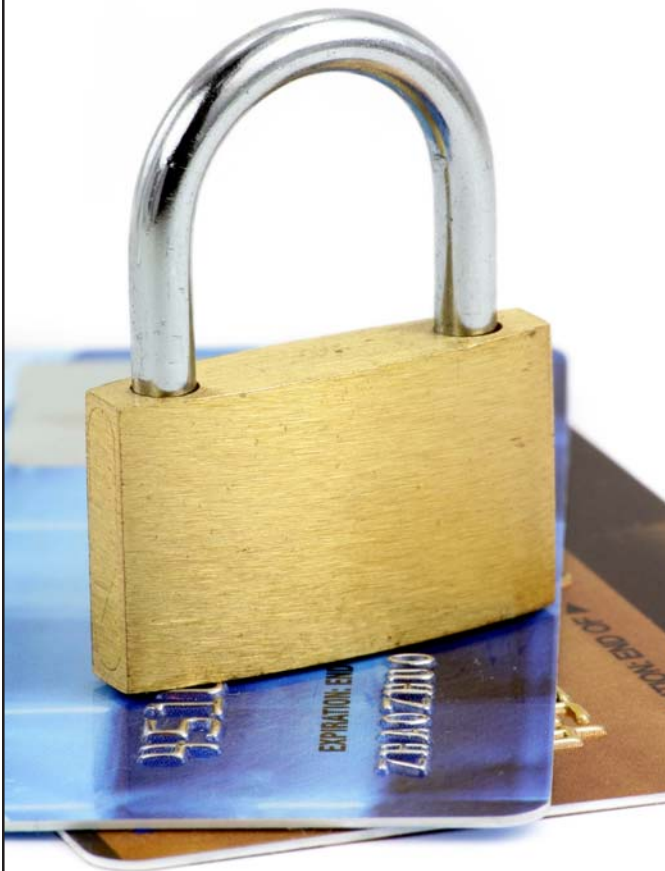
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