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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE:

A Meaningful Legacy: Completing the Circle of P.A.D. Membership



During my travels this fall, I had the opportunity to participate once again in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity initiation ceremonies. I never tire of hearing the words in our initiation ritual as they are the cornerstone of all that is P.A.D. and are part of the common bond we share as members of P.A.D. I found myself reflecting on that part of the ritual where an alumnus member speaks as a representative of all the Fraternity's alumni members and says:

"To you, our new members, we offer the assistance of the Alumni in the achievement of your goals. I urge each of you to seek the aid and guidance of the Alumni of Phi Alpha Delta whenever we can be of service. You will find us ever ready to be of help to you..."

"To you, the older members of this Chapter, I commend these new members and urge you to make them welcome in your midst so that they may soon realize the true and full significance of membership in our Fraternity."

These simple words evoke not only the fraternal bond we share as P.A.D. members but also speak to another great strength of our Fraternity that sets it apart from the myriad

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Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

Vision

We are the preeminent law fraternity promoting the bonds of fraternalism and we are the leader in the development and advancement of professional ideals.

Core Values

Bound together by tradition and our common interest in the law, we share these core values: Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Professionalism, Service, Diversity, and Innovation.



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2008-2009 Phi Alpha Delta Law & Alumni Chapter Awards

Congratulations to all of the Chapters who submitted award applications.

The competition was outstanding!

Our winners for the 2008-2009 year are as follows:

CHAPTER AWARDS

Stanley H. Kohn Outstanding Law School Chapter

1st Place

Benson Chapter

2nd Place

Story Chapter

3rd Place

Kennedy Chapter

Alex Hotchkiss Outstanding Law School Chapter Justice

1st Place

Kevin Mechtley, Benson Chapter

2nd Place

Justin Roberts, Read Chapter

3rd Place

Jessica Medina, Holland Chapter

Frank E. Gray Outstanding Law School Chapter Clerk

Kelli McMasters, Vaught Chapter

Most Improved Chapter

Kenison Chapter

Best Professional Program

1st Place

Dining with Class, Read Chapter

2nd Place

Reception in Honor of Justice Lee,

McReynolds Chapter

3rd Place

Havana Nights, Holland Chapter

Outstanding Alumni Chapter

1st Place

Chicago Alumni Chapter

2nd Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter

P.A.D. Service Scholarship

Award Recipients

The Robert E. Redding Service
Scholarship: Jessica Saiontz-Medina
(Holland Chapter)

The Donald R. Moore Service
Scholarship: Ryan Schermerhorn
(Story Chapter)

The William R. Robertson Service
Scholarship: Philip Apruzzese
(Kenison Chapter)

4th Service Scholarship: Jayne Allen
(Fleming Chapter)

5th Service Scholarship: Bryan Bach
(Brandeis Chapter)

DISTRICT AWARDS

Most Improved District

1st Place

District XXV (North and South
Carolina)

2nd Place

District XXII (Delaware, New Jersey
and E. Pennsylvania)

3rd Place

District XXXII (Southern Florida)

Outstanding District

1st Place

District XXXII (Southern Florida)

2nd Place

District XXIV (Virginia and West
Virginia)

3rd Place

District I (British Columbia, Alberta,
Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and
Washington)

Stan Jones Outstanding District Justice

1st Place: John Jung, District XXIV

2nd Place: Jay Ross, District XXII

3rd Place: Melody Crick, District I



*At left: International Executive Board
Member Kim Gallant presents John Jung
with the 2008-2009 Stan Jones
Outstanding District Justice Award.*

CLERK'S

Reporter

By Stephen T. King,
International Secretary

One of the greatest ironies, and perhaps hypocrisies, in United States constitutional history is that the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 established a rule of secrecy for the proceedings. Thus, the document that laid the foundation for a free, open, and democratic society was conceived in secrecy, behind closed doors. I guess they did not feel that "We the People" needed any public discussion of "self-evident truths". The foundational document of our entire legal system, the system which law students are diligently attempting to decipher and explain back to their law professors, was kept far from the scrutiny of potential critics outside of the Convention. Let me be clear: I do not condone conducting fraternity or

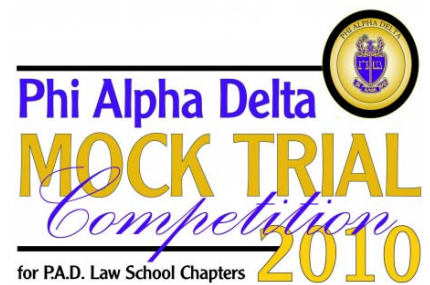
chapter business in secrecy or behind closed doors. Just because our founding fathers did it, does not make it right. After all, their failure to resolve certain issues regarding the limits of state sovereignty and slavery helped set the stage for a bloody and wasteful civil war less than one hundred years after the Constitution's adoption.

Fortunately, from the historian's perspective, the Constitutional Convention had its own version of a "chapter clerk." James Madison kept detailed notes of the proceedings which have provided future generations insight into the formation of the U.S. Constitution. Not to be too hasty, Madison's notes were not published until several decades after the ratification of the Constitution.

One of the primary roles of the chapter clerk is to ensure transparency in a chapter's activities and business proceedings. Once written and approved, meeting minutes are rarely consulted by anyone. They get filed away somewhere, never to be heard from again—unless of course, there is a problem. Keeping minutes is one of a chapter clerk's enumerated duties. When a member of Phi Alpha Delta agrees to accept the position of clerk, he or she accepts

the obligation to "keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to the chapter" and to maintain and certify these records, including meeting minutes, when necessary.

While I do not expect any chapter meetings to weigh the relative merits of the Virginia Plan versus the New Jersey Plan, nor settle upon a Connecticut Compromise, the meeting minutes are a crucial component to chapter and fraternity business. Maintaining the minutes is the chapter clerk's constitutional duty, at least according to Phi Alpha Delta's constitution and by-laws. However, I encourage the chapter clerks not to follow James Madison's example of waiting several decades after the fact to publish the meeting minutes.



Keep March 5-6, 2010 open for your law school chapter! P.A.D. will be hosting the National Mock Trial Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada at the William S. Boyd School of Law. The competition will be open to all law school chapters.

The cost per team is \$300 which includes materials, opening reception, break services for the days of competition and awards ceremony.

Teams must be registered by December 1, 2010. We have room for 24 teams. If we do not have at least 14 teams competing, the event will be cancelled. Registration fees will be refunded in event of cancellation.

For more information, please visit the P.A.D. Mock Trial Competition page under International Events at www.pad.org.

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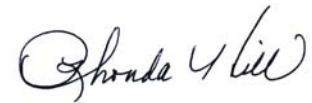
P.A.D. and each of its members are at their best when we stay active, work and enjoy fellowship together through school and beyond. Consider the progression of involvement one can have in P.A.D. Law student members helping Pre-Law members decide if law school is the right path. Second and third year law students befriending and assisting first year students. New lawyers helping and advising second and third year law students. Seasoned lawyers and judges mentoring new lawyers and students. Lawyers in different fields of law and non-traditional careers exchanging advice and providing professional referrals. These are all elements of what makes P.A.D. a vital component of our professional and personal lives - for a lifetime.

It is incumbent upon each of us to encourage and foster the continued involvement of our members so that, in

the words of our initiation ritual, our members may realize the "true and full significance of membership in our Fraternity". This is perhaps one of the most meaningful legacies you can leave.

During this season of fall initiations, take the opportunity to embrace the all-encompassing nature of our Fraternity and ensure that our new members are made welcome, that your Chapter's programming includes 1L, 2L and 3L classes and engage alumni in your Chapter activities. For our alumni members, contact your local law school Chapter and offer your aid and guidance. Reach out to other alumni members in your community. By doing these things, we will complete the circle that is a lifetime membership in Phi Alpha Delta.

Fraternally -



Rhonda K. Hill
International Justice

Special thanks to District X Justice and Alumni Advisory Council Chair B.J. Maley for his input with this article.

Rasco Chapter - Exciting Start!

By Tashalyn Cosimo, Vice-Justice

The Rasco Chapter at the University of Miami School of Law is off to a busy and exciting start. In early September, we held a Clothing Drive in the Law Library to benefit the Vietnam Veterans of America, Miami-Fort Lauderdale branch. Students, faculty and staff donated over thirty pounds of clothes. The chapter has also been heavily recruiting by: holding a P.A.D. table at an Orientation Fair for incoming 1L's and transfers; a Happy Hour at Yard House with over 30 new students in attendance; and tabling on the Law "Bricks" during lunch hours. Due to these efforts, we initiated over twenty-seven new members on October 2nd. Rasco Chapter has an upcoming lunch social, elections for general positions, and our Annual Poker Night coming up later this fall.



Louis Wiener Chapter Gives Back!

By Jocelyn Burton, Publicity Chair

The Wiener Chapter at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, has a fresh, new Executive Board that has hit the ground running. Since the E-Board has taken office, its members have committed themselves to ensuring our chapter has the necessary resources to give back to the legal and local communities.

Through use of innovative events and new P.A.D. apparel, the Executive Board quickly achieved the first goal for ensuring adequate resources to accomplish our long-term goals. Extensive recruitment was the foundation for the Wiener Chapter's success. Within the first month of the new semester, we have recruited 75 new members into P.A.D, bringing the total number of *active* members to nearly 130.

With so many new recruits to impress, the Executive Board has spent countless hours strengthening the relationship to our chapter Alumni. To that end, we have events scheduled weekly that are open to every P.A.D. member. With the scarcity of available jobs, there is nothing more important to a young, soon-to-be lawyer than the opportunity to network with the over 600 P.A.D. student and alumni members practicing in the Las Vegas area.

With our enthusiastic new members, the Chapter has been able to organize incredible volunteer opportunities with a variety of local charitable organizations. The Chapter has redeveloped its Philanthropy Committee whose members and chairperson have devoted their time to ensuring there are regular philanthropy events. The Executive Board has devoted its time to ensuring optimal attendance. Currently scheduled events, where we will donate our time and money this year include:

Adams Chapter Continues to Grow!

By Ingrid Winston, Clerk

Indiana University Bloomington's John Adams Chapter is getting ready for another exciting year. Last year, we set a school recruitment record by initiating 72 new members.

That achievement, as well as the charitable events we held in our community, led to Adams being



named the Most Outstanding chapter in District XIII. We are expecting an even better year this year. Adams chapter jumped right into the recruitment festivities by hosting huge tailgates for our home football games. We hope to break our own recruitment record this fall.

Adams chapter is also planning several great events, including our annual fashion show fundraiser held at a local nightclub which is open to the entire law school. All of the proceeds go to the Shalom Center, a local non-profit which helps prepare Bloomington's homeless for employment. Last year we donated over \$3,000 and we hope to raise even more money this year. We also plan to have a big get-together this semester with Indiana University's P.A.D. Pre-Law chapter. Our members are always ready to help law school hopefuls. Along with an exciting Alumni event and another Pre-Law Chapter gathering next semester, this year should be a great one for Adams chapter.

1) *Three Square Food Bank*, a local organization committed to ensuring all the children of Las Vegas are provided three square meals a day. P.A.D. members spend the day sorting through donated food and preparing packages of food for children to take home.

2) *Candlelighters*, a non-profit support group for families of children with cancer. Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada is affiliated with the international Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation. P.A.D. members are volunteering their time and energy to ensure every child, despite health problems, has the opportunity to dress up in costume and go trick-or-treating on Halloween.

3) *Habitat for Humanity*. P.A.D. members will be putting down the books and picking up hammers to help build homes for those less fortunate.

4) *The Shade Tree Shelter*, an organization who seeks "to provide safe shelter to homeless and abused women and children in crisis and to offer life-changing services promoting stability, dignity, and self-reliance." P.A.D. members will coordinate a school-wide clothing and food drive to benefit *Shade Tree* and those it supports.

As a result of the efforts of the Executive Board, as well as our amazing members, the Louis Weiner Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta will undoubtedly be leaving its mark on the Las Vegas legal and local communities.



Law Ops Review

By Jon Bassford, Director of Law Operations

Networking in P.A.D.

Some recent conversations that I have had with students have inspired me to write an article about networking. This applies to Phi Alpha Delta and the networking opportunities that take place throughout the Fraternity. I hope to inspire students and alumni to begin to reach out to one another.

A common occurrence when joining P.A.D. is adding a line to your resume when it comes time for OCIs or other job interviews. This is an important step and may open some doors but that is

not where networking takes place. For individuals to truly benefit from the P.A.D. network, they should do more.

The P.A.D. Network exists for those that utilize it in a productive way. For Phi Alpha Delta to be a viable networking tool, individuals and Chapters must work to reach out to those in the profession. A common phrase in P.A.D. is that it is “an organization that you get out of what you put into it.”

If you just put a line on your resume, you are going to get comparable results. However, if you are a member

that goes to District Conference, serves as an officer, attends Convention, is a member of PADLaw on Yahoo! Groups, follows the networking groups (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn), utilizes the Online Directory, communicates with the Executive Office, etc. the network thrives! Remember that you have to be an ACTIVE participant in the process and not just a bystander.

Chapters need to reach out to our alumni and get them involved. It may take some time, but Chapters need to start to reach out. Officers have access to their Chapter's alumni online and the Executive Office is willing to get lists of alumni from cities or regions that surround a Chapter.

P.A.D. is a viable network and available to all members!

Featured Program Tip:

When putting together an alumni event, start out small. As mentioned in the article, it takes time to build up alumni involvement. Have a program like a social at a restaurant/bar that can take place whether 1 or 50 alumni show up!

DeDiego Chapter Makes a Comeback!

By Dayra Z. Infante, Justice

The P.A.D. De Diego Chapter at the Pontifical Catholic University School of Law has been revitalized. A new committee has been established to take the chair of the chapter. With this active committee of students, who are encouraged to create new ways to increase member involvement, recruit new students and organize more activities, we start out the new 2009-2010 school year.

Our first activity, held on September 14, 2009, was a complete success. It focused on persuading new students to consider joining the successful community of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

With the help of three renowned active alumni members: Héctor Méndez Loucil, Luis Armstrong and José R. Cepeda, several of our indecisive students joined the Law Fraternity and the DeDiego chapter.

Our next activity will be held in late October; when we will hold our Initiation Ceremony.



Phoenix Rising

By Marguerite Dillworth, Vice-Justice

"I heard that our chapter used to be the largest in the region," current Justice Nerizza Miyamoto says to her executive board, "and I think we have everything that we need to make Champ Clark great again." As sad as it might seem, Washington University in St. Louis's Champ Clark chapter soon found out that all it takes is a few inactive years to lose the organization's momentum as well as institutional funding. However, not being a team to take defeat lying down, the new executive board expanded its scope, vigorously recruited and put a stop to apathy before it had a chance to take root. "Phi Alpha Delta is an international professional organization with distinguished alumni all over the city. There is no reason why our operations should not meet our reputation for excellence," Vice Justice, Marguerite Dillworth says. And their focus on excellence does not stop at the law school. The chapter also places emphasis on the ever-evolving St. Louis community that it is a part of. By making the needs of its student body a priority, the chapter has revamped its image and fostered an atmosphere of fraternity by which eternal bonds have already began to grow.

Champ Clark's new-found pep can be attributed to many factors, the foremost of which being creativity. The current executive board wanted to ignite interest, and carefully devised a campaign to provide future attorneys with what they wanted most...the opportunity to lead. The chapter created committees based on their needs as well as members' unique backgrounds and interests. The goal was to make everyone feel like they had a specially considered "spot" in the organization, and it has worked out quite well. Most members have stepped up and taken on a passion never seen, stemming from the fact that they chose and actually enjoy their jobs.



During its first general body meeting, the chapter brought in St. Louis Urban Debate League's director, Ravi Rao, to speak with the students regarding the opportunity to work with inner-city children and help them to develop professional speaking and forensic skills. That meeting yielded approximately ten volunteers, and many more interested. Furthermore, the organization has held a successful "Happy Hour" at the law school, which has sparked even more confidence in the already ambitious team.

Having all of these great events behind them, the chapter looks forward to doing more in the future to increase professional networking opportunities and give first-year students the academic support that they

need to successfully complete their work. Champ Clark's online "Outline Bank" on TWEN holds more than twenty-five teacher specific outlines, for first year classes alone. Even more, the team will disperse commercial study aids for its first-year members as the semester end approaches. All of this done in the spirit of brotherhood, which keeps us all loyal to the chapter's pressing needs in an already stressful academic year. And, while these have all created great interest at the law school, nothing has surpassed the excitement of the upcoming, "PAD's On A Boat" gala to be held in conjunction with St. Louis University's School of Law in late October. All in all, Champ Clark is a chapter on the move and proud to be a part of a greater international team.

Hooper Chapter

Elon University School of Law's William Hooper Chapter, founded in March, 2009, initiated a second class of 37 members on September 24, bringing total membership in the chapter to 61.

The Hooper Chapter is also in the midst of planning their fall service project: Race Judicata. This event will foster a competition among the classes at the law school to collect the greatest number of canned food in supporting the Greensboro Urban Ministries. All cans will be donated in support of the upcoming CROP Walk in mid-October.





More Chapter News

The More Chapter at Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, NE, is off to a great start. We held our first Annual P.A.D. BBQ on September 26th. Despite the fact that we are rebuilding our Chapter, we had a nice turnout of students and their puppies who provided some good entertainment. Justice John Nelson provided excellent food while our Vice-Justice Michael Araj, took some wonderful pictures of the event. We hope for continued success with the BBQ next year.

Our semester service project is in connection with Neighbors United. The More Chapter will assist in serving meals to approximately 200 people at their weekly "An Open Invitation—Building Community Through Food: Neighbors United Community Meal." The More Chapter, as Hospitality Volunteers, will engage the neighbors and guests in conversation and intentional relationship development, and create a hospitable family and community friendly environment.

We have devoted the remainder of this semester to recruitment activities such as a fundraising concert at a local venue with a popular local band, Rhymes with Orange, some inspirational meetings for the 1L's, and our Fall Initiation.



District X Kicks-off the New School Year with Style

By B.J. Maley, District X Justice
Nearly thirty delegates from all seven student chapters in District X assembled along with representatives of the Twin City Alumni Chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Saturday, September 26, 2009, for the District's Annual Leadership Conference. The conference was led by District X Justice B.J. Maley and IEB Member at Large Thomas Bentz.

Before assembling for the conference on Saturday, delegates gathered along with students from Hamline University, the University of Minnesota, and the William Mitchell College of Law for an evening of fraternal fellowship.

In addition to a full day of chapter leadership programming on Saturday, the district's award luncheon was held and several awards were presented. Butler Chapter was recognized for having the largest delegation to the conference. Kellogg Chapter received a recruiting award for increasing



Monroe Chapter officers Jennifer Lauermann (Justice), Lizz Kennedy (Clerk), Daphne Ponds (Vice Justice) and Thomas Rose (Marshal) accept the Outstanding Chapter in District X Award for 2008-2009.

membership by 50% and also received the Most Improved Chapter in District X Award. Kristin White of LaFollette Chapter received the Outstanding Clerk in District X Award. Ann Johnson of Monroe Chapter received the Outstanding Justice in District X Award. Monroe Chapter received the Outstanding Chapter in District X Award for the third consecutive year.

The delegates returned to their chapters with lots of ideas and enthusiasm so watch for great things from District X this year!



Above: Some of those participating in the District X Leadership Conference in Minnesota.

At right: A testament to inter-chapter cooperation: Kellogg Chapter Justice Mary Fenske and husband Mitchell Chapter Vice Justice Steve Fenske at the District X Pre-Conference Social.



P.A.D. Holland Chapter Makes History!

By Heather A. Patchen, Clerk

From the short time that the P.A.D. Holland Chapter has stepped onto the scene, we've already made a number of great accomplishments, but nothing compares to the history we made at our recent formal initiation ceremony on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Alongside nearly 40 new initiates, the Holland Chapter had the distinct pleasure of initiating our very own Florida International University (FIU) Dean of the College of Law, R. Alexander Acosta.

During the ceremony, the Executive Board presented Dean Acosta with a commemorative centennial coin engraved with the Phi Alpha Delta seal. In his keynote address to his fellow initiates, Dean

Acosta expressed a deep sense of pride in the fraternal bonds of community established by Phi Alpha Delta and the importance of creating such bonds to develop the professional ideals of the legal profession.

"I will carry this coin as a continuous reminder of our fraternal bond," said Dean Acosta.

Other notable attendees included Alumni Chapter Advisor Robert L. Schimmel of Hessen, Schimmel & De Castro, P.A., and District XXXII Justice David S. Rothenberg of Conroy Simberg et al. and Faculty Chapter Advisor, Professor Scott H. Fingerhut.

Dean Acosta joined FIU on July 1, 2009, becoming the second dean to lead the College of Law. Most recently, he served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, one of the four largest districts in the nation, made up of 284 attorneys and encompassing nine counties, from

Monroe to Highlands. He is the longest serving senate-confirmed United States Attorney in South Florida since the 1970s.

Under Acosta, the Southern District prosecuted a wide variety of high-profile cases including the prosecutions of Jack Abramoff for fraud, the prosecution of Jose Padilla, and the conviction of Cali Cartel founders Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez-Orejuela for the importation of 200,000 kilos of cocaine, which led to a \$2.1 billion forfeiture. Acosta also targeted white collar crime, overseeing several bank-related prosecutions including that of Swiss Bank UBS, which agreed to pay \$780 million and, for the first time in history, to provide the United States with the names of individuals that were using secret Swiss accounts to avoid payment of U.S. taxes. Additionally, he established the first Health Care



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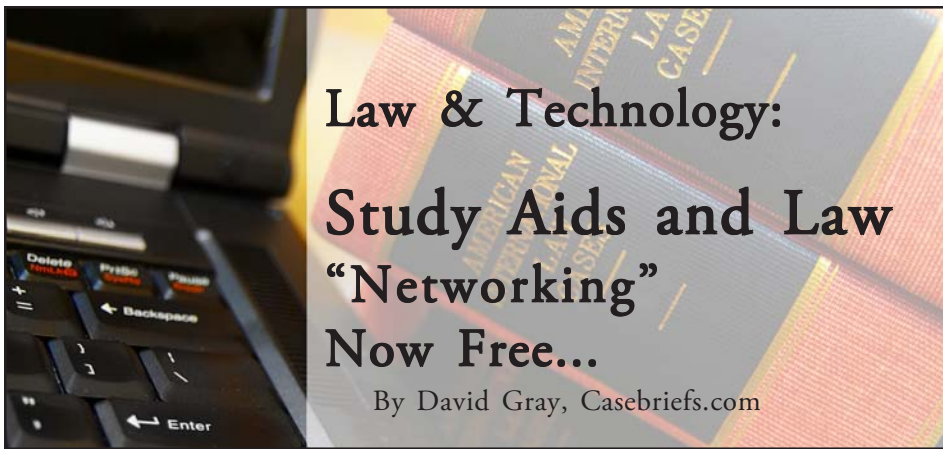
Engle Chapter Starts Strong

By Jennifer Kishimizu, Clerk

Propelled by an enthusiastic executive board, Engle Chapter at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law started the 2009-2010 school year strong, installing the highest number of members since the Chapter's inception. The recruitment process began in early August with participation at the Student Activities Fair during orientation. We followed that with a successful "How to Prepare for Law School" panel directed toward incoming first-year law students and a kick-off BBQ to mark the start of the school year. With each event, incoming and returning law students came out to support Phi Alpha Delta's presence on campus and involvement within the Sacramento community. All of our hard work during recruitment paid off on September 21, 2009 when Engle Chapter broke its initiation record by installing 35 new members.



At the Phi Alpha Delta District II Conference held at UC Hastings on September 19, 2009, Engle Chapter had the honor of receiving two awards. Recognized for its steady growth, the Chapter received an award for increasing its membership by 50%. In addition, the Chapter was also recognized as the "Most Outstanding Chapter in District II." Encouraged and inspired to make this year even more successful than last year, several events have already been planned for the upcoming school year including a philanthropy event with Sacramento High School students in November. Engle Chapter's executive board has high hopes for this year not only to continue increasing membership, but to also increase community outreach within Sacramento.



When I was a law student the only way to get study aids to help you plod your way through the grueling law school process was to purchase them at the bookstore. Notice the operative word here, “purchase.” These study aids are those tools that assist you in helping you to understand the nuances of the law. Hopefully, they’re helpful and admittedly most of the time they are. Briefs, Outlines, Exam Prep materials and other types of content were readily available on your bookstore shelves, much as they are today, but what amazes me is, that in this digital age we live in, why are these summaries of the law not in a digital format? Or, are they?

Recent research was done by the big legal databases analyzing how law students initially perform their research. What the results of the research showed was very clear, that students initially start their research via the search engines and not by an authoritative approach. This was an interesting result for the big legal databases because it demonstrated that students would rather start by going to Google than by going to Lexis or Westlaw. This is a very interesting phenomenon, as it proves that a student’s behavior is evolving. Previously students performed their research from start to finish with either Lexis or Westlaw; now students are starting on the web and proceeding from there.

Let’s go back to our original premise above, digital study aids. This same exercise as described above is also occurring today with study aids. Now, when you Google a case that you are studying in class, what appears is a results page itemizing the sites where you can obtain your casebrief for free. Likewise,

as opposed to going to the bookstore to purchase your canned briefs and outlines you can simply go on to Google, perform a simple search and a complete list of free content is available for you 24/7. Pretty good, huh? Well, maybe, but not really. You see a lot of what is on the web may not be quality content. Many times the briefs and outlines are written by students and, honestly, would you want to rely on other student’s content whom you don’t even know? Furthermore, you have absolutely no idea how they fared and what grade they received in that particular class? Conventional wisdom tells me - I think not.

Enter September 2009. This month was a monumental month for law study aid content on the web. The preeminent study aid web site, www.eCasebriefs.com which has been selling digital study aids since 1990 just put all its content on the web for *free*. What sets eCasebriefs.com apart from the rest of the online law study aid web sites is that all of its content has either been written by lawyers or law professors – in other words, content you can trust. Previously students logged onto eCasebriefs.com, located the briefs keyed to their casebook, outlines, exam prep material, audio lectures and other content, typed in their credit card information and downloaded a .pdf e-book. If in an audio or video format they entered their credit card information and downloaded the content to their computer where they were then able to transfer to an iPod if desired. Now however, as of September 2009, www.eCasebriefs.com went *completely free*, thus allowing all of its trusted content to be viewed, used and

heard at the students leisure whenever, wherever and, most importantly, with no cost at all. For the first time ever, lawyer and law professor written study aid content is free on the web for all to use.

However, the eCasebriefs.com team took study aids to the next level and has done what no other study supplement company, including Cliffs Notes and Spark Notes, has done – they wrapped their best-of-breed content around social networking functionality. Now students can collaborate with, share content and chat all while having their brief, outline or other study aid on their screen. Additionally, students may create private study groups where they can send information back and forth between their study group members. Students are also able to find other students around the nation taking the same classes and even locate friends that they know at other schools. I must admit, this would have helped me during those long drudging nights of trying to search for an answer to one of those long winded questions. Had this been around it would have not only helped me answer the question but would have also prepared me for the importance of teamwork in the workplace.

I now ask myself, what else could be added to this already robust community for law students? Professors answering questions in the forums? That would be awesome – authoritative answers to valid law student questions. What about video-on-demand lectures that review topics of law? That would certainly help me while I am cramming for finals! I must confess that I am excited to see what is next on the digital horizon.

As I conclude this article, I can’t help but to be amazed as to how fast technology has changed the law study process. For decades students used words written on paper pages for a price, whereas today, words are written on screen, able to be fully manipulated, easily searchable, able to be shared and copied and all at a price that can’t be beat – free.

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“¡Hola!” from New Mexico!

By The University of New Mexico Pre-Law Chapter

We are pleased to say that the University of New Mexico Pre-Law Chapter is not only revitalized but off to a great start this year.

So far we have participated in three community events. The New Mexico Climb to Conquer Cancer took place seven miles up the Sandia Mountains. It tested our strength, stamina, and character to get us up the six-mile trek to the crest. More than that, it gave us the chance to give to our local branch of the American Cancer Society. We were also invited to help the New Mexico Bar Association with their fundraisers taking place later in the semester. We sat in the same room as the President of the New Mexico Bar, lawyers, and heads of legal community resources. Those of us who went were even invited to attend the black-tie event to rub elbows with the various law practitioners here in our own state! The last community service event so far was the Walk to Defeat ALS. This event gave us a chance to work behind the scenes in more of a supportive position to show

us just how much work goes into fundraising and to gain a more humanized look at the purpose to community events. We have already made the commitment to ourselves and to our community to get out there and do what we can as a group at least once each month and more, if possible, on an individual level. Law does not have to be just another way to a paycheck—it can be as much of a public service as any community agency.

In the future we will continue to participate in community events, proctor Practice LSAT exams, and provide our members with the tools they will need to do more than what it takes to get into law school. We have workshops in the making for topics such as: Personal Statements, LSAC, Admissions, and more! If you're in the neighborhood, drop us a line at prelaw@unm.edu or visit our website at <http://unm.edu/~prelaw!>

University of Wyoming Pre-Law Prepares Students for the LSAT

The University of Wyoming's Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter has started this year off with several exciting new events for members and non-members. In cooperation with the Director of Admissions at the University of Wyoming College of Law, the chapter is hosting several mock LSAT's throughout the year. The goal of the chapter is to conduct at least one per month. In addition to the mock LSAT's, the chapter is organizing study groups to help students set aside time for studying the LSAT material, some of which will be provided by the chapter and some by the law school's admissions office. The chapter and admissions office are also cooperating to arrange online presentations from offices of admission from law schools across the country.

Other scheduled events include observing oral arguments before the Wyoming Supreme Court and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, bringing in legal professionals to discuss their view of law and what students need to do to be prepared, and attending Law Week events geared toward preparing students for law school and the legal profession.

Overall, it looks like it will be an exciting and educational semester for our chapter!

University of Alabama Pre-Law Reactivation

By Johana Bucci, Vice-President

We have recently reactivated our chapter here at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. We were fortunate to have Wesley Cline, our District President in District XVII, come from Atlanta to help us with the ceremony.

Clockwise from top left:

1. With of help of Wesley Cline, The University of Alabama's Phi Alpha Delta Chapter inducts their new officers
2. Newly initiated officers with District President, Wesley Cline
3. University of Alabama Phi Alpha Delta Chapter group photo



UNC-Chapel Hill Starts Strong

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Pre-Law Chapter recently held their initiation on September 20th. President Phillip Lee, Vice President Luis Torres, Treasurer Trent Kool, Secretary Kira Lumsden and Chair of New Brothers Brandy Gillette Price were in attendance. The initiation took place in the UNC-CH Law School courtroom, after which, the members bonded over dinner at Baileys, a local restaurant.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law at UNC-CH is also starting a scholarship to assist a new law student in paying for law school and is holding a week-long fund raiser to raise money for the cause.



Arizona Pre-Law Chapter Painting For A Cause



The University of Arizona Chapter does numerous community service projects each semester, but one that has been a constant favorite throughout the chapter is Ben's Bells. Ben's Bells is an organization that was started by Jeannette and Dean Packard after they lost their son Ben suddenly on March 29, 2002 after his airways swelled up and completely closed. The Packards were looking for ways to cope with the loss of their son and found comfort in creating clay charms to put onto wind chimes. After decorating the clay models, the parents take the finished product and place them around random locations in Tucson. When a person finds one of these wind chimes, it is intended to remind them to be kind and to encourage other people to be kind. The members of our chapter meet at the Ben's Bells location near campus to help paint the clay charms. This event is held several times each semester and it easily attracts 20 members each and every time. Some of the charms that our members have worked on have traveled to New York to be placed at the location of the Twin Towers in remembrance of the people that lost their lives on 9/11. Although it is not one of our biggest event, it is still one of our favorites.

Above: Members of the Arizona Pre-Law Chapter painting the clay charms.

At Left: (l-r) Brittany Reiner, Christine Jones, and Kennth-Louis Strocsher painting the charms and having a good time!



P.A.D. at the University of MD Eastern Shore

The UMES Pre-Law chapter, under the direction of its advisor Dr. Ramona Brockett recently hosted a visit from two professors from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Professors Michael Meyerson and Michael Higginbotham, co-founders of the Baltimore Scholars Program, made their annual trip the Eastern Shore to begin anew the Baltimore Scholar recruitment process, and to announce a new initiative.

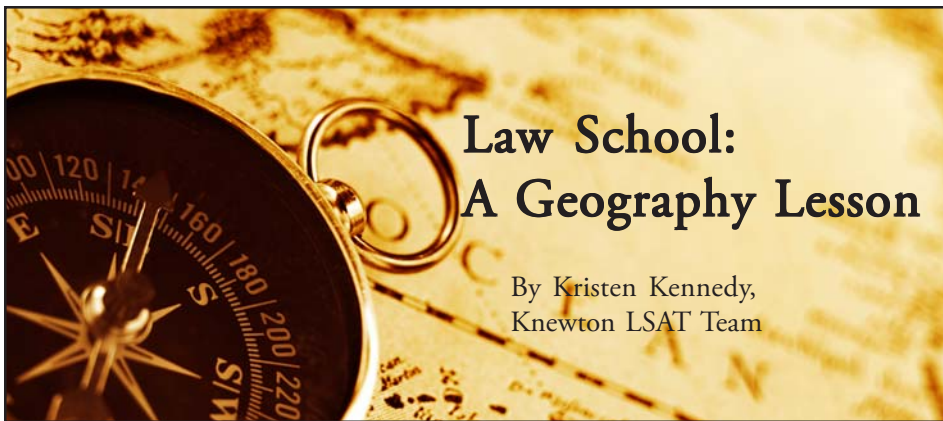
The event held on September 22, 2009, was hosted by the PAD UMES chapter whose president, Nicholas Washington is also the current Baltimore Scholar.

The Baltimore Scholars program is a rigorous law school preparatory program that is geared at increasing the presence of underrepresented minorities in the legal profession. Scholars participate in an intensive two-week boot camp, as well as a semester-long Princeton Review LSAT prep course. Scholars who successfully complete the program are awarded a full scholarship to the University of Baltimore School of Law, valued at over \$60,000.

In addition to initiating the 2010 Baltimore Scholar application process, Professors Meyerson and Higginbotham also announced an exciting new program for pre-law students. A total of twenty successful candidates will be selected to enroll in a free Princeton Review LSAT prep course, valued at \$1400, in the spring of 2010, all funded by the University of Baltimore School of Law.

The announcements were met with great enthusiasm by the diverse audience of upperclassmen. The hour-long recruitment session was attended by up upwards of 70 students, and garnered much support from the campus community, including the Chairs of the Business and Criminal Justice departments, who were also in attendance.

The partnership between the UMES Chapter of PAD and the University of Baltimore School of Law is expected to create a steady stream of matriculants into law school. In addition to this program, the UMES Chapter will be having its first in UMES Moot Court Competition to be held in December 2009. The issue being argued in Summary Judgment is "whether the United States is obligated under the 14th Amendment to provide its citizens with nationalized health care; or, does this fall outside the Equal Protection provision."



Law School: A Geography Lesson

By Kristen Kennedy,
Knewton LSAT Team

Students often ask us about where to attend law school. And by “where” they mean it literally, as in “where on the map.” We field questions like: *How do you think a law school’s geography will affect my job prospects? Should I attend a law school in a region of the country in which I would want to practice? Should I attend a school that is the best in one metropolitan area as compared to, say, a school of equal reputation that may only be the 4th best in another city?*

Here are some answers that should shed some light on the subject.

First, let’s draw a distinction between “national” law schools and “local” law schools. Local law schools are primarily designed to prepare their students for the bar exam in the state in which the law school is located, while National law schools, which include all of the most prestigious and selective law schools, teach about general principles and trends in law but are not geared toward the law of any particular state. For example, if you go to Harvard Law, you will learn about contract law in general but not much about property law in Massachusetts. Don’t worry; if you get in to one of these schools you can take a cram course after you graduate so that you can pass the bar for a particular state. On the other side of the

fence are the “local” law schools that focus on teaching the ins and outs of practicing law in one state. By the way, you **MUST** go to an ABA accredited law school. Don’t even consider an unaccredited school; JDs from such programs set off red flags for potential employers.

As a general rule, if you have a real shot at admission to one of the most selective and prestigious law schools, you shouldn’t worry about geography. Pick the one that is right for you, and make sure you consider factors other than ranking. (We’ve included some of those factors below.) Your law degree from any one of the national law schools will make you a strong candidate no matter where you wind up practicing. There are some circumstances in which it would be better to go to a local law school over a national one (for example, you might have a full scholarship offer), but most students are better off going with the prestige and opportunities that come with the most selective schools.

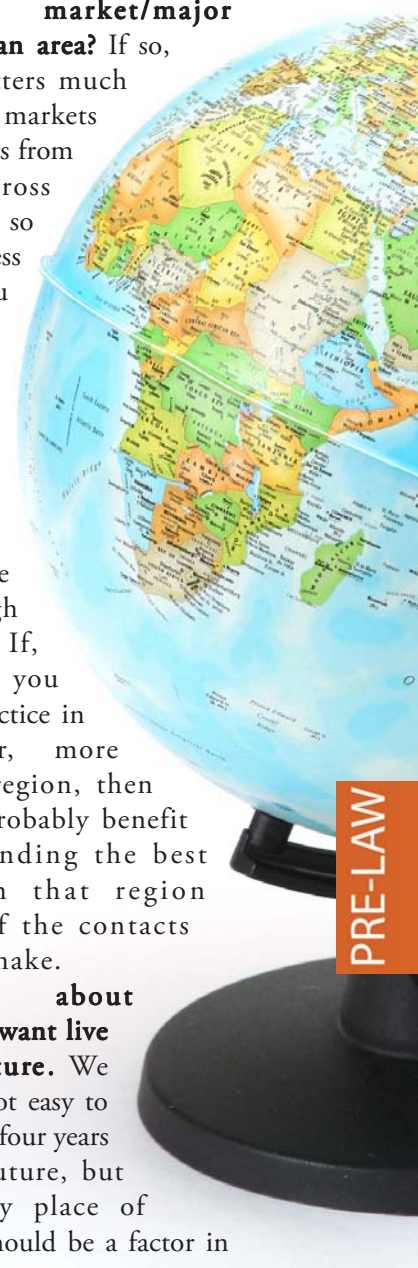
If you are not a strong candidate for a national law school, then geography is much more important to you. If your law school is preparing you for the bar exam in one state, then you should be interested in practicing law in that state. You will also have better career opportunities and a better professional network in that state, so choose carefully. Of course, if you are going to law school but do not intend to practice law (for example, you could be interested in using law school as a bridge to government or public service), then concerns about the bar exam do not apply to you.

Here are some other factors to consider when deciding where to attend law school:

In what area of law do you intend to specialize? It may be worth leaving your home region in order to attend a school that offers enhanced job prospects or a reputation for great teaching in your field of interest. You might also find that specialties correlate with regions. For example, you may be interested in oil and gas law/energy regulation. Texas is a great place to try to get a job in this field. Texas law schools are also most likely to specialize in this field.

Do you plan to practice in a national market/major metropolitan area? If so, region matters much less. These markets draw lawyers from schools across the country so it matters less that you attend school in the region and more that you attend a school with a prestige and/or high ranking. If, however, you plan to practice in a smaller, more localized region, then you will probably benefit from attending the best school in that region because of the contacts you will make.

Think about where you want live in the future. We know it’s not easy to see three or four years into the future, but your likely place of residence should be a factor in



Knewton is offering PAD members a free class session and access to the June 2009 LSAT, with instant scoring and detailed explanations, free of charge at lsat57.com



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FAQs of Pre-Law

By Byron K. Rupp
Director of Pre-Law
Operations

As the year is fully underway and we've held several Leadership Symposia, one of the most common questions has been about how to get members and non-members to attend your events. The programs are almost always great ones and it appears that the majority of the problem has been timing and publicity. This issue's F.A.Q.s covers both of those topics.

Timing of the events:

The first thing to realize is that it will be almost impossible to have an event that gets 100% of your membership to attend, let alone the entire school, so you shouldn't have that be the benchmark for whether an event is a success or failure. However, it should be your goal to have as many students in attendance as possible.

To maximize attendance, you should always be aware of what else is happening on your programs intended date. It's probably not a good idea to plan something that will conflict with finals, a home football game or other high profile event that will draw people away. If you're not sure where to look for such potential conflicts, check your school calendar and poll your chapter members. Both sources will be able to give you an idea of whether there will be a competing event that might reduce or eliminate the number of attendees.

Another common mistake is for a chapter to not get its event listed on the school calendar of events. By listing the event with your SGA or the Student Activities Office, you will find that other organizations will begin to

schedule around your event instead of opposite it, thus eliminating the potential loss of attendees.

Publicizing your chapter and your events:

The first thing you should remember is that 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 than if they just hear that there is an organization out there named P.A.D. that holds an event every now and then. Here are some of the more common questions about publicity along with several quick and easy ways to make sure that everyone knows what you're doing!

How often should you publicize an event?

Early and often! The chapters that have the most success publicizing events are the ones that utilize a publicity committee who publicize each event early, and then follow up the initial notice in a variety of ways. Announcements should be made in an on-going basis leading up to the program!

So how do we publicize?

1. In-class announcements. This is one of the best ways to get the word out! In class announcements should last no more than 30 seconds and should be given at the beginning of class (and always with the permission of the Professor). Most chapters have section reps for each class and some for each major, who make these announcements.

2. Notes on classroom chalkboards. Admit it, we've all been halfway through a class and our mind has started to wander. If you're not currently playing a game of gunner bingo or surfing the net, your eyes start wandering around the classroom. What a great opportunity to advertise to a captive audience about upcoming events!

3. Establish a social networking site, website or twitter. By posting upcoming events in this medium, you can keep students informed and also keep them coming back to see what else is going on. The key is to quickly remove old information. Pictures of past events and members having fun are always a good draw.

4. Email blasts. There are two variations to this.

a. The all school email blast.

Some schools allow this, some don't. Check with your administration. The key here is to plan ahead.

b. Use an Interested Student and membership email blast.

Every time your chapter has an event or sets up a rush table, should collect the names of everyone who stops by on the "Interested Student Sheet." After the event or rush table, take the names and emails of each person that signed the "Interested Student 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!

5. Notes on school monitors. Not every school has a video message system, but if your school does, this is a great way to get your chapter calendar out to the general student population, your members and any other interested students who signed the "Interested Student Sheet" at one of the chapter programs. Also you can also put notices of upcoming events here to catch their attention.

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IUPUI Pre-Law Chapter – Back in Action!

By Beverly Randolph-Engbreetsen

Success is on its way at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis' newly reactivated Pre-Law Chapter. In April 2009, Pre-Law Academic Advisor on campus, Erin Engels, J.D., asked students to assist her in reactivating the IUPUI Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter. As one can imagine, we are figuring out how to get the perfect combination of recruiting and fund-raising efforts, LSAT test preparation information, professional development, guest speakers and community service projects. So far we are fortunate to have gained nearly 30 new members.

This summer, we kicked off our newly-reformed group with an Ice Cream Social and Callout/Informational meeting. We followed that with two more events concentrating on Law School information with current law students as well as information about potential careers with Pre-Law majors. The main professional development program was a Business Etiquette seminar focusing on effective networking presented by Vice President Beverly Randolph-Engbreetsen, who is the Founder and Director of The Protocol School of Indianapolis, LLC. Other guest speakers scheduled include Law School Professor, Fran Watson, J.D., and the Honorable Kim Mattingly of the Marion County Superior Court.

Monthly recruitment/social events included attending an Indianapolis Indians minor league baseball game, a trip to Kings Island Amusement Park, and dinner followed by a visit to a comedy club.

We plan to send eight members to the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Conference in November as well as participate in the Mock Trial Competition. By year's end, we will have completed two community service projects: volunteering at Conner Prairie, an interactive living history museum, and providing a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need. We plan to end our action-packed semester with a holiday social.

We wish other newly created groups much success and would love to exchange best practices. Please contact Beverly at etiquettespecialist@yahoo.com.



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AAC ATTACK!

The Alumni Advisory Council Attacks The Fraternity's Alumni Issues

By B.J. Maley, AAC Chair

Each issue of the reporter, the Alumni Advisory Council includes an article concerning some of the alumni issues facing the fraternity and some of the steps that AAC and the Fraternity as a whole are taking to make the Fraternity's alumni program stronger.

Alumni Awards Program Expanded

At its summer board meeting, the International Executive Board approved the recommendation of the Alumni Advisory Council and expanded the awards program. Until now, the only awards available to alumni chapters were the chapter merit and outstanding chapter awards. In its continuing efforts to encourage alumni involvement and alumni chapter activity, the Fraternity has expanded the program to include: 1) Most Improved Alumni Chapter Award, 2) Outstanding Alumni Chapter Justice Award, 3) Outstanding Alumni

Chapter Clerk Award, and 4) Best Alumni Chapter Professional Program Award. Application forms for the awards have been prepared and submitted to the International Justice and Executive Director for review. Watch for presentation of these new awards as well as the Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award at the Biennial Convention in Tampa next summer!

New AAC Member

A new member has joined the ranks of the Alumni Advisory Council. Alicia Robben is a 2008 graduate of the Watson Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh where she served her chapter first as Chapter Marshal and then as Chapter Justice. After graduation she worked for the Executive Office as a Membership Services Consultant, visiting chapters throughout the Northeastern United States. Alicia is currently working as Associate Counsel for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, DC.



Alicia Robben
(Watson Chapter).



At left: International Justice Rhonda Hill presents the 2009 Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award to the Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice Michele Jochner.

Tackling Alumni Issues

The Council has a full plate for the coming year. Among the issues and projects already being considered are:

- Developing/Increasing P.A.D. presence at non-fraternity professional events such as new attorney swearing in ceremonies, bar association functions, etc.;
- Developing an action plan to recruit non-member attorneys to join as new alumni members;
- Developing ways to promote the "Member for Life" Concept to our law school members; Enhancing Alumni Networking Opportunities;
- Establishing improved procedures for obtaining updated contact information for graduating law student members; and
- Devising a strategy to encourage alumni attendance at convention.

Look for more on these initiatives in future issues of The Reporter!

P.A.D. Wedding!

Congratulations to District I Justice Melody Crick (*Truman*) and Scott Peters (*Dunbar*) who were married on October 3, 2009 at the Tropicana Island Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, NV. Joining Melody as bridesmaid was International Executive Board Member-At-Large Kim Gallant (*Russell*). We wish all the best to the happy couple!



The West Suburban Alumni Chapter

By B.J. Maley (*West Suburban Alumni Chapter*)

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter (suburbs of Chicago, Illinois) decided to celebrate summer tropical paradise style – holding its First Annual P.A.D. Summer Luau. The Luau featured a poolside catered buffet of traditional island cuisine including Egg Rolls Bora Bora, Taro Chips, Kalua Pork, Honu Drumsticks, Chicken Long Rice, and Haupia Cake. After dinner, attendees sipped Mai Tais while enjoying live hula performances by professional dancers. Members particularly enjoyed the elaborate tropical decorations provided by the chapter's overzealous decorating committee.

With the commencement of the school year, the West Suburban Alumni Chapter is once again reaching out to P.A.D.'s student members. In addition to providing "alumni representatives" for the Blackstone, Lincoln and Story Chapter initiations and participating in the District XI Leadership Conference, WSAC is once again sponsoring its annual scholarship program. The scholarships are given in honor of the memory of Brother Anthony A. DiGrazia, whose lifelong devotion to Phi Alpha Delta continues to inspire our members. This year the chapter will award two to four scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 to law student members of the fraternity attending law schools within approximately 100 miles of West Suburban Alumni territory. The eligible law schools are DePaul University, John Marshall Law School, the Marquette University, Loyola University of Chicago, IIT-Kent College of Law, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and Valparaiso University. The scholarships will be presented at the chapter's annual awards banquet at The Flame Steakhouse in Countryside, IL on November 12, 2009. The chapter will also conduct its annual officer elections on that date.

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter serves Phi Alpha Delta members living or working in the western suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. To learn more about the chapter and how to participate, contact WestSuburbanPAD@gmail.com.



Above: WSAC Member Pete Bastianen learns the art of tropical dance.

Bottom: The West Suburban Alumni Chapter Luau



New Member Benefit:



Phi Alpha Delta has partnered with LifeLock to provide you a 10% discount on LifeLock membership.

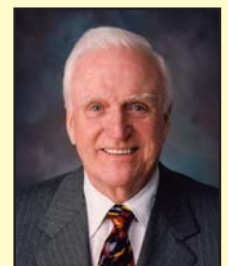
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Law School to be Renamed for P.A.D. Alumnus

The building that houses Loyola University Chicago's School of Law will be renamed the Philip H. Corboy Law Center after the P.A.D. alumnus member who made the largest single donation in the school's history. Corboy (Webster) graduated first in his class from Loyola in 1949. He became a personal injury lawyer, one of the first in the U. S. to win a million-dollar jury verdict, and the first to be elected Chicago Bar Association president. Corboy, now 85, is still in practice and plans to also donate his papers to Loyola. The National Law Journal listed Corboy as among the top 100 most influential lawyer in the country.

Corboy will also be donating his papers to Loyola, where they will be housed in the School's Law Library.

The dedication ceremony of the Philip H. Corboy Law Center will be held later this fall.





Edward Moore “Ted” Kennedy (1932 - 2009)

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (*Jefferson*), last of the three Kennedy brothers who embodied American politics in the 1960s, died August 25, 2009 after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. He was elected for the first of nine times to the U.S. Senate in 1962, serving 46 years, making him the third-longest-serving senator in United States history.

“The Lion of the Senate” was born in 1932 to Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr. and Rose Fitzgerald and was the youngest of their nine children who included President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1959 and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar that same year. In 1960, Kennedy managed his brother John's presidential campaign in the western states. Following a stint as Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County, MA, Kennedy ran for and won the special election for U.S. Senate in 1962, a seat formerly held by his brother, John. In 1979, Kennedy sought the Democratic nomination for President in the 1980 election, but was unable to defeat incumbent Jimmy Carter (*Keener*), due in part to lingering scandal surrounding the “Chappaquiddick Incident” and the death of Mary Jo Kopechne.

During his long tenure as U.S. Senator, Kennedy fought to pass many laws dealing with voter rights,

Campaign

100 Years of Alumni Chapters and Alumni Chapter Programming

In celebration of the approaching 100th anniversary of the fraternity's alumni chapter program in 2011, our International Justice has set a goal of having 100 active alumni chapters by the end of that year. Since the inception of the campaign several alumni chapters have been reactivated.

One of the most recently reactivated chapters was the San Francisco Alumni Chapter which was ceremonially reactivated during the District II Conference on September 19, 2009. Alumni Advisory Council Chair B.J. Maley (Webster) acted as the Reactivating Officer assisted by Ellen Sass (Henry) and Richard Douglas (Carmody). The reactivating officers are: Justice Keri E. Dikos (Humphrey); Vice Justice Reid A. Nicolosi (Humphrey); Clerk Alexandria “Dria” Fearn (Temple), Treasurer Michelle Isherwood (Humphrey), and Marshal Valerie Kraml (Temple). The ceremony concluded with the initiation of one new alumni member by the chapter, Addyson Bailey.

In order to qualify for representation at the Biennial Convention, a chapter must be reactivated at least six months prior to convention so reactivating committees should target reactivating no later than January.

To reactivate an inactive alumni chapter (or to charter a new alumni chapter) requires a petition to the International Executive Board signed by no fewer than ten P.A.D. alumni members who actually reside or work in the community served by the chapter. (If it is a statewide alumni chapter, the required number is twenty-five.) For information about how you can help or for assistance in activating an alumni chapter in your area, please contact the Alumni Advisory Council Chair B.J. Maley at attybjm@ameritech.net.

immigration reform, minimum wage, education issues, funding for AIDS treatment, human rights, and health care reform, which he called “the cause of my life.” Brother Kennedy served as Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Prior to that he was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and also served on the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Congressional Joint Economic Committee.

Senator Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant glioma in May, 2008. In spite of his illness, he attended the 2008 Democratic National Convention to give a speech in support of then-Senator Barack Obama, whose Inauguration he later attended.

Kennedy is survived by his wife Vicki and their five children Kara, Edward Jr., and Patrick Kennedy, and Curran and Caroline Raclin, and his sister Jean Kennedy Smith.

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Prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Acosta served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, the first Hispanic to serve as an assistant attorney general. Among his many accolades and professional accomplishments, Acosta has received the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education's Legacy Award for efforts on diversity; the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Excellence in Government Award and the D.C. Hispanic Bar Association's Hugh A. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award. In addition to his leadership role at the College of Law, Dean Acosta has a special interest in framing the national policy debate on infrastructure investment in education.

A native of Miami, Dean Acosta earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He then clerked for Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., when he served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The Spessard Lindsey Holland Chapter is pleased to welcome FIU College of Law Dean R. Alexander Acosta among our brethren!



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your thinking. For example this data shows that Washington and Lee and the University of Alabama are similarly ranked schools (both are 30th on *US News and World Report*). However, only 27% of Washington and Lee students remain in Virginia, while 70% of University of Alabama students remain in Alabama after graduating. Thus, a student wishing to practice in Ohio may be better off choosing Washington and Lee over the University of Alabama.

Similarly, the same student wishing to practice in Ohio would better served by choosing the University of Cincinnati (ranked 52nd) over University of Washington, (ranked 30th) because 72% of University of Washington students stay in Washington upon graduation and 62% of University of Cincinnati students stay in Ohio. The same student deciding between University of Cincinnati and Washington and Lee has a much more difficult decision to make and should thus likely use factors outside of rank to make an educated decision (e.g. quality of life, interest in the professors, etc.)

Look at the alumni data for the school you are considering. If the school is outside your home region, and a significant majority of graduates practice in the region it is located in, then it is perhaps not your best choice. On the flip side, if the school you are considering is within your region and a significant majority of the graduates stay within the region to practice—then that is an important point in its favor.

Don't forget quality of life. What happens outside of law school is often as important as what happens inside. Factor in considerations like cost of living, size of the summer job market, and access to culture. In other words, don't live where you'll be miserable for the next 3 or 4 years.

You may be able to get a clerkship in your region, regardless of where you go to law school. When applying for a clerkship, you should remember that the quality of the school is significantly more important than its location. During your clerkship you will probably make contacts that will help you get a job in your region, even if you chose to go to school outside your region. During your clerkship you will meet lawyers, and a reputable judge's name on your resume will help tremendously with finding a job.

Of course, you can make up for attending a lower-ranked school by earning exceptional grades. Local firms will often recruit students at the top of the class. If you know you want to practice in, say, Utah, it could be better to go to University of Utah (ranked 56th) and graduate in the top 10% of your class than go to University of Minnesota (ranked 20th) and only graduate in the top 50% of your class.

Lastly, remember that logic and data can only take you so far. Don't be afraid to listen to your intuition regarding which school is the right fit for you.

Good luck!

ALUMNI

Chicago Alumni Chapter Update

By Pierre Priestley

The summer of 2009 continued to be a very busy season for the Chicago Alumni Chapter. Under the leadership of Justice Michele Jochner, along with the tireless efforts of the Chapter's officers and board members, the CAC has established itself as one of Chicago's leading service-oriented legal organizations.

On July 21st the chapter initiated 12 new members into Phi Alpha Delta, an event which was noted in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. This record class of initiates included the president of the Illinois State Bar Association, John G. O'Brien, as well as Hon. Arnette R. Hubbard, a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and a recipient of the American Bar Association's 2009 Margaret Brent Women of Achievement Award. The Margaret Brent Award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers.



Past Justices Banquet - Former justices and current justice of Chicago Alumni Chapter (L-R) Jim Erwin, Julie April Montgomery, John Peter Curielli, Stephen Baime, Gene Edlin, John K. Norris, Justice Michele Jochner

As part of its commitment to the Chicago legal community, the chapter once again participated in Race Judicata, a 5K run sponsored by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS). The Chicago Alumni Chapter team of 25 members and friends raised more than \$750.00 for CVLS and its programs to provide equal access to justice for struggling families and individuals with civil law issues.

In August, past Chapter Justice Julie-April Montgomery and other members represented the Chicago Chapter at the March of Dimes "2009

March for Babies" awards breakfast. Julie-April, who served as the team captain, received the chapter's sixth-straight platinum award given to teams that raised over \$10,000 for the March of Dimes in their annual Walk-a-thon. The Chicago Alumni Chapter has participated in the March of Dimes walks for over 15 years, and has raised over \$100,000 during that time.

The chapter's summer events were capped by its annual Past Justices Banquet held on August 30th in recognition of the service rendered by our justices over the years. This year, six former justices attended along with chapter members and P.A.D. student leaders. The banquet also served as the official celebration of the Chicago Alumni Chapter being named Phi Alpha Delta's 2009 Outstanding Alumni Chapter. District XI Justice John K. Norris represented the International Executive Board in congratulating Justice Jochner and the Chapter on a job well done.

Upcoming events include the honorary initiation of nationally-known jurists and attorneys, a continuation of the Chapter's "Distinguished Lecture Series," a *pro bono*/public interest seminar for law students and new attorneys, and our 2009 scholarship awards banquet. Stay tuned for more activity!



(L-R) Julie-April Montgomery, Effriede Jochner, Chapter Justice Michele Jochner, Hon. Arnette Hubbard, Julie Ann Sebastian, Deidre Baumann

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Advice from “THE VICE”

By International Vice-Justice Ronald J. Winter (*Alden*)

How many of you know an Honorary member of Phi Alpha Delta? How many of you know what that means? Are you aware that the Fraternity has a special class of membership, identified in the Constitution, called Honorary? Are you aware of the requirements for someone to be elected to Honorary membership? That's right, elected.

Honorary membership is reserved for someone who “has attained unusual distinction in the legal profession or in the field of law (on) at least a statewide basis”. (Constitution Article III, Section 2.c.) Membership must be approved by the International Executive Board after review of a Petition for Honorary Membership and ballot on same.

Has your chapter submitted a Petition for Honorary membership of anyone in your state? The person need not be a member of the legal profession (i.e. an attorney), for “field of law” has a liberal interpretation to include “any person elected or appointed to a legislature or engaged in the execution, administration, or enforcement of the law”. (Article III, Sec. 2.c.) So your state's Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Chief Justice, Speaker, or Pro Tem of the Senate is a likely candidate for membership.

The only obstacle to membership, aside from not meeting the criteria described above, would be membership in another law fraternity. Our Constitution and International By-Laws prohibit joint membership in P.A.D. and another law fraternity. (Art. III, Sec. 4.)

The procedure to follow, then, in initiating the Honorary Membership process, is to obtain a resume, curriculum vitae or biography of the intended member. It is important to

refrain from making mention of the purpose of the request for information because the invitation to membership hinges on whether or not the person is approved for Honorary membership. Imagine the embarrassment for both the individual and the Fraternity if the Petition was not approved after the chapter had made overtures to the targeted individual about becoming an honorary member of its law fraternity.

An alternative approach might be that the chapter is interested in doing a story on the individual for the law school paper. Once the Petition is approved, a story in the law school paper announcing the initiation ceremony of the individual would certainly be in order. If the Petition were to be disapproved, a story about the individual could nevertheless be done by the chapter to fulfill its obligation to the person.

You may want to first contact your District Justice and/or the Executive Office to ascertain whether or not the person in question is already a member of P.A.D.. If so, consider inviting that person to a future event. If not, the first step of the process (non-membership) is done and the submission of the Petition to the Executive Office is next.

In general, the IEB will receive the Petition and accompanying documents via electronic mail with a ballot attached for voting approval or not. The turnaround from the time of receipt of the Petition at the Executive Office until sufficient ballots are returned for counting and approval should take no more than 10 days.

After the Executive Office has notified the chapter of IEB approval, the chapter may then extend membership to the individual. If the candidate accepts, an event worthy of the

member's stature is appropriate. If rejected, the invitation is withdrawn and the determination should be communicated to the Executive Office and to your District Justice. If the IEB disapproves the Petition, the EO will notify the chapter as well.

The Honorary Membership process is not terribly complicated, but it must be carefully planned to avoid the pitfalls as described above. If you are contemplating someone for potential honorary membership, please clear the information with your DJ or the EO so that the Fraternity is aware of your plans and can assist you with every step along the way. Initiation of an Honorary Member can be the highlight of the school year - or a complete debacle. The difference is in how you go about the process. If you follow these simple steps, the awarding of Honorary Membership by your chapter can be a memorable and rewarding experience. I know, because I have presided over several.

With all of this in mind, isn't it time you got to know a P.A.D. Honorary Member? You have the authority to make it happen. I strongly encourage you and your chapter to do so.

Just my advice.



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Story Chapter

By Lauren Chibe, Co-Justice

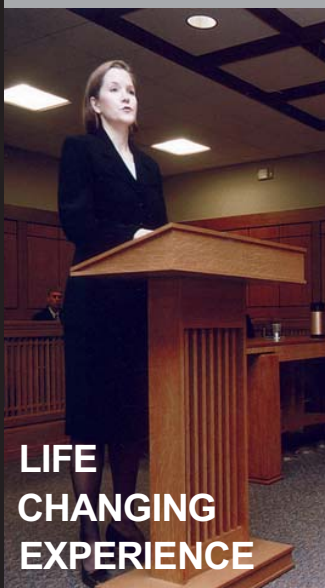
Story Chapter held a model initiation ceremony during the District XI Conference on Saturday September 26, 2009. International Justice Rhonda Hill was present for the conference and participated in the initiation of twenty-seven new P.A.D. members. Rhonda Hill also presented District XI with awards for the 2008-2009 year. Story Chapter proudly received 5 awards: increasing chapter membership by over 100%, initiating over 100 members, Top Recruiting Chapter (169 members), Outstanding Chapter in District XI, and 2nd place Outstanding Law School Chapter.



Story Chapter is planning another initiation ceremony at the end of October, and is busy getting ready for their annual Founders' Day Auction in November. Some of the proceeds from this even will go to the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network. Story Chapter is looking forward to another great year!



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P.A.D. Alumna Cynthia Hujar Orr Installed as President of National Criminal Defense Bar

Washington, D.C. (Aug. 11, 2009) — Cynthia Hujar Orr (*Garner*) of San Antonio, Tex., was sworn in as President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at its 51st Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., on Aug. 8.

Orr has served on the Association's Executive Committee, previously holding the offices of President-Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and as a member of the Board of Directors. She has chaired NACDL's Membership, Internet, Public Affairs, Death Penalty, and History Committees. She was also a member of the Amicus Curiae and Lawyers Assistance Strike Force Committees.

Her first year in practice, Orr was counsel on the amicus brief in *CNN vs. General Manuel Noriega* before the United States Supreme Court where she successfully defended this unpopular defendant's attorney-client privilege. She obtained the first confession of error by the State of Texas in a death penalty case.

In 2003-04, she was president of NACDL's state affiliate, the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA), is a member of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Criminal Justice Council and on the ABA Task Force rewriting the Standards for Prosecution and Defense Functions. She also served on the ABA Ad Hoc Innocence Committee. For the last two years, she has authored the Annual Report on the Criminal Justice System for the ABA Defense Function Committee. Orr's accolades include induction into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. She is listed in Best Lawyers in America and is one of Texas Monthly's "Texas Super Lawyers" and "San Antonio's Best Lawyers," featured in Scene in SA Monthly. In addition, Orr has been designated, both in 2008 and 2009, as one of the Best 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas by the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Orr helped establish the Women's Opportunities Week and the San Antonio Minority Business Accelerator for the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, where she sits on the Board of Directors.

A 1979 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and 1988 graduate of St. Mary's University Law School, Orr began her career clerking for Fifth Circuit Judge Emilio Garza when he sat on the U.S. District Court bench in San Antonio, Tex. Judge Garza traveled to Boston to swear in Orr as President of NACDL on Aug. 8.



Whittaker Chapter

By Samantha Deuschel, Justice
The Whittaker Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at Chapman University School of Law has been busy since the first week of classes with recruiting new members and hosting events to promote Phi Alpha Delta on campus.

The Whittaker Chapter thus far has hosted Eric Janus, Dean of William Mitchell Law School in Minnesota on his presentation as part of the Chapman Dialogue Series in which he presented a discussion on "Preventive Detention- Sex Offenders and Terrorists." The chapter also hosted its annual Tiki Cruise which was themed this year as a highlighter party. We had around 100 guests attend the 3 hour harbor cruise in Newport Beach that consisted of food, music, and white shirts for marking! This past weekend, the Whittaker Chapter initiated 10 new members and welcomed them into the fraternal bond.

Finally, the chapter has a couple upcoming events to top of the fall semester! We have planned to team up with the Orange County Bar Association in volunteering at the Orange County Food Bank. We are participating in our campus' Wellness Week by promoting healthy food choices like fresh fruit! And finally, we will end the semester, before finals, with an end of the semester mixer!

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The Watkins Chapter News

By Shanelle C. Wells

The P.A.D. Watkins Chapter at the North Carolina Central University School of Law had a successful year thus far and plans to continue the trend of success! During the spring semester, the Watkins Trial Team participated in the Annual P.A.D. Trial Competition, which took place in Las Vegas. Competing against 25 teams from across the country, the Watkins Trial Team (*lower right picture*) placed first!

In August 2009, our Executive Board attended the District XXV Conference in Greensboro, NC, where the Watkins Chapter was named "Most Outstanding Chapter." We are planning a district-wide community service project and are looking forward to working with other chapters in our district.

The Watkins Chapter was also able to increase its membership by 50 percent. As it stands, our chapter has over 70 members. To keep our current members involved and to encourage the new ones to participate, the Watkins Chapter is teaming up with the Black Law Students Association to host the Fall Ball in November to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. In addition, we are still planning to continue our service to the community by hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Durham Rescue Mission. Finally, we plan raise money to facilitate our fall charities by putting on a Karaoke event for professors.



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