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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE:

As you read this article, we will be a little more than halfway through summer. I hope you have taken the opportunity to enjoy the sun's warm rays and the long summer nights. I'm a warm weather person so summer is my favorite time of the year. It gives me a chance to get revitalized and escape those memories of the hard Iowa winter and cold, gloomy spring. I always dread to see summer end. But fall is around the corner and somehow I find myself looking forward to it. Cooler days, football and turning leaves await. And fall is always an exciting time for P.A.D. It brings a new semester full of promise for all of our pre-law and law school Chapters, new clients for our alumni to meet and new adventures for all of us to tackle. Fall brings new students, new leaders and new programs.

One reason P.A.D. is so appealing is that it is what you make it. It is limited only by your imagination and can be a host of positive, life enhancing opportunities such as:

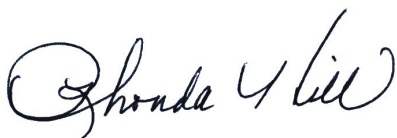
- Leadership skills
- Networking/connections (social and professional)
- Skills building, such as exam taking, writing, interviewing, etiquette, etc.
- Business growth
- Professional advancement
- Exposure to alternative non-legal careers
- Community service

Most of us are familiar with the adage that "it's a small world and it's getting smaller" or the concept behind the six degrees of separation, i.e., on average, everyone is about six steps away from any other person so that a chain or chain-link of "a friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in six or fewer steps. Think of P.A.D. as that one degree of separation from changing your world. By taking one step and being active in P.A.D., you will be several steps closer to your goals, whatever they may be. Need help deciding if law school is for you? Need help figuring out which 2L classes to take? Need help on how to ace that interview? Need help meeting new people in your legal community? P.A.D. has a program and people that can connect you with all of these things and more.

I just heard a story today about a woman who was working on a project as a contract attorney. Several of the people she was working with told her she needed to talk to a man named Jim (name changed to protect the innocent) about some questions she had about the project. She said she didn't know Jim, yet her co-workers insisted that she did. Finally, after several weeks of being told to talk to Jim, she had a chance to meet him. Sure enough, he did look very familiar but she knew it wasn't because she had met him at the workplace; the problem was, she just couldn't place him. She told Jim that he looked familiar and asked where she knew him from; he insisted, like her co-workers, it was from the workplace, but she was convinced that was not the case. After several more weeks and meetings involving Jim, they wrapped up their assignment and went for coffee to celebrate. It was over coffee that they finally figured out that many years prior, she helped initiate Jim into a P.A.D. Chapter. Jim now lives in a state different from where he went to law school and was initiated but as a result of this chance meeting on a project and discovering the common bond they shared with P.A.D., the two of them have developed quite a friendship.

Small world indeed. This chain only took one link to connect these two people. Think how much farther you can go with the P.A.D. connection. As we go through this fall, I'd like to hear about the various ways P.A.D. has clicked for you. Drop me an email. You never know—you may end up in The Reporter (Chapter and member names will be changed upon request)!

Fraternally,



Rhonda Hill
International Justice



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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.

45th Annual P.A.D. Day at the U.S. Supreme Court and Initiation of Justice Elena Kagan

By Jon Bassford, Director of Law Operations

Congratulations to the 13 brothers and sisters (plus one written motion) that were admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar on June 6, 2011. Over 65 admittees, alumni and guests participated in the P.A.D. Day events and initiation of Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan.

The events began on June 5th with an opening reception at the Dubliner Irish Pub near Union Station. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize in a fraternal setting before the next day's big event. In addition to the admittees and their guests, we were happy to have several prominent members in attendance, including: International Advocate Steve Savva, International Secretary Stephen King, International Treasurer Arnold Hirsch, International Board Member At-Large Kathleen Maloney, International Board Member At-Large Jay Ross, International Board Member At-Large Kim Gallant,

International Board Member At-Large Tom Bentz (Movant), Past Supreme Justice Bob Redding, Past International Justice Curtis Anderson, District XXIII Justice Araj Ahmed (Admittee), NCAA Chapter Justice Michael Abejuela.

We would also like to thank the dozen District 23 Law School Chapter Officers that came out in support of the event.

Early Monday morning, everyone arrived at the U.S. Supreme Court, eager for the day's events. We were escorted to the Lawyer's Lounge where we enjoyed a breakfast buffet while awaiting the Court's instructions. Soon after, admittees and guests were escorted into the Supreme Court Chambers.

Justice Kagan was given the task of reading one of the day's opinions before the admissions began. Movant and International Board Member Tom Bentz made the motion with the names of each P.A.D. Day admittee being read followed by Chief Justice Roberts

granting the motion. All admittees were then asked to rise, accepted the oath and became members of the United States Supreme Court Bar.

The admittees and guests were escorted back to the Lawyer's Lounge where we were soon joined by Justice Kagan, who spoke briefly with our members. Afterwards, Past International Justice Curtis Anderson read remarks prepared by International Justice Rhonda Hill, but was interrupted by P.A.D. member and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She addressed the group and then remained in the room to observe Justice Kagan's initiation into the Fraternity. After Justice Kagan took the oath administered by Mr. Anderson, both Sisters joined the participants for a group photo.

After Justice Ginsburg departed, we escorted everyone outside where Justice Kagan graciously took time out from her busy schedule for more photographs with our members.

After the excitement of P.A.D. Day, we relocated to Union Station for lunch at B. Smith's Restaurant. We were joined by Supreme Court Librarian and P.A.D. member Judy Gaskell and Perry Thompson from the Admissions Office of the U.S. Supreme Court. The P.A.D. Day participants left lunch with full stomachs, new Fraternal contacts, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 45th Annual P.A.D. Day event and helped make it so special.

Below: Past International Justice Curtis M. Anderson initiates Justice Kagan into the National Capital Area Alumni Chapter





*Above: Steve Savva, Arnold Hirsch, John Karasek and Curtis Anderson attending the welcome reception.
At Right: 2011 Admittees*



*Above: Admittees, P.A.D. Board Members and Justices Kagan and Ginsburg.
Right top: l-r: Justice Kagan, Past Int'l. Justice Curtis Anderson, District XXIII Justice Araj Ahmed and Past Supreme Justice Bob Redding
Right Center: Admittees and guests enjoy lunch at B. Smith's.*



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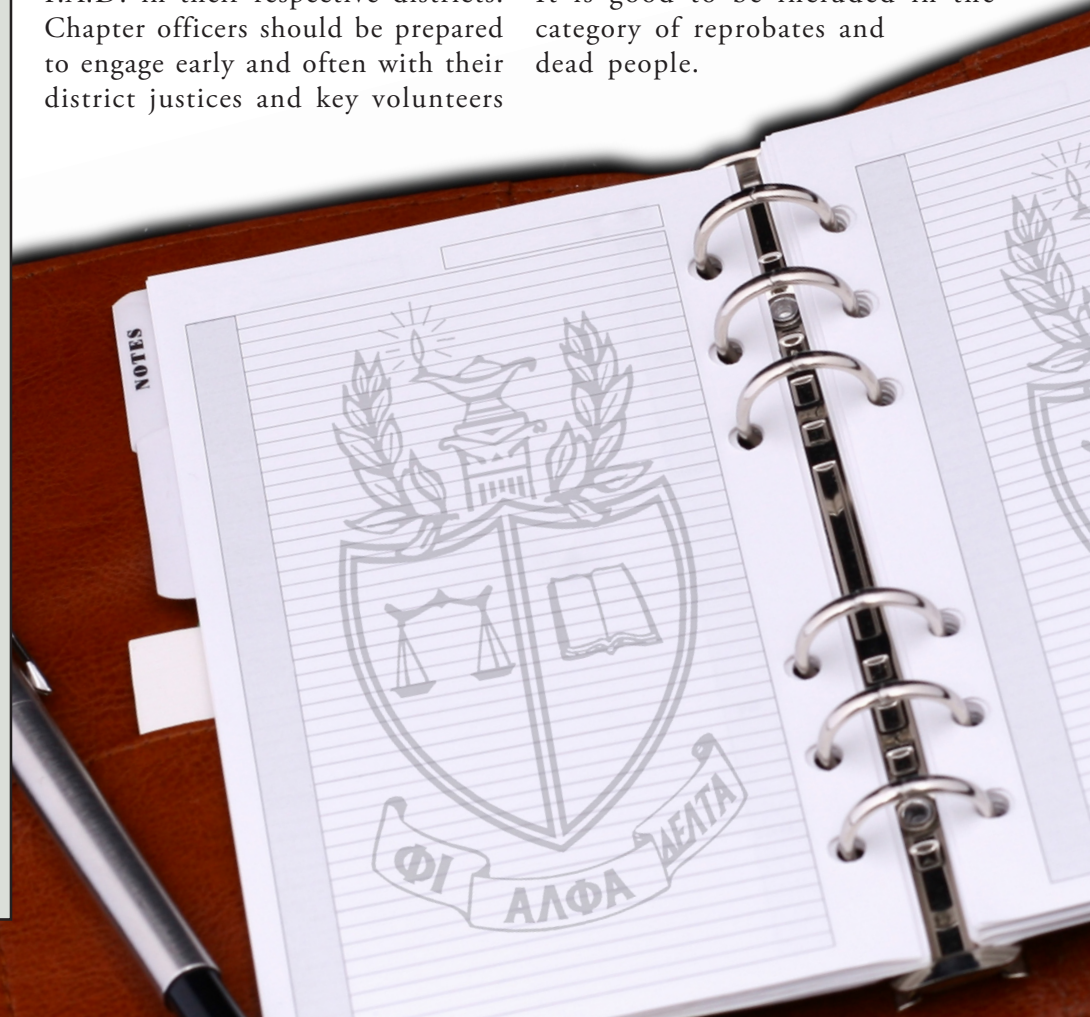
"It is summer. I am
a member of P.A.D.
Therefore, I must be in
Arizona," or so the
logic goes. Not exactly
a tight Aristotelian
syllogism, but it has a
ring of eternal fraternal
truth to it.

Phi Alpha Delta
does not take a summer
vacation. The summer
officers' meeting is
back and promises to be better than
ever. District Justices and other key
volunteers will be congregating in
Scottsdale, Arizona in mid-July for
meetings, training, and fraternizing.
They will leave armed with new
information, valuable ideas and
positive direction for the project of
P.A.D. in their respective districts.
Chapter officers should be prepared
to engage early and often with their
district justices and key volunteers

to take advantage of this
information and guidance.

Another rite of P.A.D. summer
that I would like to mention in
passing is P.A.D. Day at the
Supreme Court. This year was my
first time to participate in the event.
In early June, more than 60 P.A.D.s
and their guests spent about half of
a day hanging out in the U.S.
Supreme Court. After the business
of Court was finished, P.A.D.
inducted Justice Elena Kagan as an
honorary initiate into the Fraternity.
She and Justice Ruth Bader
Ginsburg visited with us in the
lawyer's lounge.

And finally I would like to thank
my reading public. As International
Treasurer Arnie Hirsch says, the
three things he always reads are the
bar disciplinary notices, the
obituaries, and "The Clerk's Corner."
It is good to be included in the
category of reprobates and
dead people.



Hughes Chapter Initiates Honorary Member

By Emily Bloedel, Justice

The members of Hughes Chapter gathered together on April 21st, to induct Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court into Phi Alpha Delta as an Honorary Member.

Justice Rice has served the Denver legal community since 1977. During her career in Denver, she served as an Assistant District Attorney and as a Public Defender. In 1987, Justice Rice was appointed as a Denver District Court Judge, and in 1998, she was appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court. She started teaching classes as an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Law and the University of Denver College of Law, and continues to do so today.

Please join us in wishing Justice Rice well and welcoming her to the P.A.D. family!



Butler's Busy Day

Sunday, April 17th, was a day filled with P.A.D. activities for the Pierce Butler Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta complete with a quick 5K, trash cleanup, district conference and initiation.

The morning started off with more than a dozen members participating in the annual Race For Justice, a 5K fundraiser that benefits law graduates through the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) of Minnesota. The program subsidizes education debts for dedicated, low-paid public interest attorneys to help meet the legal needs of low-income Minnesotans across the state.

After the race, nearly a dozen members hit the streets around William Mitchell College of Law as part of the Adopt-A-Block community service program. P.A.D. members trotted

along cleaning up the sidewalks and curtilage. Assistant District Justice Sarah Soucie Eyberg even discovered a \$20 bill amidst the debris.

Our District Conference followed the cleanup, complete with tips and plans for the coming year. The Butler officers then turned the reins over to our new officers as three new members were initiated into the Pierce Butler Chapter.



Taft Chapter: "Dressing the Part"

By Molly Crane, Justice

The Taft Chapter at Georgetown Law held its first "Building a Professional Wardrobe" seminar earlier this semester. Representatives from Brooks Brothers spoke with members of the law school about appropriate work attire for a legal setting. They advised students on issues ranging from proper cut and fit to casual Friday dress. Students participated in a bow tie tying contest and several students received prizes for answering questions about attire correctly. The seminar concluded with a lively question and answer session.



Alden Chapter Students Make Impression at UB Graduation



Dean Makau Mutua presents an award to Tiffany M. Lebron

By Ronald J. Winter, International Vice-Justice

The University at Buffalo Law School held its commencement ceremony on May 21st, and Phi Alpha Delta was well-represented among the recipients of awards.

Kathleen A. Ellis and Tiffany M. Lebron were the big winners, with each collecting two notable and prestigious honors.

Kate, an officer of Alden Chapter and former pre-law member from St. John Fisher College, received the Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award, and was named to the Order of Barristers. Judge Jasen, now deceased, was himself a member of Alden Chapter and a former Senior Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.

Tiffany received the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Award and, in ceremonies conducted the night before graduation, received the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award.

Minority Bar Association of Western New York Community Service Awards were presented to Alden Chapter members Jonathan Miles Gresham and Rena Snow.

A pre-law member from UB's undergraduate school, Elizabeth M. Salzman, received the Maurice Frey Award. A former Pre-Law Chapter President from Canisius College, Andrew M. Molitor, received a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award. And one of Kate Ellis's classmates from St. John Fisher College, and an active member of its Pre-Law Chapter, Danielle E. Smith, joined her as a new member of the Order of Barristers.

Lincoln Chapter Wraps Up Busy Year

By Lindsay Ruedig, Justice

This April, the Lincoln Chapter hosted our first annual business clothing drive. We reached out to John Marshall students, faculty, and alumni to collect business clothes to benefit the DuPage County Family Shelter Services. We began the clothing drive with a kickoff cocktail party for all the participants followed by a week of clothing collection. We distributed bins to each of the participating alumni's firms, and also placed bins for clothing collection in the student lounge. By the end of the week, we had collected so many clothes that we had trouble fitting them into SUVs to deliver them to DuPage County Family Shelter Services. The business clothing will be sold in a thrift store in order to benefit victims of domestic violence.

Annual Boat Cruise

In October 2010, the Lincoln Chapter of P.A.D. hosted our annual boat cruise. Over 160 students were in attendance for an amazing dinner cruise on Lake Michigan with the Chicago skyline as our background for the evening.

Initiation

This spring the Lincoln chapter participated in initiation in conjunction with the P.A.D. chapters from Chicago Kent College of Law, DePaul University, and Loyola University. In addition to the many student initiates, we were honored to be joined by an alumni initiate, Hon. Judge Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr., who is serving on the Illinois First District Appellate Court. Hon. Judge James Holderman, Chief Judge of the Northern District



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Law Ops Review

By Jon Bassford, Director of Law Operations

Get Off to a Great Start!

In order for your Chapter to get off to a great start in the fall, you need to have a game plan for the semester. This will help you be organized and prepared, and is especially important for recruitment.

For starters, if your Chapter is sitting back and waiting for the semester to begin, you have already missed some important recruitment opportunities. Many Chapters jump start their recruitment efforts before classes even begin by:

- Sending congratulatory letters with applications to incoming 1Ls
- Having a presence during school visits (volunteer with admissions)
- Being involved in orientation week
- Holding an orientation week social

Your Chapter will be surprised at the results it will have by putting itself out in front of the new 1Ls early and often. This kind of behavior should carry into the rest of the semester. There are 3 Ps that you should remember when setting up your recruitment events:

- **Persistence:** Your Chapter should constantly recruit members. For your Chapter to become one that makes up 40–60% of the school's population, it has to become a household name. Make sure that you are tabling, posting events, making announcements before class, etc. every week.
- **Proactive:** Sitting behind a table and waiting for students to come to you is not going to increase the size of your Chapter. It's important that you act to bring people to your Chapter and not wait. Be proactive in all areas of recruitment.
- **Prepared:** When recruiting, make sure each member recruiting for the Chapter and Fraternity is prepared to discuss accurate and compelling facts. Members need to have a basic knowledge of what the Fraternity has to offer but also what the Chapter has planned for the year.

If your Chapter implements these simple ideas, you will be amazed at the results it will bring.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Director of Law Operations Jon Bassford at jon@pad.org.



Casey Chapter Honors Brother of Member With Charity Golf Tournament

By Katlyn Cinelli, Justice

This year Casey chapter hosted its First Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The Tournament took place on March 26th at Old Corkscrew Golf course in Estero, FL. The day went splendidly with clear skies, and competitive golfers all vying to be the event's first-ever, first place winner. The event raised roughly \$2,500 and all of the proceeds went to the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association (HCMA), and were donated in Loving Memory of Salvatore Alaimo (*pictured at left*). Salvatore, who passed away last summer, was the younger brother of our Professional Events Chair Maria Alaimo. This was definitely a cause near and dear to our hearts. We are proud of the job we did, and look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year.

Hayes Chapter Draws Attention With iPad 2 Raffle

By Hannah L. Botkin, Clerk

This was a great year for Phi Alpha Delta's Hayes Chapter at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to having a very successful recruitment week and initiation event, the big stand out of the year was the iPad2 Raffle which was wildly successful. The idea came from a new 1L member who thought it was a great opportunity to use the popular tablet's name to draw some attention to the Hayes Chapter. With the event underway and tickets selling fast, the group bought the iPad2 and had it inscribed with: "Congratulations! " for the lucky winner. April 1st was the end of recruitment week and the night of the party for the iPad2 raffle winner to be drawn. A member of the Capital Faculty drew the name and Mr. Michael DePinto a 1L was the winner. There was a party with purple and gold confectioneries along with balloons and refreshments. In attendance was the entire P.A.D Hayes Chapter Executive board as well the Phi Alpha Delta District XIV Justice, Nicole Winget also took part in the festivities. Overall , the Hayes Chapter of Capital University Law School was able to use the money raised from the raffle not only to pay for the iPad2, but with some left over to put toward the events planned for the next school year.



King Chapter's Spring Cleaning

By Kajal Alema, Justice

This past March, the newly elected executive board of the King Chapter at the Villanova University School of Law began some rigorous Spring cleaning. Unsuccessful procedures were tossed, as the board brainstormed and discussed fresh and more appealing ideas for the 2011-2012 academic year. A critical goal during this meeting was to tackle the lack of member participation that the Chapter had experienced during the Fall semester.

When the board reached out to Stephen Savva, the International Advocate of Phi Alpha Delta, he put us in contact with Jay Ross, the District Justice. Immediately thereafter, Jay and Andrew Quietmeyer, the former Justice at Widener Law, contacted the board and traveled to Villanova's law school campus. They spent hours with us listening to our concerns and providing us with the guidance that we needed. What we got out of this informal exchange was exceptionally valuable to us when planning our calendar of events and understanding the standard that we should strive to meet as a Chapter.

Our first event as a new and very hopeful e-board was held in mid-April at the restaurant Matador in Wayne. We had a table full of mouth-watering tapas and the upstairs bar was reserved for P.A.D.'s only. The turn out was beyond our expectations and everyone had a wonderful time meeting and greeting new faces! We are optimistic that if we continue to implement our improved and carefully organized system, we will be able to offer more events and secure more unity amongst our members at Villanova. We can then use this success to better connect with P.A.D.'s all over the world!



Advice from the "Vice"

By Ronald J. Winter, International Vice Justice
It's Summertime!

Time to relax after a tortuous year of law school. Time to find a place to make some money for a couple of months. For the lucky few of you who find actual compensation for a law-related job—congratulations. For the rest, you should spend some time—even as a volunteer—working in a law-related capacity this summer. The contacts you make and the education you receive will offset the lack of funds.

Some of you will be studying for the bar exam in your state. Best of luck to you. Remember that it is a marathon and not a sprint, and your alumni brethren have been through the same process—and we survived!

It is also time, however, to keep your P.A.D. contacts open and active. If you have an Alumni Chapter near you, find out what they have going on this summer. (Buffalo Alumni will be having its “Lunch with a Judge” program in late June, among other things) Most importantly, if you are a returning student, stay in touch with your officers and members to coordinate plans for the fall semester. You will find in the practice of law that there is no substitute for preparation.

What kinds of P.A.D.-related things are going on in the summer, you ask? For seven of our districts in the Northeast, a Regional Conference will be held in August. Roughly 35 of our Law School Chapters (and some alumni) will convene in Hartford, CT for a weekend “super District Conference.” The Justices of those 35 Chapters need to be in touch with their officers to ensure attendance and participation in that first-ever event.

This is not the time to forsake P.A.D., it is the time when you **have** the time to think about your fall calendar and how you are going to carry out the scheduled events. It's the time to reach out to committee chairs to see what progress they've made toward their social/fund raising/academic programs that are planned for the first weeks of school.

Are there speakers to be approached and confirmed for appearances in the fall? Reservations to be made at a restaurant, classroom, courtroom or country club? Messages to be sent to members, alumni and school staff? Now is the time—while you have the time—to coordinate your start of the fall semester so that you can make a good impression upon the new and returning students. Remember that you get only one chance to make a good first impression. Don't blow it by being unprepared.

I recommend that you call a meeting of your officers and committee chairs soon so that you can discuss what needs to be done, and who is going to be doing it! There are numerous sites that provide conference call services for free, so a telephone conference is a good method to meet with your officers, particularly those who have relocated for the summer months. Perhaps you can utilize a local law firm's conference room for this purpose. Contact your alumni advisor.

Provide an agenda days in advance so that your participants will have some idea what areas will be covered so that they can prepare for the discussion. Determine in advance who will not be available for the meeting so that you can have someone cover that person's responsibilities.

Time management is an important skill that needs to be practiced and developed. Taking time **now** to work with your chapter officers and members this summer will help you to manage the chapter better when time becomes less available to you at the start of the semester.

Enjoy your summer. But stay in touch with your members. There is a lot to be accomplished during this part of the year. Be prepared for the upcoming fall semester by meeting with your members this summer. It will be time well spent.

Just my advice.



RJW

F.A.Q.s



of Pre-Law

By Byron K. Rupp
Director of Pre-Law Operations

Dear Byron: We want to improve the number of people who attend our events and have a more active membership. What can we do?

Great questions! The first thing you want to do is keep your new members involved after they are initiated. An individual is most enthusiastic about their membership in an organization is right after they join. The key is to build on that enthusiasm so they do not lose interest in the organization. Here's how!

Keep them involved.

Many people who join P.A.D. are looking for information so that they may make an informed decision about pursuing a law degree. However, many are also interested in developing their leadership skills and organizational skills (as well as their resume and law school application). Tap into that interest right away by having your newest members sign up for the committees immediately after they sign the roll of the Chapter. Then, have those committees meet immediately after the initiation ceremony and give them a project to complete within the next week or two. By getting them involved right away they will become invested in the Chapter and are far less likely to consider their membership just another line on their resume.

Thank them for their efforts and contributions towards the Chapter.

It is very gratifying to be appreciated for your efforts. People who feel appreciated are far more likely to help out again in the future when asked. The thanks should come in a variety of forms: a personal thank you; a note of appreciation; a thank you at a Chapter meeting and whatever event their efforts were specifically geared towards; and finally on whatever social media you use (Facebook/Twitter/etc.).

As you do these things, you will find that you are able to identify the individuals who are most valuable to the Chapter and are able to take on greater levels of responsibility. Slowly increase the level of responsibility you give to these members (while ensuring that you know what is going on so you can step in to help them if needed).

One of the most important tasks that Chapter officers have is to develop future Chapter leaders. By delegating (but not abdicating) some of the tasks necessary to hold Chapter events, and recognizing those who are successfully helping you run the Chapter, you'll be developing the leadership and organizational

skills of your potential future Chapter leaders while simultaneously getting the word out to the rest of the membership that they are invested and involved in the day-to-day operations of the Chapter and thus increasing their chances of winning when elections roll around. It's a win-win situation for everyone!



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University of New Orleans Pre-Law Chapter

By Alicia McDowell, President

The University of New Orleans Pre-Law Chapter's Spring 2011 initiation ceremony was bittersweet, as we said good-bye to our graduating seniors: Kelly James (President), Taurean Mingo (Vice President), Chris Wilder (Treasurer), Scott Hieu Le, and Abel Rugamas. Our Chapter initiated seven new members and inducted 3 new officers.

The ceremony was held in the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court and attendees were honored to hear remarks from Judge Terri Love. Afterwards, we celebrated at Margaritaville and discussed our plans for the upcoming year. Future events include: Orientation Fest, an Ice Cream Blood drive, and teaming up with the Boys and Girls Club for after school tutoring. We look forward to a busy semester, filled with fun and community service.

*At Left: 2011–2012 President Alicia McDowell
Top Right: UNO Pre-Law Chapter
Bottom Right: Hon. Terri Love*



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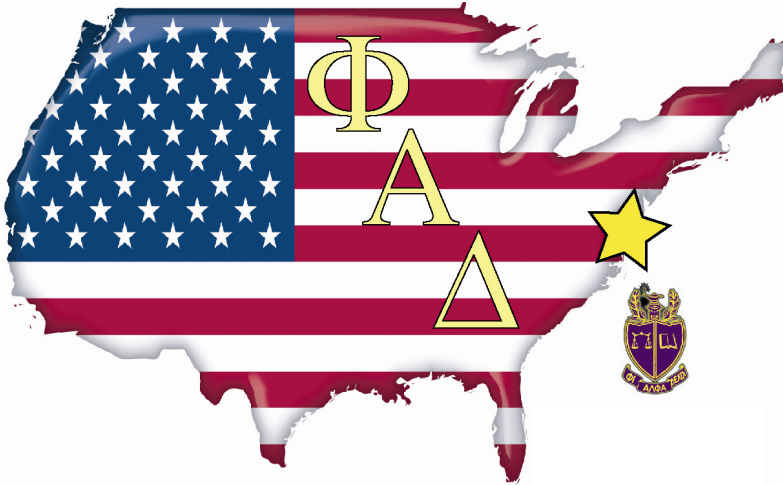
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PHI ALPHA DELTA 2011 Pre-Law Conference Dates Announced



The Pre-Law Conference will be held November 10–12 in Alexandria, VA at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Room rates have been negotiated for \$124/night (\$15 less than the past three years!) and the Conference registration fee for members will remain the same. This year's Conference will again include the Pre-Law Mock Trial Competition and the Pre-Law Law Expo.

The Key Note Speaker for the Conference this year will be Adam Carroll who will be presenting two seminars. The first, *Building Your Online Brand* which explains not only the process that employers are now using when hiring firms to do online research before they ever make a new hire and what you can do when it comes to creating and maintaining your online brand to make sure what they see is what you WANT them to see.

PRE-LAW CONFERENCE MOCK TRIAL & LAW SCHOOL EXPO

Adam's second seminar is titled *So Much To Do, So Little Time*. More and more students are living in overwhelm, constantly adding to their plate more than they have time to do. Between school, work, clubs, activities, and a social life, is it possible to even enjoy college? Yes! However, it requires new levels of thinking when it comes to outdated ideas about "time management". And, it's about the perfect sleep schedule... Curious?

The conference will also feature Andrew Brody from The Princeton Review (the Premier Sponsor and Underwriter of the Pre-Law Program this year) who will discuss logic and real life and Kaplan's Jeff Thomas on personal statements.

We're also excited to have Dean Michelle Rahman, the Associate Dean Admissions from the University of Richmond and a panel of other admissions officers leading a discussion on the "Dos and Don'ts" of the law school application process.

Begin planning for the 2011 Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial Competition and Law Expo now by putting together fundraising programs to minimize the individual expense to your Chapters' attendees. Please remember that each Chapter is expected to be represented. We look forward to seeing you there!

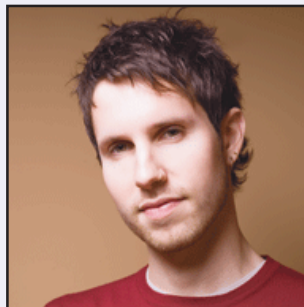


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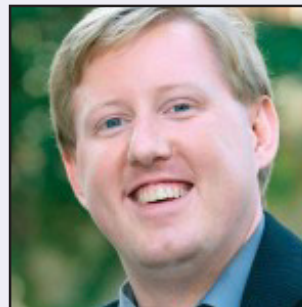
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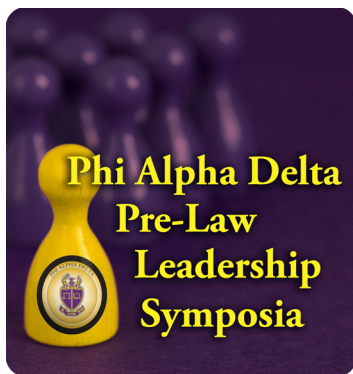
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Fall 2011 Leadership Symposia Dates Announced

The fourth year of Leadership Symposia is about to begin and we have expanded the opportunities to attend! There are a total of nine Leadership Symposia scheduled for Fall 2011 and an additional five in Spring 2011. Attendees will learn about developing their own leadership skills as well as the skills needed by future Chapter Officers. We will also discuss Fraternity policies, expectations and ways to improve their Chapter programming. For more information about the P.A.D. Pre-Law Leadership Symposia, or to RSVP for one near you, please go to the Pre-Law section of the Fraternity website. We hope to see you soon!

Here's what has been said about the Leadership Symposia in the past:

I personally wanted to tell you thank you for the wonderful meeting we had this past weekend. I had tons of fun and I also learned so much while there. I know with all the information that you provided us our chapter will only grow and become stronger. Thank you once again for the conference.

—Key'onta Johnson, William Woods University (Fall 2010)

Thank you for coming to Atlanta for the symposia. It was really helpful to interact with the officers from the other schools, and I appreciate the information you relayed to us about improving our chapters. I feel like the pre-law leadership symposia was an absolute success!

—Jessica Salerno, President, University of Georgia (Fall 2009)

I wanted to say thank you for leading and organizing the symposium today. The four of us from IU had a really great time and the entire four hour drive home flew by as we were making plans to implement all of the great ideas we got from today.

—Steve Veldman, Professional Development Chair, Indiana University, Bloomington (Spring 2010)

Missouri State University Chapter Shines at STAR Awards



By Christina King, Secretary

Missouri State University's Pre-Law Chapter brought home five awards at MSU's Student Talent and Recognition Banquet. Phi Alpha Delta received awards for:

- Outstanding Advisor: Dr. Kevin Pybas
- Outstanding Leader: President Corey Kilburn
- Distinguished Merit
- Educational/Academic Program: Pre-Law Symposium
- Recruitment

It was a successful night for our Chapter, and increased our presence on campus.

To continue our success, we held a Pre-Law v. Pre-Med kickball game. Normally, the Pre-Med group dominates with their buff athletic trainers—but this year we were ready! We brought home our first-ever (and very impressive!) win. The event was a great

team-building social for both groups. Let's hope for another win next year! We were also lucky enough to initiate seven new members at our spring Initiation/End-of-the-Year Banquet.

Congratulations to all new members and a big "thank you!" to all of our members who helped make this year a huge success!



Lawyer Grace Wins Inaugural Integrity Award at Law Day

By Ronald J. Winter, International Vice Justice

Gerald Grace, Jr., a prominent Buffalo attorney for nearly 40 years, was honored with the Integrity Award at the Law Day annual luncheon hosted by the Bar Association of Niagara County. The award was conceived and presented by the Niagara Frontier Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International



Integrity Award winner Attorney Gerald Grace, Jr. (center) is flanked by his wife Nikki and daughter Nora. On the left is Hon. William M. Skretny; at right, P.A.D. International Vice Justice Ronald J. Winter.

(P.A.D.). The Fraternity's International Vice Justice, Ron Winter, a Lockport attorney, made the presentation on behalf of the Fraternity during festivities held at the Niagara Falls Country Club in Lewiston, New York.

Attorneys were nominated by the four sitting New York State Supreme Court Justices in Niagara County based upon the following considerations:

- integrity and professional competence;
- a proponent of liberty and equal justice under law;
- compassion and courage in representation of the client's interest.

The Executive Committee of the Niagara Frontier Alumni Chapter of P.A.D. selected Mr. Grace because of his commitment to the ideals and principles of the Fraternity as enumerated above. The committee stressed that he is not a member of P.A.D., but was nevertheless chosen to receive this first-ever award.

"We did not want the bar to think that we invented this award simply to honor one of our own," said Winter, Principal Law Clerk to Acting Niagara County Supreme Court Justice Richard C. Kloch, Sr. "In making the selection, we agreed that Mr. Grace stood out above the rest and was the unanimous choice."

Phi Alpha Delta is the world's largest law fraternity and second largest legal organization in the United States, after the American Bar Association. Begun in Chicago in 1902 as the result of a legal controversy effecting admission to the state bar, it has grown to its current size and status because of its universal appeal to both law students and lawyers alike. The Fraternity focuses on uniting members of the bench and bar with students of the law to foster principles of integrity, compassion, courage and professionalism - while emphasizing service, innovation and diversity. Their motto is 'service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.'

Mr. Grace is a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Walsh, Roberts & Grace. He earned degrees at St. John Fisher College and UB Law School and is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in New York. His focus is civil litigation, and he also serves as a mediator and arbitrator in Erie County and throughout Western New York. He is married and has two grown daughters.



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of Illinois, presided over the ceremony. The initiation ceremony was followed by brunch at the Plymouth restaurant where students and alumni networked and shared P.A.D. memories and experiences.

E-Board Summer Retreat

The Lincoln Chapter Executive Board will be attending our summer retreat on June 25-26. Justice Ruedig will be hosting us at her lake house on Gadges Lake in Grayslake, IL. It will be a wonderful opportunity to bond, solidify calendar planning, and develop recruitment strategies.

E-Board Dinner

The new 2011-2012 Executive Board shared dinner with P.A.D. Alumni, B.J. Maley, 2011 Justice of the West Suburban Alumni Chapter, in the Pope Room of Buca Di Beppo Restaurant. We celebrated the installation of the new officers and were honored to have Justice Maley present to join in our celebration.

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ALUMNI 101

By Justin Roberts, Director of Alumni Operations

started a massive undertaking for P.A.D., the aptly titled “Lost Member Project.” It’s an effort to locate as many of these members as we can—all of them, if possible. I’m excited to see that the project is growing in scope and involvement. Finding these members involves poring over a variety of sources, be it the state bar directory website, the directories on martindale.com, or good ol’ Google.

In addition to the great job that the other members of the Executive Office staff are doing in locating alumni, many Law School Chapters have stepped up to assist in finding the “Lost” Alumni from their own Chapters.

As of mid-June, over 50 Law School Chapters have volunteered to assist in this endeavor. Results from these Chapters have already started to come in! I’m extremely proud of the work our Law School Chapters are doing. In fact, over 25 Chapters have already been updated within the system! That’s over 3,000 people located and updated by only a few members of the office staff.

Want to help? Looking up members isn’t limited to the Office or to Law School Chapters. Anyone can look up members! Whether you’re able to look up ten names or 100 names, your help would go a long way! If you’re interested in taking on some names, drop me an email at justin@pad.org and I’d be happy to send some your way. Thanks in advance!

Do you know what happens when a member moves to a new location or changes jobs and doesn’t notify P.A.D.’s Headquarters? When P.A.D. sends out a mailing (such as this copy of *The Reporter* you’re reading now) or an email newsletter, all those addresses that are no longer valid get kicked back to the Office. From there, those members are then marked as “Lost” within the member database. Unfortunately, this happens to members that have graduated anywhere from 50 years ago to 5 years ago. Over the years, our number of “Lost” members has grown substantially—to the neighborhood of several thousand members. That’s a lot of members that are missing out on the experience P.A.D. has to offer.

Well...I’m not happy about that. I feel it’s time to bring those members home. As a result, I have



By B.J. Maley (*Webster*), Chair,
Alumni Advisory Council

The Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) continues to actively advise the International Executive Board (IEB) on issues relating to the Fraternity’s Alumni. Since the last issue of the Reporter, the Council has met twice and is working on several projects.

The Council has drafted and asked the IEB to consider Constitutional, By-Law, and Convention rule amendments regarding the selection and seating of alumni at-large delegates to

Convention. The main effect of these amendments would be to permit the appointment of alternate at-large delegates and to lengthen the time permitted to appoint both at-large and alternate at-large delegates.

The AAC also met with Justin Roberts, the Fraternity’s Director of Alumni Relations, and is working with him on the revision and streamlining of the Model Alumni Chapter By-Laws.

At the suggestion of International Justice Rhonda Hill, the AAC has also begun to explore programming ideas targeting the promotion of student and alumni member interaction. As the initiation ritual states, “The development and maintenance of a

special relationship between the student and alumni members of Phi Alpha Delta is of vital importance and is a unique characteristic of our Fraternity.”

Finally, the Council has been promoting the idea of an alumni summer getaway for off-Convention years. The intent is that active alumni members will get in the habit of setting aside P.A.D. time each summer and alumni participation at the Biennial Convention will increase. This year several alumni will be gathering in conjunction with the international officers meeting in Scottsdale this July.

If there are issues or concerns regarding the Fraternity’s alumni program that you think need to be addressed, please let us know on the Alumni Advisory Council’s Facebook page or via email to AAC Chair B.J. Maley at attybjm@ameritech.net.



P.A.D. Alumnus Publishes First Novel

Ken Sibanda (*King*) has drawn on his experiences with law school and the legal field in his first novel, *The Return To Gibraltar*, available from Proteus Books. Born Kissinger Nkosingathi Sibanda, Brother Sibanda is a South African-born American writer and film director. He holds Law Degrees from the University of London (LLB with Honors) and Temple School of Law (LLM in Trial Advocacy). Sibanda began writing plays and stories as a teenager, and, in his twenties, published a collection of poems entitled *The Songs of Soweto: Poems From a Post Apartheid South Africa*. In 1998 he attended the summer writing program at Columbia University in New York. Sibanda worked as a producer for Quintet Productions and Mail & Guardian T.V in South Africa. He honed his craft as a director from work as a screenwriter, and actor in both theatre and studio films, including *American Gangster*. He is the writer/director of the short films, “October Sky” and the silent short film, “Nine, One, One”. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and son. We had the pleasure of speaking with Ken recently and asked him the following questions.

Could you tell us a little bit about your background?

I was born in South Africa, to a Xhosa father and a Shona mother. I migrated to the States in 1998 and worked as a free-lance writer before going to law school.

Tell us about your experiences in law school.

It’s interesting, I studied under the English system for my first law degree from the University of London and then did a masters in Trial Advocacy at Temple University. I have very fond memories of law school, especially with the London degree. The English system tends to teach law as part of a liberal arts curriculum, while the American legal system is entirely procedural. Law school is a good time to enjoy law cases.

When and how did you become interested in writing and film making?

I have been writing from a very young age. Growing up, I would go to watch movies, “pictures” as we called them every week. The interest began at a young age and with age I have managed to hone my craft.

How has your upbringing influenced your writing?

I tend to want stories that are rooted in history and humanity.

What inspired you to write and why?

It’s not one thing that inspires me to write; *The Return to Gibraltar* is close to 400 pages—what inspires me seems to be more than mere instances, but a time or a place.



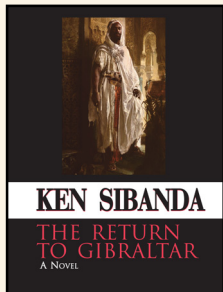
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The Return To Gibraltar

The law is life, and with that Horace Bates begins a journey into a world of science and politics. Horace, a law student at Harvard, is soon at the center of a

“PROGRAM” designed to enable time sequence—time travel. In this rush for new science there are men like the mysterious Demetri Ivanovich, who appears to have melted from the Russian cold war and right into the slash suburbs of America. Men like Timmy, the Texan, eager and ready for the next frontier. Horace must ultimately contend with who he is and what time-change does for the human heart.



District II: “Gone to the Dogs”

The San Francisco Alumni Chapter, joined by area law student members, spouses, significant others and furry friends, participated in the American Cancer Society’s “Bark for Life” event in San Francisco. The team raised almost \$1,000 to fight cancer. This was the “Bark for Life” event’s first year in San Francisco and P.A.D. members contributed by not only participating in the day’s activities, but also by volunteering to plan the event, set up tents, staff the “Paws for a Cause” booth and clean up after the event. This is the second year that District II has put together a team for an American Cancer Society event. Last July we participated in the “Relay for Life” at the Marina. We encourage area members to join us for future events. For more information, check out the San Francisco Bay Area P.A.D. Alumni blog (<http://sfpadalumnichapter.blogspot.com>) or the District II Facebook page.





Chicago and West Suburban Alumni Chapter Take in a Ball Game

By B.J. Maley, Vice Justice

The Fraternity's oldest Alumni Chapter and one of its newest held a joint event on June 9th, as the Chicago Alumni Chapter and West Suburban Alumni Chapter gathered on the South Side to see the Chicago White Sox battle the Oakland Athletics. Despite some grumbling from many members who would rather have been showing support for the Cubs, there was a good turn out for the event with 40 members and guests attending from the two Chapters. The

Chicago Alumni group was led by Chapter Justice Pierre Priestley who was sporting a Phi Alpha Delta baseball cap for the occasion, the West Suburban Alumni Chapter group was led by Chapter Vice Justice B.J. Maley, and District XI Justice John K. Norris was there to "keep it fair." The Chapters had chosen to attend the game that night for White Sox "Law Night" in which local members of the bar received a special invitation to attend the game.

Apparently Fate favors the Purple and the Gold as, unknown to the group and by happy coincidence, P.A.D. Sister Bridgette Callahan (Webster, 2010) was

also present for the game with her boyfriend Matthew Jenkins. At 7:52, Matt's proposal of marriage to Bridgette appeared on the scoreboard and a photo of the message was captured by Webster Alumnus B.J. Maley who was taking pictures at the joint Chapter outing. The happy couple themselves did not have a picture of the message as it appeared.

Bridgette reports her experience that evening: "Matt received tickets from the law firm for which he works, and I was excited for this alone—they were on the club level! We tailgated about an hour or so with my best friend and his girlfriend, and then went to our seats. I was amazed by the view and experience already, but I had no idea what was in store for me. We ordered some ballpark food and a few drinks, and we were having a fantastic time watching the Sox beat Oakland. Then, when the Jumbotron messages started flashing, Matt kept nudging me. I didn't know why he was doing this and, at one point, turned to him and said, "Why do you keep poking me?!" He insisted he wasn't touching me at all. Finally, he nudged me one last time. Just as I was about to yell at him, I looked up on the scoreboard and saw my name. I immediately started crying. Matt got down on one knee and, hands trembling, asked me to be his wife. Of course, I said, "Yes!" He then handed me a personalized jersey with his last name and the number 11 (for 2011), a baseball signed by Ozzie Guillen, and informed me we'll be at Picnic in the Park with the White Sox in August. Not bad for the Cubs fan!" The members of both the Chicago and West Suburban Alumni Chapter wish the happy couple well!



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*You've published both a book of poetry, *The Songs of Soweto: Poems From a Post-Apartheid South Africa* and now, a novel, *The Return to Gibraltar*. What genre are you most comfortable writing and why?*

That's the easiest question in the world—
FILM!

Who or what influenced your writing over the years?

I would say in terms of writing style Norman Mailer and Hemingway. *What do you consider the most challenging thing about writing a novel, and/or about writing in general?*

The most challenging thing is to write everyday. I write using a typewriter and that takes getting used to before you can start to produce "good paper" as they say.

*What inspired you to write your new novel, *The Return to Gibraltar*?*

I think what triggered the process was the painting at Philadelphia Museum called the "Moorish Chief."

I am a big fan of art.

Do you have any suggestions or advice for our law school student members or for aspiring writers in general?

My advice is to write the story that's the easiest to you, the one in your heart and not in your head.

Do you have any plans for future works?

I am currently pre-producing my first feature film Hannibal, based on the life of Hannibal Barca, the Carthaginian. Hopefully I can convince Vin Diesel to look at my script!



District II Get-Togethers

By Michelle Isherwood, District II Justice

District II held its 3rd Annual District Brunch at UC Berkeley School of Law in early February. Members from the Field Chapter hosted alumni, law student and pre-law members from throughout the district. This year's event was attended by members from the San Francisco Alumni Chapter, Edmonds, Temple, Field and Dirksen Law School Chapters and the Sacramento State and UC Berkeley Pre-Law Chapters. This year we were fortunate to have International Board Member-at-Large Jay Ross fly in from New Jersey to attend. Every year this event grows and it proves to be a great way to kick off the second semester by allowing members to network and socialize in an informal setting.

In April, the San Francisco Alumni Chapter hosted an event at Golden Gate Fields. Members got together on a Sunday to enjoy Dollar Days at the track and watch some horse racing. In May, our members had two opportunities to network and hang out. On May 14th, area members participated in the American Cancer Society's "Bark for Life" event to raise money for the American Cancer Society (You can read more about the "Bark for Life" event in the Online Edition of *The Reporter*). Then on May 25th, the San Francisco Alumni Chapter met at the Steelhead Brewing Company in Burlingame for some fraternal billiards.

As of this writing, we are looking forward to our next event in mid-June at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. We will be holding our first-ever "Bonfire at the Beach" for all area members and their friends and family. We'll have a bonfire at the beach to watch the sunset, roast hot dogs and make s'mores. It promises to be a great time.

For more information on upcoming San Francisco P.A.D. Alumni Chapter and District II events visit our blog, <http://sfpadalumnichapter.blogspot.com/> or join the District II Facebook page. Also, if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Alumni Chapter please contact District Justice, Michelle Isherwood at michelle.isherwood@gmail.com. We are looking for members to serve on committees and help plan events.



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100 Years of Alumni Chapters and Alumni Chapter Programming

By B.J. Maley, Alumni Advisory Council Chair

One hundred years ago, the Fraternity amended its constitution and by-laws to permit the chartering of Alumni Chapters. The Fraternity's Alumni Chapters are formed geographically, either based in a community or a state. In the 100 years since the creation of the Alumni Chapters, the Fraternity has experienced a great deal of benefit from them. Alumni Chapters help fulfill the Fraternity's mission of service and provide alumni members a forum for continuing to interact on a personal level (through social, professional, and service activities) with their fellow members. The Alumni Chapters

also provide a ready vehicle to assist the Fraternity's student members in developing their professional networks and tapping into the fraternal bond between student and alumni members for their mutual benefit.

A list of the currently active Alumni Chapters and contact information for their Chapter justices can be found under Alumni Resources on the Fraternity website, www.pad.org. Website visitors and readers of this article will quickly realize that a large number of metropolitan communities do not currently boast an active Alumni Chapter. To ensure that the Fraternity's student and alumni members have access to the benefits which Alumni Chapters can offer, the International Justice has set a goal of activating and maintaining at least 100 Alumni Chapters—but we need your assistance.

If you do not have an active Alumni Chapter in your area, but are willing to get involved, please reach out to Director of Alumni Relations Justin Roberts and let him know you are interested. Justin can be reached at Justin@pad.org. 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 reside or work in the community served by the Chapter. A statewide Alumni Chapter requires twenty-five signatures. For more information about what Alumni Chapters do or tips on organizing an Alumni Chapter, contact Justin at the email listed above or Alumni Advisory Council Chair B.J. Maley at attybjm@ameritech.net.



*L-R: Staci Rhoads, Carmel Huseman, Preston Brown, Pete Bastianen
Below: Carmel Huseman and Bridget O'Neill impose upon their chef for a quick picture.*



West Suburban Alumni Experience Culinary Theatre

On April 6th, the West Suburban Alumni Chapter hosted its Chapter dinner meeting at Domo 77 Japanese Steakhouse. Guests included a dozen student members from Dooley Chapter (Northern Illinois University) and Lincoln Chapter (The John Marshall School of Law). Dinner was Japanese hibachi-style with the cooking done right at the four Chapter tables. The talented hibachi chefs made it more than a dinner—it was culinary theatre.

After dinner, Vice Justice Maley called the Chapter to order for a brief business meeting which included a discussion of upcoming events including the Charity Bowling Tournament, the June White Sox Outing, and an alumni reception being held by Story Chapter the following day. Lincoln Chapter Vice Justice Kim Pressling took the floor and made a few announcements concerning Lincoln Chapter plans, including the business clothing drive in which West Suburban Alumni members would be assisting.

The last item of business was recognition of Brother Preston Brown from Dooley Chapter. Preston had been recipient of the Anthony A. DiGrazia Scholarship at the Chapter's annual End of Year Banquet, but had not yet received his plaque. Scholarship Committee members Pete Bastianen, Carmel Huseman, and Staci Rhoads presented the plaque at this time. The Anthony A. DiGrazia Scholarship Program recognizes law student members of the Fraternity who through their involvement in the fraternity and their communities have just begun their journey towards fulfilling the P.A.D. Ideals of a lifetime of professional service and commitment to the P.A.D. Motto of "Service to the Student, the School, the Profession, and the Community".

P.A.D. Alumna Honored at Law Day Celebration

The West Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Paralegal Association awarded its 2011 Ernie H. Gray Paralegal Utilization Award to Jackson attorney Mary Jo Middlebrooks (*Lurton*). The presentation was made at the 2011 Law Day Celebration in Jackson, Tennessee. The receipt of this prestigious award was especially poignant for Middlebrooks, as Mr. Gray was her husband and law partner who passed away twenty years ago in this month.

The criteria for selection are an attorney who promotes the career and education of the paralegal; promotes a strong attorney/paralegal team; and helps the paralegal when facing challenges. The entire staff nominated Middlebrooks. They are Pat Wisniowski, Susan Sumner, Derek Moseley and Jeff Cole.

Middlebrooks was also honored with one of four Pro Bono Awards at the annual law day event. This award was presented by West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc., to recognize attorneys who have given freely of their time to the Pro Bono Project.

Middlebrooks is certified as a Family Law Specialist by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization, and is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Mediator in the field of General Civil/Family Mediation, with a designation as "Specially Trained in Domestic Violence Issues." She was a 2010 Recipient of the Sterling Award honoring the 20 Most Influential Women in West Tennessee.

She is one of the original organizers of West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc., and has continued to serve on its Board of Directors since its inception. In 2008, she was selected as a Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow, which inducts no more than 35 attorneys each year. She is a past President of Jackson Business & Professional Women, Treasurer and Charter Member of the Anne Harris Schneider Chapter of the Lawyers' Association for

Women, Charter Member of the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, and past member of the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association.

Pictured above right: Standing l to r: Pat Wisniowski, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Susan Sumner; seated l to r: Derek Moseley, Sadie, Jeff Cole.



A black smartphone frame with a white screen. The screen displays the title "Law & Technology: The 'App' Revolution" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, it says "By David Gray, www.Casebriefs.com" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The phone has a silver-colored bezel and a black home button on the right side.

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The next step to Facebook, again as you probably already know, is a more professional social media company called LinkedIn. LinkedIn connects folks professionally, those looking for jobs or for keeping track of friends and family member's career paths in addition to other features that the company now offers. Furthermore,

At this point with all of these wonderful technologies it only seems natural that there should be a specific app directly geared towards law students. Furthermore, it would also be logical that such an app should not only be specific to law students but to also be useful to what law students do in law school, which is primarily to study. Therefore, and app that would adhere to these principles should be quite useful to law students. This being said let's now imagine what this app would look like.

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Charity Begins in the Western Suburbs (Sometimes at A Bowling Alley!)

By B.J. Maley, Vice Justice

It was a busy April for the West Suburban Alumni Chapter's Community Service Committee. In early April, committee members assisted in gathering clothing to support Lincoln Chapter's Business Clothing Drive for the Family Shelter Service of DuPage County. The Chapter collected two car loads full of clothing and delivered it to members of Lincoln Chapter at the John Marshall West Suburban Alumni Social.

The latter part of April was spent raising money to help the DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) fight homelessness. For the third consecutive year, the Chapter organized the Inter-Chapter Phi Alpha Delta Charity Bowling Tournament in which bowlers from area Chapters compete to raise money for charity and to bring home the bowling trophies. The tournament was held in conjunction with DuPage PADS Charity Bowl-a-Rama at the Fox Bowl in Wheaton.

This year, five teams participated representing the West Suburban Alumni Chapter (three teams), the Chicago Alumni Chapter (1 team) and the James Dooley Chapter (1 team). The five teams raised \$6,841.56, of which \$5,026.56 was raised by the West Suburban Alumni Chapter. Bowling trophies were presented as follows: First Place: West Suburban Alumni Chapter Team B; Second Place: Chicago Alumni Chapter; Third Place: West Suburban Alumni Chapter Team C. The West Suburban Alumni Chapter was recognized for raising more money for the charity than any other organization, and among the fraternity teams the highest fundraisers prizes went to First place: West Suburban Alumni, Second Place Chicago Alumni, and Third Place Dooley Chapter.

The West Suburban Alumni sported special custom made team t- shirts for their teams and donated trophies and awards certificates for the P.A.D. Tournament.



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