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MESSAGE FROM

THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE: Connections to Your Legacy



It hardly seems possible but the 2008-2009 academic year is quickly drawing to a close. It has been an incredibly productive year for Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and I hope for each of you individually as well. However, this academic year is not over quite yet.

There is still time to build upon your legacy and make a difference in your lives and those who will follow you. Is your chapter a better chapter because you are a member? Did your Chapter conduct a spring initiation? Did your Chapter have officer elections AND transitions? There is still time.

What about this summer and coming fall? Will your chapter be a better chapter because you are a member? If you are a first or second year law student, what are your P.A.D. plans for the summer? Will you have any summertime P.A.D. events? Is your Chapter's fall calendar rounded out with a good balance of professional, academic, public service, social and fund raising programs? Has your Chapter planned appropriate programming this fall for 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls alike? What types of recruitment efforts will your Chapter conduct?

How will you stay connected with your P.A.D. brothers and sisters – during the waning days of the spring semester and those dreaded finals, during the summer and even after you graduate? Regardless of whether you are a pre-law member, a law student member or alumni member, being active in P.A.D. gives you a ready-made, unique and valuable connection to an entire network of law students, lawyers, judges and other members of the legal profession. There is one catch though. You have to be active in P.A.D. This won't magically come to you if all you do is sit idly by. Visit our website at www.pad.org to discover how to stay connected. Take advantage of connections to our online directory and community pages, P.A.D. groups on Yahoo, Face Book, LinkedIn, etc.

Now is a great time to reflect upon the legacy you are leaving and the legacy you have yet to create. Meaningful legacies don't just happen. They take conscious effort to cultivate and shape. Stay connected with P.A.D. and continue to build your legacy.

Fraternally,

Rhonda Hill, International Justice

WELCOME

Phi Alpha Delta Welcomes Three New Law School Chapters!

200TH LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER - WILLIAM PENN CHAPTER PENN STATE UNIVERSITY - DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY PARK, PA



The William Penn Chapter installation occurred on Friday, January 30th in University Park, PA at Penn State University. The Penn Chapter was branched off from Burr Chapter which is located at the Carlisle Campus. District XXII Justice Jay Ross and Director of Law Operations Jon Bassford initiated and installed the officers. The five officers held initiation for the remaining charter members that were in attendance. Also in attendance was International Tribune Glenn Milgram. After the initiation, everyone went to a local pizza place to socialize.

201ST LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER - ABRAHAM ALEXANDER CHAPTER CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW, CHARLOTTE, NC

On Friday, February 20, 2009 we installed the Abraham Alexander Chapter at Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, NC. Director of Law Operations Jon Bassford initiated and installed six officers who initiated the remaining charter members. The initiation was great and all members were invited to a local restaurant to socialize after the event.



202ND LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER - WILLIAM HOOPER CHAPTER ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, GREENSBORO, NC



The William Hooper Chapter was installed on Friday, March 13, 2009 at Elon School of Law in Greensboro, NC. Director of Law Operations Jon Bassford initiated and installed the six officers who initiated the remaining charter members. Several administrators from the school including Dean Johnson were in attendance. Kathleen Brinkey, an alumna in the area attended the initiation and agreed to be the chapter's alumni advisor. Following the initiation, the chapter held a reception outside the courtroom.

All three chapters, especially the executive boards, worked extremely hard to get the chapters chartered. They are all anxious to see where they can go in the future! Thanks for your hard work!

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Benson Chapter's Recordbreaking Year!

By Kevin Mechtley, Justice

We are happy to report to that Benson is having a record year in terms of recruitment and events. Our enthusiastic executive board set a goal at the beginning of the year to recruit more than 100 new initiates and hold at least one event per week for the entire school year to benefit our members.

As of this writing, we have officially broken the Benson initiation record with 107 new initiated members and have

averaged one event a week for the school year. We have found that putting on a wide range of events has helped immensely in terms of recruitment and membership involvement. We have focused on four types of events and have put together committees to assist in the development of these events. These areas include community service, professional development, social interaction, and educational enhancement.

Our community service events have included: bringing in the Red Cross to host a blood drive that produced a record number of good blood units; a bowling tournament for the Rescue Mission that brought over \$400 in donated food items; adopting a local 5-person family over the holidays; a pool tournament for *Let's Help* that produced over \$200 in canned foods; working our annual "Washcall" event that raised over \$2,500 for Washburn Law scholarships; and, sponsoring a golf tournament to fund a separate Washburn Law scholarship.

Our professional development events have included: our annual "Street Law" panel consisting of local attorneys that discussed constitutional issues in search and seizure law; a Benson alumni reception that followed our Fall initiation; a "Starting Your Own Law Firm" event with alum speaker Kevin Muxlow; a "Dress for Success" event with Kelly Anders, author of *The Organized Lawyer*; a Wine & Cheese night with Washburn alumni and professionals; a networking golf instructional event for our members; and a "Casino Night" with Washburn Law students, professors, and alumni.

Our social interaction events have included: 10 recruitment-oriented events at the beginning of the semesters; a Welcome-Back party for our membership and the new 1Ls; an All-Law School Party; a bar-b-que for our membership at one of our professor's homes; an all-law student Halloween Party that doubled as a fundraiser; a second semester Welcome-Back party for our membership; and, an all-law school Valentine's Day party that doubled as a fundraiser

Our educational enhancement events have included: a Question/Answer Panel of upperclassmen for our new 1Ls; a "War Stories" Panel made up of Washburn Law professors sharing their favorite stories from practice; a Question/Answer Panel with 3Ls to discuss enrollment, classes, and professors; a Question/Answer event for our new January students; and, critiquing our 1Ls' oral arguments in preparation for their big legal writing assignment.

In addition, we have great plans to put on even more events to close out this banner year at Benson. I would also like to personally thank Benson's executive board, committees, membership, professors, alumni, and our District Justice Christine Hutson, for all of their hard work and support throughout the year! Without all of these great people, Benson would certainly not be where it is today.



Benson Chapter Officers ready to initiate a record number of new members!

Staples Chapter's Annual Charity Auction a Big Success!

On Thursday, February 12th, students at the Washington and Lee School of Law once again showed their generosity, raising over \$11,000 during the 2009 Phi Alpha Delta charity auction. The last four auctions together have raised over \$50,000 for local charities.

Every year P.A.D. members choose a worthy local charity to benefit from the auction. The proceeds from this year's auction will be used to benefit Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center. Hoofbeats is a local, non-profit organization that provides equine-related therapy services for individuals with disabilities and serious illnesses in the Lexington area. In addition to supporting a

worthy charity, the Auction is one way in which the law school encourages community participation and service.

During the auction, students bid on donations from Law School faculty and staff, the most popular items being dinners and leisure activities with Professors.

Some of the auctions most popular items this year included:

- Bocce and Bourbon in the Springtime, donated by Professor King.
- A reception and cookout for twenty students, donated by Dean Smolla.
- A gourmet dinner for 6, donated by Professors Wiant and Massie and served by Professor Scales.
- Golf and lunch at the Lexington Country Club with Professors Johnson & Calhoun.
- Tickets, including food and drinks, to a Salem Red Sox Game, donated by Professor Luna.
- Dinner for 6 students, donated by Professor Howard.



LaBrum Chapter News

The LaBrum Chapter has had an exciting year beginning with our receiving the Stanley Kohn Best Chapter award! Our fall semester seemed to continue the trend. The LaBrum Chapter's fall initiation was very memorable as we had a special guest, fellow brother and former Supreme Justice Bob Redding, attend the event. Bob shared his experiences with Phi Alpha Delta and how the fraternity has transformed throughout the many years of his membership. He stressed the importance of forming a strong brotherhood and committing oneself to service, integrity, and professionalism. His words were touching and made our initiation top-notch!

Our chapter also held its annual Halloween party to raise money for The Kristin Mitchell Foundation and Kristin's Krusade, which was founded in memory of a victim of domestic violence. Not only did we raise money for the foundation, but we also raised awareness of domestic violence. It was truly special to have Kristin's parents attend the event and share their appreciation with the fraternity and other supporters.

The LaBrum Chapter is looking forward to providing more exciting events for our members to attend. We are also excited to grow in membership and bond as a chapter through up and coming events. We will be hosting an etiquette dinner this spring in order to prepare brothers for future dinner interviews and business gatherings. We are also excited about our spring initiation and hope to have another alumnus attend. Overall, it has been a very active and exciting year and the LaBrum Chapter is striving to continue the tradition!

Above left: Members of the LaBrum Chapter joined together with the parents of Kristin Mitchell in order to raise awareness for domestic violence in women.

Below left: LaBrum Executive Members, Sara Gillmer and Nicholas Pepersack, proudly accept and display the Stanley Kohn Best Chapter award at the 2008 P.A.D. Convention.



CLERK'S

Reporter

By Stephen T. King,
International Secretary

Allow me to meditate for a moment on a common scenario that comes up this time of year: A new clerk has been elected to replace you. Once you are no longer holding an elected office in your chapter, this means that your obligations to the chapter and to the fraternity are finished forever, right? Well, not quite yet. Before you build a bonfire with all of those leftover blank P.A.D. membership application forms, and before you shout "hallelujah, hand me the sunscreen and the bar exam application," you may have overlooked one last important aspect of your fiduciary duty to the fraternity. When I was still a District Justice, I recall one outgoing chapter justice who, shortly after officer elections, sent me a voice mail that consisted of a musical au revoir from that unforgettable pop duo Go West: "And I'll tell myself I'm over you/'Cause I'm the king of wishful thinking." (To this day, I'm still pondering the multiple layers of meaning and ambiguity in that voice mail message.) My point is that even though your successor has been elected, you are not "over" P.A.D., so stop with the "wishful thinking". You have ongoing

duties, not to mention a lifetime P.A.D. membership (for those who are law school members). So many chapters lose momentum

and institutional knowledge because of an inadequate, or often non-existent, transition between the old officers and the new officers. It is the obligation of each outgoing chapter clerk to continue in the role of leader and mentor to ensure that the newly elected clerk understands even the most mundane details of the job, for example: which forms does the clerk need to fill out; to whom are the forms, minutes, calendars, and other crucial correspondence sent; who are the key contact people at the school, in the community, and in the fraternity; and where are the chapter's P.A.D. supplies. And please do your district justice or district president a favor, advise him or her of the names and contact information of the newly elected officers. Even now, as International Secretary, I still seek guidance from my predecessor and mentor International Vice-Justice Ron Winter. He reads my minutes from the most recent Executive Board meeting, slaps me around a few times, tells me "that's not the way I did it," and offers me constructive criticism on how to improve my product. I have greatly appreciated his help, and I am sure that your successor as chapter clerk will appreciate it as well, though I don't advocate any literal acts of violence (only literary acts of violence). Speaking of literary acts of violence, here's a bit of doggerel verse that I composed to commemorate the arrival of Spring and the election of new officers: One year ends as the next begins, Proper transition and the chapter wins.



COVER PHOTOGRAPH:

Past International Justice John F. Weitkamp and former "First Brother" Karen Zdonzyk proudly display the P.A.D. banner during their trek to Antarctica!

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McReynolds Chapter Rebuilds

The McReynolds Chapter at the University of Tennessee College of Law is in the process of rebuilding itself and becoming a relevant, active campus organization once again. The addition of a large fall membership drive re-energized the chapter, and we sought inspiration from events held in the chapter's heyday, nearly ten years ago.

We have implemented new service activities, including the UT Law Ambassadors Program, in which members have the opportunity to answer prospective students' questions about UT Law. Our chapter website is currently in development and should be launched by the end of the spring semester.

Additionally, we anticipate creating a First Year Survival Guide which will be mailed to all of the incoming 1Ls over the summer. This guide will provide valuable information to incoming 1L students about our law school and its faculty and administration.

In local news, the McReynolds Chapter has been increasing its participation in community service activities. Our annual canned food drive has been very successful in recent years, with increased support from the professors and student body. Our help at the free flu shot weekend every November is always appreciated by other local volunteer groups, and more importantly, by the members of the community who receive the flu shots.

We are hosting a reception with local attorneys, judges, and law students in honor of Tennessee's new Supreme Court Justice, Sharon Lee. The reception will take place on April 15, 2009, and we expect at least 100 people to attend.

Based upon the success of new programs and activities this academic year, we have an even better plan for recruitment as well as increased social and service activities for next year. We have high hopes for our future.

Iredell Chapter Update

The Iredell Chapter at Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law has been growing by leaps and bounds! The chapter has experienced a surge in the number of new members this year totaling 66 – almost double the number of members from last year!

The year started off strong with back-to-back fundraising events. The first event, Karaoke for Komen, invites students to either sing their favorite tunes or challenge their friends to sing by donating money to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The second service project was the Triangle Memory Walk, a fundraising event which raises money for the Alzheimer's Association of North Carolina. Both events were hugely successful and those students that participated had a great time. Plus, the Iredell Chapter raised a total of \$3,250 between these two events for their respective causes.

The Spring semester has been even busier, as we volunteered with Hospice of Wake County at their Cabin Fever Throwdown. The event featured beach music bands and saw over 500 people in attendance. Iredell volunteers were there to help serve food, collect money, and assist with the silent auction and raffle.

Later this month we will be hosting our major spring fundraiser, Rodeo for Ronald, in the school's soon-to-be-home town of Raleigh, NC at the City Limits Bar & Saloon. The event will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Durham and will feature a mechanical bull riding competition and best western costume. This will be the third annual Rodeo that the Iredell Chapter has sponsored and while the last two years have seen great successes, this year looks to be bigger than ever! This year's Justice of the Iredell Chapter, Marlo Ricks, has even won the title for champion bull-rider at past events. She slipped a little in the rankings last year, but this year she hopes to regain her title.

We will also be hosting the 30th Annual Iredell Award Banquet where we honor a member of the legal community in North Carolina who has made significant contributions to the legal profession and to the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. This year's recipient is the Honorable Paul Newby, Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and adjunct faculty member of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. The ceremony and reception will be held at the Cardinal Club in Raleigh, NC. Several NC Supreme Court Justices and NC Court of Appeals judges are expected to be in attendance as well as many other members of the legal and political community. A special thanks to Thomas Currin, 2008 Iredell Banquet Chair, for all of the hard work he has put into planning this event.

We are looking forward to a great remainder of the semester with our new members. Feel free to contact the Iredell Chapter for more information at marlo.ricks@gmail.com.



Iredell members participate in the Karaoke for Komen event.



Members of the Iredell Chapter prepare to walk for the Alzheimer's Association of

Law Ops Review

By Jon Bassford, Director of Law Operations

Running a P.A.D. Chapter in Challenging Economic Times

Recruitment:

We have all been at a recruitment table and heard the words: "Well, I just don't have the money to join!" As challenging economic times continue, you will not have heard the last of that response. However, every officer and member should be prepared with an answer. Phi Alpha Delta chapters are

different from every other organization on campus because of our fraternalism and network. This even includes other fraternities because of our sheer size and organizational structure.

For only \$80, students are able to join an organization that offers them countless networking opportunities plus financial discounts and local activities while in school. Joining Phi

Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is not just about joining a local chapter but about joining an international network of students and attorneys in over 55 countries. When you look at the big picture, this is an investment you cannot afford to miss during a challenging job market.

Programming:

Many chapters have already been hit by the economic situation as schools have begun to restrict funding and activities of student organizations as a whole. Because of the P.A.D. network, this should not pose the same problem to our chapters as it does to other student organizations.

More than ever, chapters should reach out to our network and bring in P.A.D. speakers. We all know that lawyers love to talk about themselves and what they do! Having local P.A.D. alums come in on their lunch break would provide excellent programming with little or no expense to the chapter and/or the school.

Another way to save money is to make your program a brown bag event. You do not have to have food if you put on a great program as it will draw in students on its merits. Of course if you do want to provide food, there are many affordable ways to do so. One great idea I came across was at Benson Chapter where they had chili cheese nachos.

Fundraising:

If the chapter is not getting the funding it needs from the school, then it has to do fundraising. Again, brainstorm and come up with new ways to fundraise. There have been chapters that have received \$400 to \$1000 for a single fundraising event. I have found that adding some form of competition to a fundraising event can really bring about the most money.

Lastly, remember to start seeking Convention funding now. Do not wait until the last minute!

If you have any questions regarding these or other issues please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jon@pad.org or by phone at 410-347-3118.

Frankfurter – Joins the Fight Against Sex Trafficking

By David Dolgin, Vice Justice

The problem of human trafficking is growing. In 2003 it was reported to be the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world and the third largest source of criminal profits behind narcotics and arms dealing. By 2007 the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported that human trafficking surpassed illegal arms dealing and is now only second to drug trafficking. UNICEF reports that every year 1.2 million children are trafficked internationally for a profit of an estimated \$10 billion. One of the biggest trouble spots for this growing problem is between India and Nepal, where every year it is estimated that 2,500 women and girls go missing.

In October, the Frankfurter Chapter teamed up with several other organizations at Suffolk Law School to try to make a difference. Together we were able to raise over \$1,400 in donations to Maiti Nepal (www.maitinepal.org), an organization dedicated to eradicating the practice of human trafficking. This organization's name means "Mother's Home" and was formed in 1993 by a group of socially committed professionals to raise awareness of the massive problems of domestic violence and sexual trafficking in Nepal, and work to end this horrible practice. Frankfurter Chapter helped run a series of bake sales, and solicited donations to the organization which culminated in a seminar on the global problem led by Maiti Nepal. The seminar featured an Emmy nominated documentary "The Day My God Died" a film about Maiti Nepal's work narrated by actor Tim Robbins. Although the problem of human sex trafficking may seem insurmountable, when organizations band together to help raise awareness of this important issue, the world comes one step closer to eliminating sex trafficking in the world.

Advice from “THE VICE”

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

As our **calendars** reflect the move from winter to spring, we are reminded that it is time to make changes. Chief among these **are** the election of new officers for your chapters and the transition of those officers into positions of leadership.

Continuity within our chapters appears to be one of the keys to our more successful chapters maintaining that level of activity and growth. Law school being made up largely of a transient population makes this smooth transition of power and programming even more important.

With **due** respect to my student brethren, your chapters should already have planned spring elections and a transition meeting to transfer the tools and responsibilities of office to the successors in office. Our alumni

brethren should likewise have election of officers and – where applicable – a meeting to convey authority to the **next** generation of leaders.

If you follow this simple plan, you can ensure the continued success of your chapter. And, after all, it would be a shame to pour your heart and soul into a successful year of P.A.D. activity only to see it falter the following year because of a weak attempt at transitioning to a new crop of officers – or none at all.

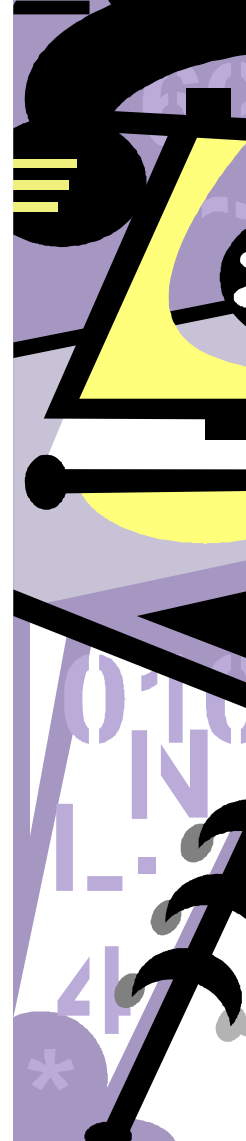
Additionally, the end of the year is the time for your chapter to submit its applications for outstanding chapter, justice and clerk. Please spend the **month** of May putting together your paperwork to have your chapter recognized for the programs and people who have made the past year so

successful. You have until June 1st to submit your applications, so don't delay.

Election of officers and transition are important components to continued success in the fall. In preparation of the fall rush, it is important to plan your calendar now. Did I mention that “**calendars are due next month**”? I think I did.

In the same way that location, location, location are the three most important words in real estate, preparation, preparation, preparation are the three most important words in successful chapter programming. Do you get my point?

Just my advice.



Rasco Chapter News

By Tash Lyn Cosimo

The P.A.D. Rasco Chapter at the University of Miami School of Law has made great strides in the 2008-2009 academic year and is not stopping there! The chapter membership has more than doubled with over 45 new members. The Chapter has reorganized, creating a committee system to assist the executive board, increase member involvement and organize more events. The new members are passionate and itching to be involved in the growth.

The number of chapter invents has increased considerably as well. Most recently, the chapter held a healthy food initiative selling healthy snacks during the lunch hour. We have held several Happy Hour events with members and alumni and members of other chapters. Our wine tasting invent brought members of two of the other local chapters, Mentschikoff and the Holland Chapter. Further, we sold “U Know You go to Law School if...” tee-shirts. Community service has also increased, with the annual Canned Immunity food drive and activities at the Community Partnership for the Homeless.

The semester isn't close to over as there is an upcoming Law Poker Tournament and Kiss the Pig fundraising challenge in the April. The Chapter is holding a Wine and Cheese Reception honoring alumni Al Lindsay, a partner of Hogan and Hartson who has continued his involvement with the Rasco Chapter, and advice has helped the chapter grow. The Rasco Chapter has a new executive board for the 2009-2010 academic year and will be continuing to increase membership, add more events and increase involvement with the UM Law and UM Law Alumni community after a successful year!



Rasco members work with Community Partnership for the Homeless

Sutin Chapter's Busy Year

The Sutin Chapter has been especially busy during this spring semester at Appalachian School of Law (ASL). The Sutin Chapter hosted Professor Tommy Sangchompuphen's writing clinic for essay exams on Jan. 28, 2009. Professor Sangchompuphen, a Sutin Chapter faculty member, has served as a bar exam essay-writing instructor and consultant for a national bar review company since



Above and below: Sutin Chapter members and ASL faculty attend an event co-hosted with the Democratic Law Society.



2000. Additionally, Professor Sangchompuphen has written several books, including the course materials for BAR/BRI's Essay Advantage courses in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, and Virginia, and has been involved with commercial bar preparation courses in Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Virginia. Approximately, 50 students were in physical attendance of this clinic, but the clinic was also put on reserve in our law library so that in total,

over 100 students were able to benefit from the presentation.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we collaborated with the

Democratic Law Society to host a wine tasting on Feb. 13, 2009 for alumni, students, professors, and their guests. Big band music and Frank Sinatra set the mood while our guests were served gourmet appetizers.

On Feb. 16, 2009, the Sutin Chapter organized a "How To Dress Professionally" Fashion Show for the ASL 1L Externship class. At ASL, all 1Ls must complete 200 hours of volunteer work for an approved legal site during the summer following their 1L year. To prepare for this externship, the 1Ls attend a class in the spring semester. To spice up this presentation, the Sutin Chapter joined with Professor Helen Phillips, the ASL Career Services Director, to do a "fashion show" at the beginning of this class period. The volunteers for this event included Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Paula Young, Jimmie Childress, and Sutin Chapter members Jessica Johnson, Danielle Benton, Traci Hartley, Nycole Howard, Lisa Fugate, Jennafer Tallant, Michael Gembitsky, Stephen Galgan, Denis Cote, Professor Derrick Howard, and Professor Douglas McKechnie. Following the models' walk on the "runway," Professor Phillips, Externship Class Professor Scott Boone, and a local lawyer critiqued the fashion statements being made by each of our models.

Many law students at ASL have expressed concern with finding a job in the economy in which we find ourselves. In response to this concern, the Sutin Chapter collaborated with the ASL Career Services Office to host P.A.D.

P.A.D. in Puerto Rico

The Ramos Chapter at the University of Puerto Rico has had an exciting year so far! During the Fall 2008 semester we held several successful recruitment events and activities such as bake sales, meetings and a pizza luncheon. On September 28th, the brothers and sisters of the Ramos Chapter gathered together to "Race for the Cure" in San Juan, Puerto Rico to aid the Susan G. Komen Foundation in their fight against breast cancer. This event is held every year, and the Ramos Chapter has participated for the past 3 years, giving hope and support to survivors of breast cancer. This semester we are prepared for more recruitment, community service events, bake sales and our annual get-together party.

In October, we initiated a diverse group of 1L - 3L students into our chapter. Two of our new members are former pre-law members from the Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico. As part of the ceremony we had the honor to have Professor Ana Cristina Gómez as a guest speaker, who has international recognition in the family and property law fields, and is an active member of the Ramos Antonini Chapter.



Ramos Chapter attends their third annual Race for the Cure event.



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The PLAC Report

By Marshall Campbell, PLAC Member

Do you know you have PLAC? The Pre-Law Advisory Council (PLAC), that is. PLAC's purpose is to advise the International Justices and the International Executive Board on traditions, ideals, policies and practices of the Fraternity and how they relate to the pre-law program and its members. The PLAC is made up of a chairperson, two faculty advisor members, two student members, two Pre-Law alumni, an International Executive Board Liaison, and other P.A.D.s that the International Justice appoints to this council.

So what has your PLAC been working on lately? Three items – district presidents, programming, and “graduates and retention.”

P.A.D. has 33 districts across the United States. PLAC and P.A.D. are working to install a District President in each District. As of March 10, 2009, twelve of the districts have a President.

It is the job of the district presidents to communicate fraternity expectations to the schools in their district, monitor their programs and activities, and provide assistance, counsel and coordination. It is also the expectation that each district become stronger, better organized and more professional through the efforts of the district presidents. If your district already has a president, expect that he or she will be in touch with your chapter, if that has not already happened. If your district does not yet have a president, expect that one will be named in the near future.

PLAC has recommended that the Pre-Law Chapters of P.A.D. develop their professional programs and that the Executive Office continue to assist in that endeavour. Too often our P.A.D. chapters focus on the social programs to the detriment of professional programs and the purpose of the Fraternity. We have recommended that all Pre-Law Chapters increase the number of

professional programs and to make them as comprehensive and effective as possible. Not only do the professional programs provide the students with important information; they also can help students make contact with various professionals in their legal community.

What do we mean by “professional programs?” Here are just a few examples: bring in local professional speakers to your school (e.g., judges, attorneys, child law specialists, social workers, law enforcement and criminologists); hold LSAT reviews, Law School reviews, and the like. Additionally, your chapter could start programs similar to Arizona's Law School Information Expo and their School of ROK (Rights of Kids) event, where they educate local elementary and middle school students on their basic rights. Chapters could also sponsor mock trials in their local secondary schools or work with Child Law advocates on local teen courts. PLAC has recommended that P.A.D.'s



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UNLV Pre-Law

The Pre-Law Chapter at the University of Nevada has had a great year thus far. Last semester we initiated 14 new members, nearly doubling our size! To keep our new members involved we continued our weekly speaker series which includes local attorneys from diverse legal fields and specialties, all chosen on member input. All members were invited to several socials and we had a very successful community service event with Habitat for Humanity. We also took a trip to McGeorge Law School in Sacramento, sat in on a class, took a tour of the school and met with Admissions Representatives.

This semester is turning out to be just as amazing so far! For our speaker series we've had an ACLU lawyer, an International lawyer, the head of the National Judicial College and several of our P.A.D. sisters, Megan Nunn, Miranda Mahe and Nice Cannizzaro from Boyd School of Law who are interning at the State Legislature. It was a great opportunity to learn about how important P.A.D. can be in your law school experience. Some of our upcoming events for this semester include community service at the Northern Nevada Food Bank, a trip to the Boyd School of Law with Northern Arizona University P.A.D. members and finally, an End of the Year Reception with all of our past participants in the speaker series. This year would not have possible without our dedicated officers; Taylor Anderson, Jaci Millsap, Oscar Peralta, Renne Maxfield, Chelsea Nelson and our advisor Julie Lentz. All of our events are listed on our new website www.nevadaprelaw.org.





You're Not Going to Miss Anything!

By Daniel McDowell, V.P. and Relationship Manager in the Private Client Group of National City Bank, now a part of PNC.

I want to ease your mind with this article, and take on a concern that many young (and mature) investors have.

You are not missing out on amassing great wealth by not investing every spare cent in this beaten-down stock market, as long as you have a long-term investment strategy already in place. (For those of you who have no income to invest, living with minimal debt is an important first step in your long-term investment strategy).

But even I have doubts sometimes, so here are the facts that help me when I feel irrationally exuberant about this market.

First, it is statistically highly improbable, if not impossible, that you can time the bottom of this market just right. Second, it is likely you do not make or have enough money to invest relatively massive amounts of your surplus cash in a market this volatile, and be able to absorb the losses.

Statistical Improbability of Timing a Bottom

I often have discussions with one of my biggest clients about how counterintuitive it is that, in a time like this, there are people on the radio promising to teach you how to get rich by working an hour a week at your kitchen table in your underwear. The logic is similar with stock market timing. It's a seductive idea, and many people talk about doing it but, in the end, it's not really possible for most of us, including the experts.

Roger C. Gibson, author of arguably the definitive guide to asset allocation, gives a very detailed analysis of why being able to time a top and a bottom in

a market is highly unlikely (Chapter 4, Gibson, Asset Allocation, 3rd Ed., McGraw Hill, 2000). Gibson quotes Charles D. Ellis' work Investment Policy, which cites a study of 100 large pension funds:

their experience with market timing found that while all of the funds had engaged in at least some market timing, not one of the funds had improved its rate of return as a result of its efforts at timing. In fact, 89 of the 100 **lost** [emphasis supplied] as a result of "timing" – and their losses averaged a daunting 4.5 percent over the five-year period. Id., page 80.

It is not likely that you, someone who is engaged in the study or practice of law and not the study of investments, will be able to time a "bottom" if those who are paid to manage money cannot effectively and profitably do it. Your time is better spent on either your studies or improving your specific expertise in the area of law on which you focus. Or even perhaps perfecting your favorite drink recipe, as it will probably result in more enjoyment and less angst than market timing.

You Won't Become Independently Wealthy from Investments In The Short Term (well, it's not likely)

If you're in law school, or even working for a large law firm, it is not likely you have enough cash to put into the market right now to amass life-changing wealth in the short term.

Look at it this way: if you invested in one S&P 500 Index fund when the index was at 700, and the market returns

to 100 points shy of its recent high, you have doubled your money. You may be thinking, "Hey, that's great!" Yes, but you have to be ready to risk losing all of it, and you have to be prepared for the heartburn of wondering WHEN to get out, IF the investment depreciates. I'm not against using a small amount of cash with which to take such chances, but we're talking about your savings. This is, most likely, not consistent with your long-term objectives. This is speculating.

Even if you did have a lot of money to invest in that strategy, say \$100,000, you would end up at about \$200,000 before the tax man cometh and taketh away about 40%, depending on when you sold.

My point is this: don't lose sleep or study time over not investing all of your spare money in the market right now. If you're a student, keep your debt load as low as possible by taking on as few loans as possible, and not taking on any other debt. If you're a young lawyer, max out the 401k and the Roth IRA contributions, and make the Roth contributions over each pay period. That way, you'll take advantage of lower market values, and not miss out entirely on any benefit.

Furthermore, never invest because of an emotional trigger, such as the feeling that you're missing something if you hold back, or that you can be part of a select group if you invest with a particular individual or fund. Personal wealth and security can become emotional issues. However, we make foolish mistakes when we make financial decisions for non-financial reasons.

Next issue: How to select a professional advisor.

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Kansas Pre-Law Launches Blog

The University of Kansas P.A.D. Chapter keeps its members updated with the help of a new web-log, hosted at www.padukans.wordpress.com. We wanted to use a blog format instead of the traditional website because it allows us to update on a daily basis. Members are encouraged to submit interesting law-related news and information for executive officers to post on the blog. The blog has also been instrumental in bridging the information-gap that's sometimes found between executive officers and members—members of the executive board post information after board meetings so that it is immediately available to the entire chapter. At the KU P.A.D. Blog site, prospective members can find information about joining P.A.D. Current members have access to a calendar that is regularly updated to include on-campus activities, LSAT study groups, community service opportunities, and meeting information. There's also contact information for all of the officers, general information about pre-law advising at KU, and links to other informational law-related blogs and websites. With the KU P.A.D. Blog's help, our chapter stays connected, informed, and active on campus and in the local community!

Western Illinois University Pre-Law

By Rachel Bloom, Publicity Chair

We want to say how excited and extremely honored we are to have won the "Outstanding New Pre-Law Chapter" award. It is in admiration of the chapters before us that our charter packet was the best to come before the fraternity and the first and only charter request to receive an anonymous approval from the International Executive Board.

Our Chapter in its first year of existence had held many professional development activities such as a resume and personal statement workshop, an interactive legal research workshop, hosted a guest speaker from Southern Illinois University's School of Law admissions office, participated in two pre-law symposiums with guest speakers from Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois, held a meet the fraternity rush, arranged LSAT prep courses on campus and have held a countless number of LSAT practice tests events, which were open to the entire campus.

In the start of our second year we will host guest speaker Dan Webb, a Western Illinois University Alumni and creator of the Keith Webb Memorial Scholarship. We will also be holding an assembly at a local high school, in which student will be able to ask a panel questions pertaining to the law. This panel will consist of legal professionals our fraternity has put together: a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney and police officer. Our Chapter is also in the midst of assembling fundraising ideas and hopes to hold a "Pie a Professor Fundraiser."

Once again we are honored to receive the "Outstanding New Pre-Law Chapter" award and realize the high standards expected from our chapter. We look forward to learning about what other chapters have accomplished and hope to apply that knowledge to our own chapter.

Methodist University Pre-Law Chapter Supports Local School

On December 1st 2008, the Methodist University Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International presented a check for the amount of \$1,500.00 to Hillsboro Street Elementary School. The check was accepted by the principle of the school, Reggie Pinkney and the money was used for the purchase of underwear and socks for students who were unable to afford these items. The students of the Methodist University P.A.D. helped raised this money by a "sock" drive. The P.A.D. members cut out pieces of paper that resembled socks and sold them to individual students, parents, sports teams and even faculty and staff members of the university. One of the P.A.D. members even contacted her mother and father and they were able to raise money in New Jersey for the students of Hillsboro. The Methodist P.A.D. has raised money for the school for the past four years. Due to the need for clothing and playground equipment on the campus, the Methodist P.A.D. will continue to raise money for the needy students of Hillsboro.





Law School and the recession: What does it mean for you?

By Jodi Tripett and Trent Teti,
founders of Blueprint Test Preparation.

We know what you're thinking. If you actually understood economics, you'd be considering an MBA, not a law degree. We get it. Which is why, when it comes to figuring out how the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression is going to affect your decision to go to law school, we wrote an article about it.

Let's start with the good news. The fact that you're reading this article means that you're considering a pretty good option when it comes to riding out a recession. First, going back to school is a great way to wait out troubled economic times. Because while you're studying criminal law and contracts, the economy may rally. Businesses have a good shot at growing again, law firms to be hiring, and credit cards companies to raise limits so consumers can once again buy stuff they don't need (such as the ShamWow™ or the first season DVD of MacGyver).

Second, once you've graduated, you'll be better educated and stand a better chance in any economy. A JD is a marketable degree across many professions and the processes you learn in law school (writing, critical thinking, etc.) will stand you in good stead in a variety of desirable professions. After all, one doesn't want picking cotton to be a primary job skill in a recession. The Joads tried that in *The Grapes of Wrath* and it didn't work out so well. So there are lots of reasons to continue with those plans to head to law school.

Of course, as with everything good in life, there is a catch.

Lots of other people are thinking this, too. Historically, economic recessions have been accompanied by surges in applications to graduate school. The last time around, during the dot com fizzle, law school applications increased dramatically. After all, when an uncertain economy makes people nervous, they gravitate toward a career that's a little more certain. As a result, it is very likely that soon there will be more people than ever applying to law school.

There's an additional complication. Remember all those friends of yours who became investment bankers straight out of college? Remember how great they thought they were because they owned a 3-series BMW? Well folks, those people don't have jobs anymore, they sold their BMWs (those that weren't leased), and they're applying to law school. For your very spot.



"Law school can be a good way to wait out a recession, but others may have the same idea."

I know it's rough, but just be thankful you didn't spend the last few years training to be a machinist at the Ford plant. Be relieved that the internship you just finished wasn't at Bear Stearns, and that your heart wasn't set on being the floor manager at Circuit City. Because there is a future in the legal arena; you're just going to have to face some very tough competition to get there.

Luckily, there are ways to become a more competitive applicant. Without a doubt, the best possible way to compete for a spot at a good law school is to have a great GPA and an amazing LSAT score. Of the two, your LSAT score is typically weighted more – as much as 60%. This is because the LSAT provides a way to compare applicants against each other. While different GPAs across different schools and majors can mean many different things (how does one compare a 3.9 from Eastern Tennessee State against a 3.5 from Minnesota University?), the LSAT measures how candidates competed against each other on the same or very similar tests. The LSAT is also predictive of a student's performance as a law student (even small increases in an LSAT score can correlate to better law school performance).

So put your best foot forward during the application process by treating your law school application with the importance it deserves. And keep in mind: the quality of your law school, particularly in a recession, matters. As the economy recovers and law firms begin hiring again, the first students to reap the benefits will be those who were admitted to top tier schools. Even as the job market improves, as a graduate with a JD you'll still be entering an extremely competitive job market. Where you go to law school will play a substantial role in determining the job you'll end up with when you finish your degree. So take the LSAT seriously, put together a great application and go spend the next few years living off the best unemployment that you can possibly find: student loan money from bailed-out banks.

Blueprint LSAT classes offer 100 hours of live lecture with great instructors for just \$1099. www.blueprintprep.com

FAQs of Pre-Law

By Byron K. Rupp
Director of Pre-Law
Operations

To our newest chapter officers: Welcome and Congratulations! You have been elected to serve the Fraternity in a leadership position and have the distinction of being one of less than eighteen-hundred chapter officers. The way you conduct yourselves this year will further serve to distinguish you and your chapter.

As an officer within P.A.D., you have taken on a great responsibility and we at the Executive Office look forward to working with you and helping you develop your leadership skills. You will be receiving periodic emails from us concerning Fraternity expectations for your chapter and regarding courses you will need to take at P.A.D. University, the online education center for the Fraternity. The courses you are assigned will provide you with the information you need to succeed as well as understand and operate within Fraternity Policies regarding several areas of risk management.

To start off the year, I'd like to offer a few tips and tricks, as well as provide some clear expectations of our chapter officers.

Chapter Officers are not Dictators

I know, it seems simplistic, but you would be amazed at the number of phone calls we receive regarding this issue (from both sides)! A number of people view their chapter structure as a pyramid with the officers at the top and ruling the membership. That couldn't be further from the truth! The

chapter officers are instead the base of the pyramid, providing a constant and solid foundation of service and support to the chapter. Your efforts will ensure that your chapter continues to meet Fraternity expectations by holding programs and welcoming new members into our Fraternity and will provide you with the skills you will need to succeed in law school and when you are practicing. Without a strong foundation a chapter (and the Fraternity) fails. You are a vital and important part of the Fraternity and by accepting your position you have committed to fulfilling the Fraternity motto of Service to the Student, the School and the Profession.

Develop a Committee System

The second most common call or email we receive is that the officers are doing everything themselves. That is one of the worst possible scenarios! Committees are an invaluable component for your chapter's success. Even if the committees don't do everything the exact way you want, the fact that a group of members is helping is what you want to see. Then, not only can you hold more programs with less burden being placed upon the officers, but you will also be developing future chapter leaders who will understand what it takes to run a chapter! The key is to delegate responsibilities, not abdicate them so the responsibility still remains with the chapter officers to follow-up with the committees throughout their

assignments to ensure that they are progressing in a timely manner and have the support they need.

Chapter Programming- Exemplify a Professional Fraternity –

We are Not part of the Greek System

The P.A.D. Pre-Law program was created to help students who have not yet begun law school answer the questions they may have about what law school is and what they can do with a law degree. For those students who decide that they wish to pursue a law degree, you are tasked with holding programs that can help them prepare, academically and professionally, so that they have the best opportunity they can have to get into their preferred law school. You will do this by:

- Holding programs such as LSAT practice tests, Personal Statement workshops, etc. that enable members to become comfortable and as adept as possible in these areas;
- Hosting speakers who will speak about the law school experience as well as what you can do, both traditionally and non-traditionally, with a law degree;
- Recruiting new members in line with the Fraternity's Open Membership Policy;
- Holding community service events.

Please note that there is no emphasis put upon holding social programs. While having a limited number of social programs (less than 20%) is fine, keep in mind that as a professional fraternity the focus of each and every chapter is to develop the professional and academic skills of our members!

After leading four of the Leadership Symposia and surveying each of the attendees, the most common reasons people joined P.A.D. Pre-Law was to learn about the law and develop a network. If your chapter works to meet Fraternity expectations,



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AAC ATTACK!

The Alumni Advisory Council Attacks The Fraternity's Alumni Issues

Submitted 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.

In this month's article, AAC features a summary of some of the projects AAC is wrestling with (many of which will be featured in later issues), a biography of the Honorable James F. Holderman, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Illinois, and the efforts to expand the alumni chapter program (Campaign 100!).

Alumni Dues

One of the issues facing the fraternity in providing more resources to help with alumni benefits and alumni programming is finding the money. Although payment of an initiation fee and participating in our initiation rituals makes us members of the fraternity for life, the fraternity does rely on its alumni members to voluntarily support the good work of Phi Alpha Delta through the payment of alumni dues. These dues are much less than those charged by other professional organizations and the more dues received the more support and benefits the fraternity can provide its members. Dues paying alumni are recognized in The Reporter and

highlighted in search results on the on line directory. Alumni dues are \$30 if you have graduated in 2006-2008. If you graduated before 2006, your alumni dues are \$50. To show your continued support for P.A.D. please visit the website and pay your alumni dues now at www.pad.org.

Recruiting New Alumni

Being a member of the Phi Alpha Delta is more than signing your name to a paper and more than just membership in another bar or civic association. Our members are united in brother and sisterhood with over 285,000 legal professionals throughout the world. Did you know that this opportunity is available to members of the legal community even if they did not join in law school? That's right.



Former Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow and this issue's featured alumni member in AAC Attack, Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District Illinois present Story Chapter Justice Jenn Frick with a Chicago Alumni Chapter Scholarship.

Any person who has been licensed to practice law in, and is in good standing with their local bar or any graduate of any law school where a P.A.D. Chapter has been chartered is eligible to be initiated as an alumni member. Law school faculty can even join for free! Recruiting new alumni members not only strengthens the fraternity but is also a good way to extend the benefits of membership to your friends and colleagues in the legal community.

In conjunction with the Executive Office, the AAC is working on creating recruiting materials specifically aimed toward recruiting new alumni members. The fraternity would like to expand its efforts not only to recruit new alumni members but to encourage increased activity among our existing alumni and increase P.A.D. awareness through highlighting P.A.D. presence at swearing in ceremonies and local and national bar association meetings and doing a better job of marketing the benefits of P.A.D. membership and the P.A.D. network to our members and the community at large.

Alumni Recognition

In the last two editions of The Reporter, the Alumni Advisory Council has featured AAC members who are contributing their time to Phi Alpha Delta (among other ways) through volunteering on AAC. Going forward, in the spirit of Campaign 100!, we would like to recognize alumni members who contribute their time and talent to our alumni chapters. In this issue whose contributions to his local alumni chapter and Phi Alpha Delta highlight the value of initiating members as alumni after law school - the Honorable James F. Holderman, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Illinois.

Brother Holderman was born May 30, 1946 and graduated law school at the University of Illinois in 1971. After serving as two years as a judicial clerk and six years as an Assistant United



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Chicago Alumni Chapter Initiates Illinois Attorney General, Eight New Alumni Members

The Chicago Alumni Chapter has had a tremendous kick-off to what it plans to be a very dynamic and exciting year. On February 25, 2009, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke installed the 2009-2010 Chapter officers. During that same ceremony, the Chicago Chapter and its new Chapter Justice, Michele Jochner, initiated Illinois Attorney General Lisa M. Madigan as an honorary member. It was a standing-room-only crowd at the Illinois Supreme Court's ceremonial courtroom, where the events took place.



Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice Michele Jochner initiates Illinois Attorney General Lisa M. Madigan as an Honorary Member.

initiation of a record-number of eight new alumni members on March 13, 2009. Our dear brother, Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, volunteered the use of his courtroom for the ceremony, and administered the oath of initiation to Hon. Mary Colleen Roberts, Hon. Naomi H. Schuster, Barbara Andersen, Jon DeMoss, Richard D.



Chicago Alumni Chapter's new officers with Illinois Attorney General Lisa M. Madigan

Attorney General Madigan became the first female elected to serve as the Illinois Attorney General in November 2002, and she is one of only a handful of female Attorneys General in the country. She was elected to a second term in November 2006, earning the largest vote total of any statewide candidate in that election. Throughout her career, Attorney General Madigan has displayed a steadfast commitment to the ideals which comprise the foundation of Phi Alpha Delta, and has developed pro-active and innovative initiatives which serve as model templates for other States to follow.

The honorary initiation of Attorney General Madigan set the stage for the Chapter's best Judges' Night ever, with over 200 members of the judiciary, lawyers, and law students in attendance. Judge's Night Chair, John K. Norris, presented to Attorney General Madigan the Chapter's Meritorious Legal Achievement Award, honoring her for her efforts in safeguarding Illinois citizens.

These successful events were followed shortly thereafter by a very proud moment for the Chicago Chapter: the



IL Attorney General Madigan receiving the Meritorious Legal Achievement Award from John K. Norris and Chapter Justice Michele Jochner.

Felice, Amie O. Joof, Linda Pael, and Gary H. Smith.

Chapter Justice Jochner, in her comments during the initiation, emphasized the remarkable accomplishments of our new members, which include two sitting judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the President and CEO



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you'll find that you will have developed a sense of Fraternalism among your members by helping them answer the questions they had about law school and the law while developing your own skills personally and professionally. That bond of Fraternalism will be much stronger, and more beneficial than whatever you may get by having fun at a party last weekend with a number of people who may or may not be going to law school. The chapter whose website states "our purpose is to learn about the law....and party!" is not a viable part of P.A.D., even if they bring in 200 new members a year.

Chapter Officers should always be transparent in their actions and expenditures

Chapter officers should always be upfront with their membership about the money they are spending and the actions they have taken or are considering taking. Chapter finances are hard enough to come by, so all expenditures should be for as much benefit to the chapter as possible. Expenditures that benefit only officers (such as buying dinners for officer meetings) or a small percentage of the membership are inconsistent with that and should not occur. If you're not willing to tell your members that you are using their money to buy yourself dinner then do not do it. Officers exist to support and sustain the chapter, not benefit financially from it.

- Expenditures of significant portions of the chapter accounts should be brought before the general chapter.

- While officers are elected to lead and make most decisions, expenditures of more than 15% of the chapters' budget on an event or on events that do not benefit the majority of chapter members need to be brought before the chapter members in a regularly scheduled meeting and opened for discussion, debate and a vote.

Phi Alpha Delta Alumni Join Forces To Bring You Themis Bar Review

On February 3, 2009, Rick Duffy, former BAR/BRI Group Chief Operating Officer, launched Themis Bar Review, an online, lecture-based bar review course developed for today's learner. Named after the Greek Goddess of justice, Themis offers full-service exam preparation in California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and MBE preparation in all jurisdictions.

Two members of Themis, Ellen Sass and Lesley Yosses, are active members of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. Ellen was initiated in February 1999 into the Patrick Henry Chapter at the University of Richmond School of Law. She served as Director of Chapter Operations from 2001-2002, District Justice for District 11 from 2002-2004, and as a Pre-Law Advisory Committee member from 2006-2008. Lesley was initiated in October 2002 into the National Capital Area Alumni Chapter during District 23's initiation at the U.S. Capitol. She served on the Alumni Advisory Committee from 2006-2008. Both remain active in the fraternity, having attended Conventions in 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008. Further, Lesley and Ellen worked closely with P.A.D. in their former roles within MicroMash Bar Review.

Now, Lesley and Ellen are excited to introduce Themis Bar Review to P.A.D., and even more excited to offer members \$106 off the Themis full bar review course. The discount offered is in honor of the age of the fraternity, and will be increased each Founder's Day to celebrate another year of P.A.D.'s service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

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Remember that all Pre-Law members took the same oath of membership agreeing to support and sustain the Fraternity and their chapter. Regardless of whether you are an officer or member, if you see something happening at your chapter that does not fit with the purpose of the Fraternity, violates our Open Membership or Alcohol and Anti-Hazing Policies, please let us know. As hard as it may be to stand up and object, be assured that you are closely following in the footsteps of the founders of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International in that they also stood up against a possible injustice and took a stand.

Plan on Attending the Leadership Symposia nearest you next Year as well as the Pre-Law Conference!

The Fraternity has expanded the number of Leadership Symposiums it will be holding next year from five to ten! The tentative site locations are listed

on the PAD.org and P.A.D. Community websites. These sessions will be held throughout the year and will provide chapter officers and members the information they need to succeed!

The Pre-Law Conference will be held November 12-15 in Alexandria, VA and will once again feature our National Mock Trial Competition and speakers on a variety of timely subjects. Each chapter should plan on being represented. For more information about the conference, please go to www.pad.org and check back frequently for updates as they become available.

The Executive Office exists to help you succeed. Whenever you have a question, please call or email Director of Pre-Law Operations Byron K. Rupp at dco@pad.org or 410.347.3118.

West Suburban Alumni Chapter Kicks Off the New Year

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter (Chicago Suburbs) has kicked off the new year by attempting to live up to P.A.D.'s motto and being of service to the community. At our first chapter dinner of the year, we were addressed by the Carol Simler, Executive Director of DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), an organization devoted to fighting area homelessness and the chapter's charitable partner. Ms. Simler talked about the organization and its mission "to end and prevent homelessness in our community". At the conclusion of her talk, the chapter presented her with a \$500.00 check to kick off the charitable partnership for the year.

The chapter is continuing its support of DuPage PADS by spearheading a regional P.A.D. Charity Bowling Tournament on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Each chapter in the District (alumni, law school, and pre-law chapters) has been invited to put together a team of five bowlers. Teams commit to raising \$750 as a team to support the charity. Individuals can also participate by committing to raise at least \$150.00. Participants will be treated to three games of bowling, all-you-can-eat pizza, soda, ice cream, raffle prizes, and more! The winning P.A.D. Team will take home a traveling trophy to their chapter and reign as area Phi Alpha Delta champions until the following year. For more information about the charity bowling tournament or how to participate, contact the chapter at WestSuburbanPAD@gmail.com.

Other events planned for the West Suburban Alumni include our second annual hockey outing on Saturday, March 28, 2009. We will be having a pre-game dinner and then enjoy regional rivals the Chicago Wolves and the Quad City Flames battling it out at the AllState Arena in Rosemont, Illinois.

The members of the West Suburban Alumni Chapter firmly believe that Phi Alpha Delta can continue to form a vital part of our professional and social life as legal professionals. We are dedicated to providing a forum for Phi Alpha Delta members in the Western Suburbs of Chicago to communicate, interact, and continue to develop that bond of fraternalism which is the essence of Phi Alpha Delta. To join the West Suburban Alumni Chapter, please contact the chapter at WestSuburbanPAD@gmail.com; you'll be glad that you did!



Members of the West Suburban Alumni Chapter Community Service Committee Carmel Huseman, Gloria Tsotsos, and Rachael Stokas present DuPAGE PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Executive Director Carol Simler with a donation to help fight homelessness.



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Executive Office could and should develop a web page where pre-law chapters can go to get programming ideas, outlines, and "how-to" materials, and could communicate with one another about programming ideas and issues.

Finally, PLAC recommends that P.A.D. establish a "Craigslist®" style program for its Pre-Law graduates. This program would allow Pre-Law graduates, especially those that did not go on to law school, to stay in touch with other P.A.D. alumni, advertise their services, or search for fellow P.A.D. pre-law grads that can provide services. PLAC believes that P.A.D. could use its existing P.A.D. online resources to create what we deem a P.A.D. Partnership Program (PPP.) PLAC's subcommittee on this issue is developing a draft proposal and hopes to present it to the full PLAC soon. The PPP hopes to develop a plan which utilizes the existing P.A.D. online community and links w/ Facebook, MySpace and LinkedIn P.A.D. group models to accomplish this goal.

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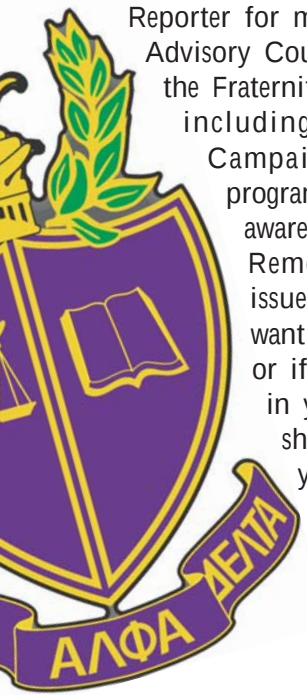


States Attorney, Judge Holderman entered private practice with the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in 1978. In 1985, Brother Holderman was appointed to the District Court.

Brother Holderman came to Phi Alpha Delta not in law school, but through honorary initiation on petition of the Chicago Alumni Chapter on March 9, 2007. Although coming to Phi Alpha Delta later in life than most, Judge Holderman has embraced the Fraternity and has become extremely active with P.A.D. and the Chicago Alumni. Brother Holderman serves as Honorary Chair of the chapter's Executive Board and regularly attends chapter events and business meetings, has accommodated the chapter's initiations in his courtroom, served as a presenter for the chapter's annual scholarship presentations, and officiated at several initiations – most recently presenting the chapter's newest honorary initiate Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan with her fraternity pin in February and presiding over an initiation of eight new alumni members by the Chicago Alumni Chapter in his courtroom in March. Thank you, Judge Holderman for all you do!

In the Next AAC Attack!

Look to the next issue of the Reporter for more on the Alumni Advisory Council's activities and the Fraternity's alumni program including: an update on Campaign 100, alumni program goals, and alumni awareness and recognition. Remember if you have issues or ideas that you want the AAC to address or if you think someone in your alumni chapter should be recognized, you can email AAC Chair B.J. Maley at attybjm@ameritech.net.



member Kimm Walton. Sister Walton presented her seminar based on her book *Guerrilla Tactics to Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams: Regardless of Your Grades, Your School, or Your Work Experience!* A student lunch was coordinated with the event and a dvd of the seminar was put on reserve in the ASL law library so that students who could not attend the seminar have a chance to still receive the benefit of her lecture.

Additionally, the Sutin Chapter is sponsoring Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month at ASL. Throughout the month of March, the Sutin Chapter will have volunteers sitting at a table set up in the student/faculty lounge at ASL in order to provide the law school community with information flyers and pamphlets about colorectal cancer. The Sutin Chapter is also selling t-shirts to raise money for colorectal cancer research. The Sutin Chapter anticipates raising at least \$600 from the sale of these t-shirts. On April 1, 2009, the Sutin Chapter hosted a party celebrating the money we will have raised for colorectal cancer research. Grund M C, our student jug band, will be performing at the celebration and we have coordinated a student/faculty icecream social as well. We will also be selling raffle tickets for various prizes, including two ipod shuffles, a MacGyver mp3 watch, and two sets of skullcandy headphones, during the week before the celebration and during the day of the celebration. All proceeds from the raffle tickets will also go towards colorectal cancer research.

The Sutin Chapter is also in high anticipation of our annual Luau, which will be held on March 20, 2009, in conjunction with our spring initiation and officer transition. The Luau will also precede the Grundy Games: Clash in the Coalfields, which is a field day being held on March 21, 2009, between our law school and the pharmacy school in Grundy. The Sutin Chapter has co-sponsored this event with other

various organizations at ASL and the pharmacy school. We plan to make this an annual competition, in which teams of 6 compete in traditional field day games with a twist. These games will include games such as tug-of-war, team twister, a potato-sack race, an egg carry race, a pie eating contest, and a mini 500 race where team members must race around a dirt track on children's bikes complete with training wheels. Included in this competition is an event focused on community service, the Backpack Blessings event. The teams will fill backpacks with food for needy children at a local elementary school.

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Campaign



100 Years of Alumni Chapters and Alumni Chapter Programming

CAMPAIGN 100!

In the last issue of The Reporter, our International Justice announced the commencement of Campaign 100! In celebration of the approaching 100th anniversary of the fraternity's alumni chapter program in 2011, the campaign has set a goal of having 100 active alumni chapter by the end of that year.

Some recent success stories include the reactivation of the Elden S. Magaw Alumni Chapter serving alumni members in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area and the reactivation of the Knoxville Alumni Chapter serving the alumni members in the Knoxville, Tennessee area. The McGaw alumni chapter in Philadelphia has had two meetings and even initiated one new alumni member since reactivation. The chapter is also planning an inter chapter bowling event with local law school chapters in April. The reactivating officers are Whitney Herzog (Justice); Lindsey Rames (Vice Justice), Chrissy Barba (Clerk), Paul Virdi (Treasurer), and Ron Sharer (Marshal). The Knoxville Alumni Chapter had their first meeting in March and is planning a spring baseball outing to see the Tennessee Smokies. Reactivation efforts were spearheaded by former International Field Representative Ed Anderson (Story Chapter) who hopes the chapter will be also represented at PAD Day at the Supreme Court in June.

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Philadelphia and Knoxville! If there is not currently an active alumni chapter in your area, you can follow their example and help to activate one. 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.



Ed Anderson, alumni member of Story Chapter and former International Field Representative, spearheaded the recent reactivation of the Knoxville Alumni Chapter.

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of ISBA Mutual Insurance Co., and governmental and private attorneys with strong records of public service. In his remarks during the ceremony, Chief Judge Holderman noted how well the initiates exemplified P.A.D.'s commitment to service. The new initiates were officially welcomed into the fraternity by former Chicago Chapter Justice Royal Berg, District Justice Steven Climer, and Alumni Advisory Council Chair B.J. Maley. After the initiation, the participants adjourned to a local restaurant to celebrate the admittance of our new brothers and sisters into the fraternity.

For more details about the Chicago Alumni Chapter's events, go to page 26 in the online edition!



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More scenes from our newest Law School Chapters...



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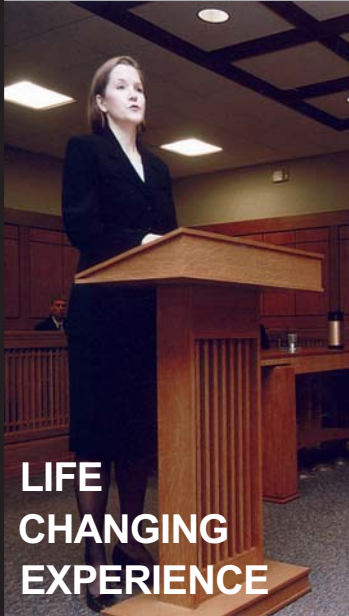
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The dates and prices are set! The 2009 Pre-Law Conference and Mock Trial Competition will be held November 12-15 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. Chapters should plan to set at least two representatives. Check the P.A.D. Community website at www.pad.org for more information and room rates.

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On Nov. 5, 2008 the Clay Chapter hosted University of Kentucky Law Professors Christopher W. Frost (left) and Rutheford B Campbell (right) who spoke on the economic crisis, its causes and the structure of the American financial system. It was a very informative talk for the approximately 100 law students who attended the event.



Chicago Alumni Chapter Hosts an Evening to Remeber

By John K. Norris

An Installation of new Chicago Alumni Chapter officers for 2009 was held and was immediately followed by the Honorary Initiation ceremony of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan on February 25, 2009. The ceremonies, which were held in the Illinois Supreme Court in Chicago, were elegant and the room was crowded to over capacity at 70 people. The ceremonies began near 4:00 P.M.

Attorney General Madigan seemed duly impressed by the formality of the Initiation ceremony in which Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Judge James Holderman were involved. Justice Burke and Judge Holderman are both members of Phi Alpha Delta. CAC Justice Michele Jochner, CAC Clerk Nicole Kopinski, CAC Treasurer James Erwin, CAC Board members John K. Norris and Charlie McCarthy also participated in the initiation ritual.

At 5:00 P.M. on the same day, the Chicago Alumni Chapter in conjunction with the Blackstone Chapter and the Chicago-Kent College of Law held its annual Judges' Night Reception at Chicago-Kent where our newest sister, Lisa Madigan, was honored for her contributions. Lisa's plaque read:

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at the P.A.D. Judges' Night Reception, held at Chicago-Kent College of Law



At the Judges' Night reception held at Kent, was a huge success, with almost 200 judges, lawyers and students attending. Based on their remarks, everyone had a wonderful time!

After accepting the award, talking with the attendees and taking photos with many, the Attorney General said good night and left Judges' Night to tend to some unfinished business at her office. What a surprise to all who remained until the end because Sister Madigan came back from her office to say good night one last time and graciously posed for pictures with several groups of students!

One might wonder what was the reason the Attorney General left before she came back from her office? The answer many saw on the following day's news or read it in the papers that the AG "issued a formal opinion late last night that claims holding a special election for Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat is perfectly legal, even if Sen. Roland Burris refuses to resign." (Capitol Fax- Political Intelligence by Rich Miller- Feb. 26, 2009). The Chicago Sun-Times also ran a big story.

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Bowling With Borah!

By Sarah K. Schmid, Clerk

The Borah Chapter at the University of Idaho College of Law held a wildly successful spring recruitment/member bowling event on Friday, Feb. 6 at Zeppos in Pullman, WA. 45 members and potential recruits attended! Fun was had by all and we look forward to future spring events.



Holland Chapter at FIU Takes Off Like the Running of the Bulls!

By Heather Pratchen, Marketing Chair

Like the hyper-adrenalized runners in the annual Los Sanfermines in Pamplona Spain, known to many visitors as the Running of the Bulls, the Phi Alpha Delta Holland Chapter at Florida International University College of Law hit the ground running this Fall with a frenzy of events and a determined spirit to build the Holland Chapter. Events kicked off early with a pre-orientation chapter hosted happy hour for the incoming 1L class followed by an "Afternoon in the Park" at the end of the week, where everyone was invited to bring family, friends and pets for a day of food, fun and games.

All the running around paid off. We inducted over 118 new members into our chapter! Dade County Bar Association President Timothy Ravich served as the guest speaker, providing some helpful words of wisdom. "Your reputation for professionalism starts on your first day of law school and as newly inducted members of Phi Alpha Delta, I encourage you to follow its core values of compassion, courage, integrity and professional service," said Ravich.

The actual running of the bulls is just a short 1/2 mile dash to the bullring, but it's the windy cobblestone streets that create quite a treacherous terrain even for those who run the event every year. Running through the streets is nothing the Holland Chapter can't handle. In October, the FIU P.A.D. team ran through the streets of downtown Miami with great stride in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event, collecting a total of \$1,602.50 in donations. We then collected over 60 lbs of candy, thanks to the generous contributions from FIU Law students and faculty and Winn Dixie Supermarkets, for the children at Kristi House, which provides a healing environment for all child victims of sexual abuse and their families, regardless of income, through prevention, treatment and coordination of services with community partners.

As we continued the race through the semester, the Holland chapter clearly set the pace for the other organizations on campus, hosting and co-sponsoring a slew of events at every turn including:

- Co-sponsored an academic seminar for the incoming class with Stonewall Alliance, where we had the students who booked each 1L class last year come to speak and answer questions.
- Bake-Sale Fundraiser, called "Sugar Rush" held on September 11, 2008, raising \$286 for our chapter. Five percent of the proceeds were donated to South Florida Veterans Multi-Purpose Center, Inc. (VPMC).

- Co-hosted a Happy Hour with the Jewish Law Students Association at a local pub, which was a lot of fun and had a large turn-out.

• On September 13, FIU hosted the P.A.D. District XXXII Conference and all South Florida Chapters were in attendance. The food was provided at cost

by Ron's Cuban Cafe and was great. We respectfully thank the chairs who helped out and greatly appreciate their participation and support.

• FIU P.A.D. volunteers assisted in setting up and doing whatever was needed to make sure the kids had a great time at the Florida Baptist Children's Home's 50th Anniversary Celebration, a nonprofit organization that provides safe, stable homes for boys and girls who have been neglected, misdirected, abandoned, abused, or caught up in family turmoil.

• Members of the Holland Chapter attended the Rasco Chapter's Wine Tasting on October 15, 2008 and the Mentschikoff Chapter's Initiation Ceremony on November 6, 2008.

The final turn at the end of the course, when the mob and bulls trample their way into the bullring, is where most of the injuries occur. With great stamina up and until the finish, the Holland chapter is concentrating on few more events before the year's end. We are currently working on a food can drive, a toy drive, a special kids holiday party and an informal initiation ceremony some time after finals for any member who was unable to attend the formal event. What most people don't know about the running of the bulls is that once the race starts, there is no way out until the finish, unless of course you get trampled along the way. Keep up with the Holland Chapter at your own risk. Olé!

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From the University of New Orleans Pre-Law Chapter

Thanks to Artis G. Ulmer, III, President of the UNO Pre-Law Chapter for sharing these images from their 24th anniversary party and Spring Initiation.



At left: Members of our Social Committee, Christina McKnight and Javier Jalice during our chapter's 24th anniversary celebration at Nacho Mama's Mexican Restaurant.

Below: Chapter officers during our Spring 2009 Initiation. Pictured from left to right are Randal Thompson, Secretary; Artis G. Ulmer, III, President; Hannah Callais, Vice-President; Tu. T. Hoang, Treasurer.



Above: Chapter officers flanked by newly initiated members, Keynote Speaker Louisiana State Representative Juan La Fonta, University of New Orleans Department of Political Science Chair Dr. Christine Day Ph.D, and Chapter Advisor Attorney Chrissie Herrera.



Before

Pierce Law Donates More Than Just Time!

By Philip Apruzzese, Justice, Kenison Chapter

On March 14, 2009, 10 brave law students shaved their heads to raise over a thousand dollars supporting St. Baldrick's and the fight to end childhood cancer. The Draft in Concord, NH hosted the event that started at 5:30 p.m. and went on for the better part of the evening. Through donations and the proceeds of a bake sale the Kenison Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at Franklin Pierce Law Center raised over \$1,000 to support childhood cancer research.

Brian Doigan, said the reason he agreed to have his head shaved was, "It's heartbreaking to see children go through cancer, and this was an easy and fun way to raise money to support research to end their suffering. And I've wanted to shave my head since I was a little kid, but

my mom never let me."

Organizer of the Kenison Chapter's participation for the second year in a row, Justice Phil Apruzzese said his participation stems from when he found out about the fundraiser only a few days in advance last year.

"I participated by myself and raised a few hundred dollars," he said. "In part I did this because I wanted to help defeat childhood cancer and in part I did this because I wanted to show my mother that she was not alone while she was fighting her own cancer."

Apruzzese said he felt it was a positive event for P.A.D. members to participate in. "As a P.A.D. Justice this year I realized I could try to recruit P.A.D. members to help raise money for childhood cancer research. We were able to get ten shavees, both P.A.D. and non-P.A.D. members, to raise over \$1,000. This year I dedicated my shave to my mother who lost her battle with cancer this past October."

St. Baldrick's has been around for nine-years and is the world's biggest volunteer driven fundraising program for childhood cancer research. Since its inception over \$50 million has been raised in 18 countries and 48 states with more than 72,000 heads.

After



Kenison Chapter participants included:

Justice Phil Apruzzese, Class of 2010
Clerk Hal Duncan, Class of 2010
Eric Martignetti, Class of 2010
Brad Orleck, Class of 2010
Paul Determan, Class of 2011
Brian Doigan, Class of 2011
Harpreet Dosanjh, Class of 2011
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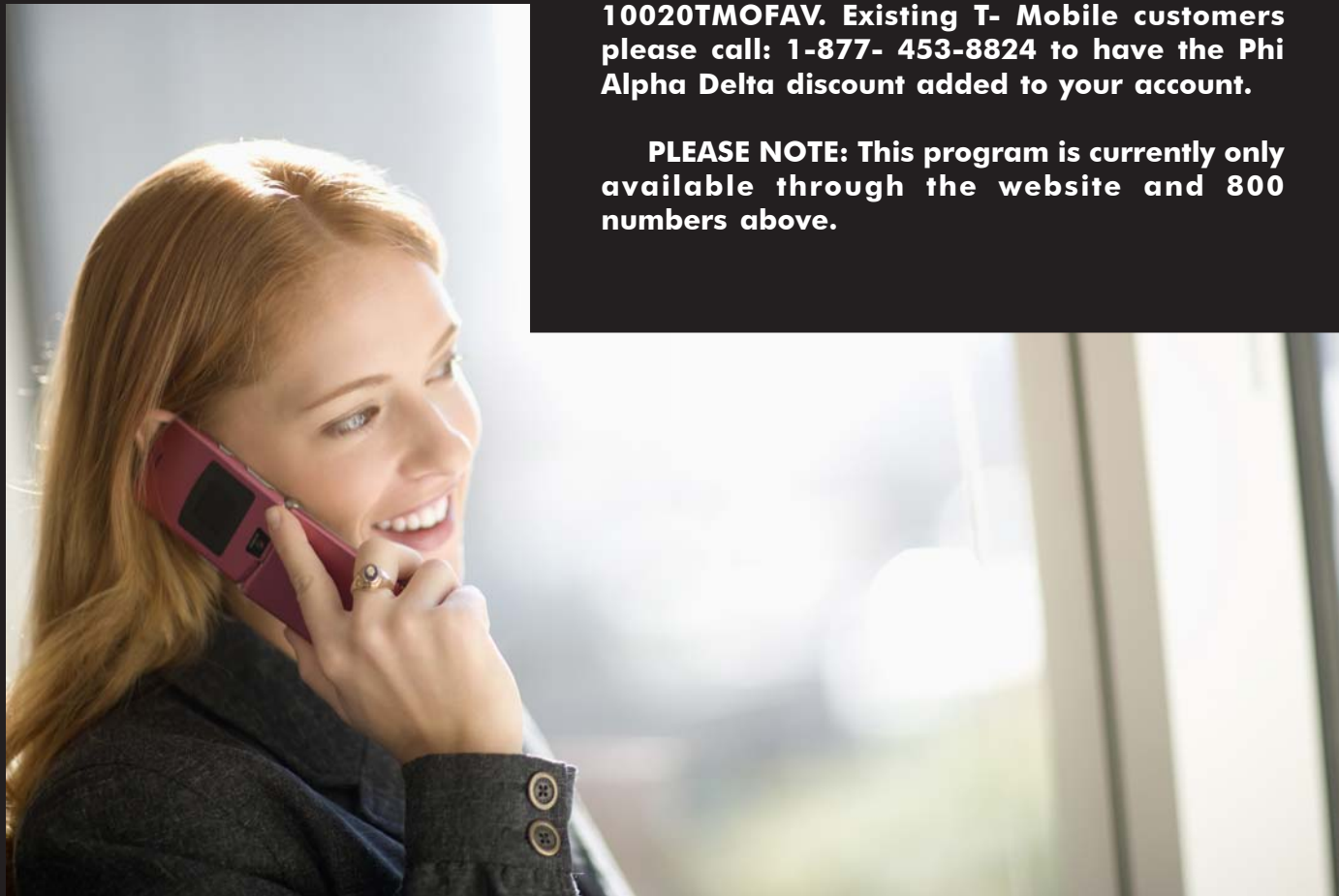
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