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Message from the International Justice

“Compassion and courage are two additional principles which every lawyer must possess. Compassion leads a

lawyer to accept the cause of the unfortunate, the underprivileged, and those who are the object of scorn and public disfavor. Courage brings the lawyer to press these causes and to defend the rights of these persons with full abilities and a stout heart. Compassion and courage are essential if a lawyer is to be a true servant of the law for all the people. One who would serve the law and attempt less than complete loyalty to these principles is unworthy of the status of a lawyer, or of membership in this Fraternity.”—P.A.D.’s Book of the Ritual (Page 10)

Over the years there have been events that have been trying, that have been frustrating, have tested my mental and physical fortitude, and at times have taken my breath away. In these times I have often found myself reflecting on two of our core values. Compassion and courage. To me they go hand in hand, they balance each other. The following quote sums up how I see this balance.

“You need a balance between compassion that comes from your heart and courage from your belly. If you have too much courage you can become destructive to yourself and to others, but if you have too much compassion you can be paralyzed by your desire to please others. It is finding the balance that is best.”—The Resilience Centre

In the last several months there have been events that have left a devastating mark, whether at the hands of a fellow human or by natural disaster. Now, more than ever, we need to come together as a community to show understanding, appreciation, and kindness toward one another.

In the case of natural disasters, we know what to do, how to respond and do not hesitate to act.

After Hurricane Harvey the P.A.D. Austin Alumni Chapter collected donations and information on help to fellow Texans displaced by the Hurricane. After Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, The Knoxville Alumni Chapter established an on-line auction with proceeds being donated to the Puerto Rican relief efforts.

Other situations, the man-made ones, bring around uneasy conversations that we would rather avoid. But we shouldn’t, we must have the courage and compassion to discuss the real issues and, while it may be difficult at times, respect different points of view. This takes the right balance of compassion and courage. It also requires candor, which needs us to not only speak openly but to listen openly.

“—It is that subordination of one’s own personal gain or an advantage for one’s client to a higher principle which makes candor a habit and a lawyer’s word a universally accepted bond.”—P.A.D.’s Book of the Ritual (Page 9)

Fraternally,

Kathleen “Kitty” Maloney

The P.A.D. Ritual

Our Fraternity was founded on certain principles and ideals: integrity, compassion, courage, professionalism, service, diversity, and innovation. It is the purpose of our Ritual to preserve these principles and ideals in concrete terms to ensure their continuity. The Ritual expresses the fundamental ideals and principles of Phi Alpha Delta.

A copy can be downloaded on the P.A.D. website at www.pad.org/ritual



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A Message from the Executive Director

Brother Andrew Sagan (*Robert E. Redding Alumni Chapter*)

The recent hurricanes and wildfires, as well as other world-wide events, have affected dozens of P.A.D. chapters. While dozens doesn't sound like an enormous number, it represents thousands of students and tens of thousands of our alumni—all our brothers and sisters.

We have been monitoring our chapters and members throughout these events to make sure everyone is safe. Stories of members losing their homes, disruption of their lives, and loss of friends and family have been heartbreaking. Through this heartbreak we look to our P.A.D. core values of courage, compassion, service, integrity, innovation, diversity and professionalism to help us cope.

In the next two editions of *The Reporter* we will feature chapters' and members' acts of heroism that epitomize our mission and live up to our core values. We would love to be able to share with you all of the stories we hear and have heard over the years. What I have personally have learned about my fellow Phi Alpha Delta brothers and sisters over the last 18 years is that we

are made of a collection of strong, vibrant, and dedicated souls.

I am lucky to have seen so many of our members positively affect others lives. Whether it's lending a helping hand to an individual in need or crafting laws and influencing the way others think—the stories are many.

To be cut from the same cloth is a colloquialism that I sometimes refer to about our brother and sisterhood. Helping others just to help not expecting anything in return. Rising to the occasion when others don't. Aspiring to motivate others for the sake of inspiration. These selfless personal values reflect on our membership as a whole.

As we go along together as a fraternity, we will constantly face challenges. All kinds—personal, local, global. As they occur, keep in mind our core values, motto and mission and know your fraternity holds you in its collective heart. We have many new members joining the ranks of P.A.D. each day, they have chosen to be a part of our amazing family. It may be simple, but together we will make the world a better place.



See page 8 in this issue to learn about P.A.D. Core Values icons and look for them throughout each issue.



Service for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Hurricane Harvey was one of the most devastating natural disasters to ever hit the United States. During these seemingly impossible moments, we as P.A.D. brothers and sisters rely on our core values of integrity, courage, innovation, diversity, professionalism, compassion, and service. There were many acts of heroism and bravery during the hurricane, including those performed by Erik Smith a 3L P.A.D. student from South Texas College of Law.

During the storm, Erik was watching the news and saw that people were being inundated with water and in desperate need right down the street from him. Erik went into action. In addition to his studies, he's a law clerk at Evans and Powell in Houston, Texas; a firm which specializes in DWI and criminal defense which just happens to own a 2015 Ford F-150 with a 12 inch lift and 36 inch tires. After he received permission from the partners at his firm (including Sean Evans, founder of the firm, who held the office of Marshal at P.A.D's Houston Chapter), Erik hopped in the truck.

"We were very lucky in my neighborhood with only a few houses flooded, however, almost every surrounding neighborhood flooded. Fortunately, our company truck was high enough to get in and out of the neighborhood. The water was higher than I'd ever seen it and I've lived in this house for almost 15 years," Erik said.

From August 27-30, Erik and his friend Tim Buchanan who also had a lifted truck, were on a mission to help rescue people in Houston and Port Arthur. Erik estimates that during that time they moved 1,000 people to safety.

"The scariest moment of the storm was when I drove through water that was much deeper than I was anticipating." He continued, "Everyone in the truck was telling me to stop but I knew if we stopped the truck was toast. We kept pushing through and made it across."

One particularly memorable moment for Erik happened in Port Arthur while rescuing an elderly man.

"The water came in so quickly that he didn't have time to get his medications. Despite there being reports of gunfire in the area, my friend Jeramey Bullock, flagged down a boat and went to retrieve the medicine for the man."

The people rescued were extremely grateful for Erik and his friends' help.

Erik remarked, "It was an amazing sight to see people from all walks of life coming together to help one another out. Being of service to others is in essence what we do as aspiring and current attorneys. Some people equate the word lawyer with greed and selfishness. I am fortunate to work for a firm where helping people is our number one priority."

One might think that after three days of being on rescue duty was service enough. Erik, his girlfriend

Kimberlee, and his daughter Kaela then helped deliver hot meals to the hardworking first responders for two days.

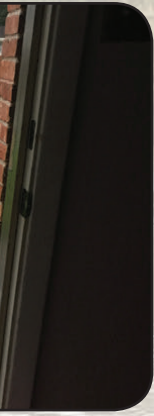
Things are getting back to normal for Erik and his team. His last semester of law school began right after the waters receded.

"The criminal courthouse is completely closed, and the administrative hearing office is still closed as well. Despite the closures, we are managing the best we know how," Erik said.

Erik found that overall, "Hurricane Harvey was an experience I will never forget. I worked in television news for 10 years, before law school, covering Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike. I have never seen a community come together to help one another like the people did during Harvey. It was everyday people that were the real heroes of this disaster. I will be forever grateful that I was able to help."

He believes that "Phi Alpha Delta is a fraternal SERVICE organization. We aim to serve our communities and fellows. Being of service to others in an unselfish manner is the epitome of what P.A.D. members should strive to be. Without integrity and compassion for others, all we are is a group without direction."

Thank you Erik, Tim, Jeramey, Kimberlee, Kaela and Evans and Powell. You are an inspiration to us all.





Submitted by *The National Jurist*, Written by Associate Editor Tyler Roberts

New technologies give lawyers the opportunity to expand their client base, break down geographical barriers and compete with big law firms. Even for bootstrapping solo firms, technology provides affordable opportunities to reduce overhead costs and increase output.

Still, many lawyers are hesitant to integrate these innovations into their practices.

“Lawyers have a tendency to put their heads down and focus on the law and not think about business development and technology development impacts the way they practice,” said Martin Pritikin, dean of Concord Law School of Kaplan University, the first online law school. “The technology used to drive down legal costs already exists, it’s just a matter of using it.”

There is a large, untapped market in need of legal representation, Pritikin explained, but these potential clients are

priced out of the legal market. Instead of hiring a local lawyer, they turn to cheaper options online, like LegalZoom. It is not that these potential clients do not want to pay for legal services; it is just that they find traditional law offices to be too expensive and inefficient.

Big law firms that represent large, corporate clients and wealthy individuals do not have an incentive to accommodate the needs of modest means clients, he said. Their tech investments, which may include predictive coding and pricing analytics, are aimed at trimming costs for their corporate clients.

Small law firms, by contrast, have the greatest potential to expand their client base and reach the underserved legal market. Instead of competing for clients at the top of the legal market, law firms can expand their reach and serve traditionally underrepresented communities while increasing profits. And

they can do this by integrating innovative technologies into their practice.

“Why should smaller firms fight for a piece of the pie when they could be expanding the pie?” Pritikin asked.

Another issue that smaller law firms are encountering in the digital age is the demand for greater transparency, Pritikin said. With the use of a smartphone, people can check the balance of their bank accounts, look up the status of their flights and see where their Uber drivers are in real time. Clients have come to expect the same kind of transparency from their lawyers.

Fortunately, lawyers do not need to program a new app to deliver legal services, reach more clients and achieve greater transparency, Pritikin said. There are many simple, and affordable, solutions already on the market.

For example, video conferencing like Skype can be used

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to remove geographic barriers, cut down on transportation costs and save hours of billable time. This technology was once out of reach to many law firms, but has since become an affordable communication solution for both lawyers and their clients.

Video conferencing also facilitates the delivery of limited scope representation. Clients of modest means may be willing to shoulder some of the responsibilities of their legal representation, such as filing documents or representing themselves in court proceedings, but need help completing the forms and learning procedural rules. In these situations, lawyers can unbundle their legal services to provide inexpensive representation to their clients.

As for increased transparency, law firms can share client files in real time through secured cloud computing, send automated emails alerting clients of actions taken on their behalf and meet with clients via Skype without leaving the office.

“Lawyers are beginning to think about technology and how it intersects with their practice,” he said. “They are using it in a way that is beneficial for them and their clients.”

Virtual office or not, law firms are discovering innovative ways to leverage existing technology to deliver their services. In turn, underserved communities will have access to legal representation that they have been priced out of. And this isn’t “bleeding-heart talk,” Pritikin said. “It’s good business.”



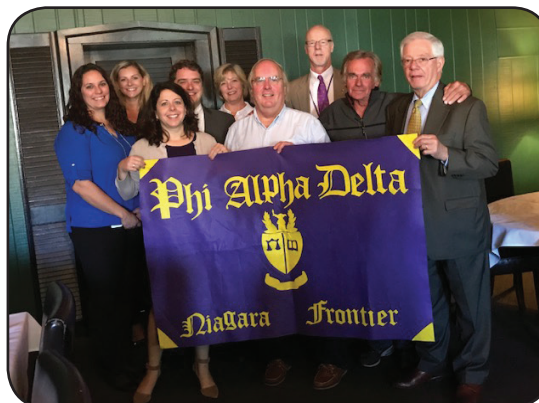
The District XIV Conference attendees all took the pledge to attend the 2018 Biennial Convention during their Conference held at Ohio Northern University on October 7, 2017.

American University Pre-Law Chapter has embarked on another exciting year tabling on the quad for both recruitment and philanthropy, promoting open events on social media, and a having a strong presence at the American University Involvement Fair. Thanks to successful planning of law school panels, donut fundraisers, LSAT preparation classes, and fun, unique social events, the bond between chapter members has never been stronger. In partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the chapter was able to raise over one \$1,000 for the organization during previous semester’s philanthropy efforts.



The Niagara Frontier Alumni Chapter hosted a lunch

with Judge John F. Batt in September. Pictured l-r: Cheryl Nichols Grundy, Courtney Donahue, Linda Grear, Joel Grundy, MaryJean Bowman, Judge John F. Batt, Ron Winter, Steve Kennedy, Daniel Evans Brick.



#PADValues

P.A.D. Brothers and Sisters,

I'm excited to share with you our newest P.A.D. Initiative, #PADValues. As you know, Phi Alpha Delta epitomizes Integrity, Courage, Service, Compassion, Innovation, Diversity, & Professionalism. Going forward, we want the P.A.D. brand to be synonymous with these Core Values.

To do so, we will be spotlighting members, events, law firms, and other organizations who share these values. In this issue look for the 'core value icons' to indicate which features highlight which P.A.D. Core Value.

Do you have a member who recently spent time volunteering for a worthy cause? Do you work in an office that demonstrates a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion? We want to know!

Our strategy includes utilizing social media and tagging items of interest with #PADValues, as well as highlighting significant stories in *The Reporter* and on www.pad.org.

Moving forward, we look to partner with organizations that share our values and vision on a national level. Does this sound like something you are interested in? Do you want a chance to showcase your leadership skills and get involved in a national campaign?

Please contact us for more information! We look forward to your involvement as we continue to support and share #PADValues.

Fraternally,

Araj Ahmed

P.A.D. International Board Member-at-Large



*To be part of this initiative, please contact Executive Office
Committee Liaison, Cory Freeman at cory@pad.org.*

LaFollette Chapter proudly displayed their new chapter banner in its first official capacity at their fall 2017 initiation ceremony. In 2010, Marquette University moved from its old building to its current location. During the move, the LaFollette Chapter banner was lost. This past spring, chapter leadership conducted fundraising efforts to purchase a new one. These efforts were supported through a 1:1 matching grant by Associate District X Justice Michael R. Knoeller (*LaFollette Chapter '11, Milwaukee Alumni Chapter*) in memory of Michael J. Knoeller, who was in LaFollette Chapter's first initiation class in 1967.



Pro-Bono Experience at the Border

By Jose Campos (*Cahn Chapter '12, Redding Alumni Chapter*)

I volunteered for one week in Dilley, TX at the Family Detention Center for many reasons; to be a witness of how the families were treated, to give back to the immigrant community as they have supported my law practice, and to learn more about immigration practices.

What I Saw

When a nuclear family asks for asylum, the government separates them. The father is sent to a detention center, which also houses convicted criminals, and the mother and children are sent to a family detention center. Adults who come without children get the same treatment as the fathers: they are sent to prisons and have harsh living conditions.

I must admit that my expectations of the Family Detention Center were different from what I saw. I expected prison-like conditions but instead saw an orderly facility where mothers and children receive food, shelter, and proper medical attention. I asked how they were being treated, to which they replied with a graceful “very well.” Sure, they don’t have their freedom, but they like the food and accommodations. This is not a 5-star resort but, considering the standard of living which most of the detainees are used to, I dare say that their living conditions at the Family Detention Center are, in comparison, “very good.”

While conditions at the center have improved thanks to advocacy groups, there is still room for improvement for pregnant women. Upon entering, there was a sign at the door warning pregnant women not to enter as there was a small pox outbreak; there were *nine* pregnant women detained in that center while I was there. The policy is to allow pregnant women to reach their final destination inside the United States instead of detaining them, but ICE is apparently not following this policy.

The stories of the atrocities these women and children have experienced are disturbing. In listening to their testimony, I was angry at the corrupt police officers who would victimize the very citizens they should be protecting.

Giving Back

I believe that we lawyers live privileged lives, and that we have the duty to volunteer our skills. It was amazing to listen to the stories of these courageous and resilient women and children. I am certain that these kids will do great things in this nation. At least one will be a doctor or engineer and will make the life of others better. True grit is a common denominator for successful people, something many of these kids showed.

After working in Dilley, I drove to McAllen, TX, where I trained six members of the Salvadoran Consulate staff on border needs and detainees. The consul in McAllen graciously gave me a tour of the border, where I touched the waters of the Rio Grande, visited a park in Mexico, and saw many border patrol officers.

What I Learned

I learned that humans are resilient and that in adversity people will show the best in them. I learned that immigrants asking for asylum do not need to cross the river, all they need to do is to walk through the bridge and ask officers for asylum where they will then be taken to the detention center for processing.

I learned that the living conditions at the family detention center are “very good.” I believe that access to proper legal advice in the detention center will make a big difference to these asylum seekers. I imagine that many people don’t ask for asylum so they do not receive any legal documents. In this center, at least the women and children receive proper legal advice and are encouraged meet the filing deadlines and continue fighting their case in immigration court.

I encourage P.A.D. members to go there and volunteer, especially those who can speak even just a little Spanish.

Jose Campos is an attorney licensed in Maryland and Washington, D.C. His practice concentrates in Immigration, Traffic, Criminal, Civil, and Bankruptcy. He represents clients before the U.S. Citizen and Naturalization Service (USCIS), the Immigration Courts, and before the Maryland Courts in Criminal and Civil matters.

Supporting P.A.D., Today and in the Future

It's safe to say that John F. Weitkamp (JFW) (*Ford Chapter '78*) has given a significant amount of his time to P.A.D. He attended his first P.A.D. Convention at the age of 9 where he and his younger brother served as Pages for the Executive Director, who happened to be their dad Fredrick J. Weitkamp (*Ross Chapter '52*). John joined Ford Chapter while in law school serving as Clerk and Justice. Since graduation, he has been a District Justice, Coordinator of District Operations, Special Projects Consultant and, on two occasions, served as Interim Executive Director before being elected to the Distinguished Service Chapter and eventually serving on the International Executive Board culminating in a term as International Justice.

John has spent tens of thousands of hours serving the Fraternity in these, and other, roles. He's invested his time as a volunteer, so few would blame him if he ever felt that it was time to step away thinking he had done his share. However, if you've ever met John and his wife, Karen Zdonzyk (*Sammis Chapter '84*), you know that would never be the case!

In fact, the P.A.D. International Foundation will be the grateful recipient of a bequest from their estate in the future. We sat down with John recently to talk about what went into making their decision.

John, you and Karen have given so much of your time and financial support (via the Capital Campaign,

the Order of the Armadillo, contributing to the Annual Fund, etc.) to the Fraternity. Now you have also set up a bequest to The Foundation. Why?

JFW: "So many good things have happened to us because of the Fraternity: My father became my Brother, my wife and I met each other through P.A.D., I've been able to confidently make and



<http://www.pad.org/about/padinternationalfoundation>

receive referrals to Weitkamp & Weitkamp and, most importantly, we've been able to meet some of the most FANTASTIC brothers and sisters whom we now count among our most cherished friends. We wanted to have one last opportunity to help Phi Alpha Delta in the future. While I believe the greatest contribution that a member can make is of their time and their talents, setting up a bequest will enable us to continue to give to our Fraternity, through The Foundation, when we are no longer able to in any other way. Planned Giving is a way to

support Phi Alpha Delta without a financial impact at this time."

For members who don't practice estate planning, or haven't done a planned gift before, was it difficult to set up?

JFW: "No, in fact it's very easy. We set ours up as a remaining percentage of our estate so that it will benefit the Fraternity without our having to continually revise our estate documents. We simply wanted to make a firm commitment to the Fraternity that a gift will happen after we're gone.

I know that Brother Byron Rupp (*Benson Chapter '97*), Director of Development, is able to provide anyone interested in establishing a bequest with step-by-step information on how to incorporate a bequest into their estate planning documents. All you need to do is contact the Executive Office and ask to speak with him."

Thank you so much for your time and generosity. Is there anything else we should keep in mind?

JFW: "Absolutely. Making a bequest is the ultimate gift because there won't be any more after that. It is extremely rewarding to know that we can still benefit our sisters and brothers, who mean so much to us, after we are gone."

To learn more about making a planned gift to the Foundation, or other ways to support P.A.D., please contact Director of Development Byron K. Rupp at byron@pad.org or by calling the Executive Office at (410) 347-3118.

P.A.D. Adapts to Changing Legal Academia

By Marlena Weiss (*Assistant Executive Director, Interim Director of Pre-Law Operations*)

In 2011, the American Bar Association (ABA) changed their post-grad survey to more accurately assess what law graduates were doing with their degrees. The survey confirmed what most law students and legal professionals already knew: there were too many graduates and not enough jobs. With this news, fewer undergraduates decided to seek J.D.s and law schools began reducing class size. In 2010, law schools across the United States had enrolled a record breaking 52,488 new law students. Since then enrollment has dropped by almost 30% across the board.

With these sudden shifts in law school interest, the climate of the legal academia has changed. Pre-law students are taking their graduate school decisions seriously, with more of a focus on exactly what their future will look like as a law school graduate.

Law students are looking for new ways to make themselves more competitive candidates in a tight job market.

Phi Alpha Delta has taken note of these shifts and reformatted programming and member benefits to adapt to the needs of P.A.D. members. The focus in the pre-law program continues to be making an informed decision—is law school the right path for you? For law students, the emphasis is on leadership development, creating opportunities to gain practical skills like task delegation, event planning and time management, and making the P.A.D. alumni network more accessible.

As law school enrollment dropped, some law schools decided to close their doors. P.A.D. has worked with a number of chapters that are dealing with unique situations, such as

this, that will affect the future of their legal education. When a law school closes, P.A.D. works with the students at the chapter to transfer their membership, connect them with other members and provide them with any member benefits that would assist in their specific situation. We closely monitor all news and reports regarding law schools so that we are able to predict which students will need our help and when we should take action.

Phi Alpha Delta's mission—to serve the student, the school, the profession and the community—continues to be the focus as the future of the profession evolves. This mission is shared by P.A.D.'s staff and the over 330,000 members across the globe, who are all dedicated to nurturing the success of P.A.D. students.



District XI Initiation held on September 22, 2017. Justice Anne Burke presided over the initiation of new members from Blackstone, Lincoln, and Story chapters, coordinated by District Justice John K. Norris (*Blackstone Chapter '83, Chicago Alumni Chapter*). Story Chapter Marshal Ashi Colina and Justice Jason Whithead brought more than 100 Initiates from Story Chapter!

Partnerships: A Key to Law School Success

By Jo Gbujama (*University of California-Riverside Pre-Law Chapter President '18*)



As someone currently applying for law school, I am doing everything in my power to ensure I get into the best one possible. As President of my

P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter, I make sure our members have resources that increase their chances of also getting into their dream law schools. I have found forming partnerships with organizations that focus on aspects of the law school application process is a great way to achieve these goals.

An ideal partnership is an agreement between a chapter and a company where the chapter agrees to promote the company's product to the members in exchange for the company's service at a discounted rate. Because Phi Alpha Delta

already has partnerships with certain companies on a national level, obtaining new partnerships for individual chapters can be as easy as calling or sending an email to an organization and asking for similar partnerships/discounts.

Effective partnerships maximize resources that increase a member's chances of getting into law school. I recently secured a partnership with BARBRI's Law Preview, a law school prep course that helps pre-law students prepare for their 1L year. Students who finish the 6 day course have a median 1L class rank in the top 16%, and 67% of students were offered a summer associate job or clerkship after 2L. This course normally costs close to \$1,400, but forming a partnership allowed us to cut the cost

down to \$795 with early enrollment (half the price of a standard LSAT course). And because my chapter receives discounts on LSAT courses, some as large as 50%, we receive two courses for the price of one!

Partnerships can also minimize the cost of law school significantly. Law school can easily cost \$200,000–\$350,000. Certain partnerships can help members find the best ways to reduce the cost of law school. LSAT prep courses can help students get high LSAT scores which can help students earn merit based scholarships. A two point score increase in some cases can be the difference between mere acceptance and a full tuition scholarship.

Law school admissions consulting agencies can help reduce the cost of law school by offering help with scholarship negotiation during the application cycle. Spending \$2,000 on services gained through partnership before applying to law school can save you hundreds of thousands of dollars in the future.



Obtaining partnerships is fairly simple; call or email a company you are interested in partnering with and explain that a lot of your members would

be willing to buy their service. Inform them that you would invite them to speak to your chapter about their services in return for discounts on those services for members.

Googling "LSAT prep companies," "law school prep companies," or "law school admissions" should give you a good starting point to find companies that can help your members achieve their goals. Some companies may want you to make an exclusive partnership with your chapter, but refrain from taking those offers. Exclusive partnerships limit your options and are prohibited by Phi Alpha Delta national policy.

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What NOT To Say In Your Personal Statement

Tips From Stetson University College of Law's Admissions Office

Laura Zuppo (Assistant Dean of Strategic Enrollment Management, Stetson University College of Law)

You may have read my Top 8 Most Common Mistakes When Writing a

Personal Statement blog. These mistakes focused mostly on grammar issues, inattention to detail and the result of poor editing. Here are a few additional tips focused on what not to say in the statement itself.

I want to go to law school because I've been told I argue well. We prefer for you to more thoughtfully and artfully explain your passion for studying the law.

I want to "Be the change I wish to see in the world"—Mahatma Gandhi. We want all of our law students to change the world—or even their own small corner. However, we hear this a lot so think of an original way to describe your passion for being a change-maker.

The Quote: Be careful incorporating quotes into the statement. If you start off with a quote, incorporate a quote or end with a quote, make sure it fits (tie it to your theme), and is not just plopped into the statement for dramatic effect.

Be mindful of oversharing. We appreciate learning about your personal journey. Sometimes those journeys came with painful experiences or life

lessons. They made you who you are today and we respect that. Just remember that we don't always need descriptive details to comprehend the adversity you overcame.

Don't pass the buck. If you choose to explain something negative in your personal statement rather than in an addendum (which we prefer), be careful about how you explain the situation. We prefer that you own up to your mistakes. Candor and acceptance of responsibility go a long way in our evaluation of candidates.

The personal essay is your chance to shine! Show us your excellent writing skills and your passion for law school and your ultimate career as an attorney. Attorneys need to write well. This is your chance to show us your talents.

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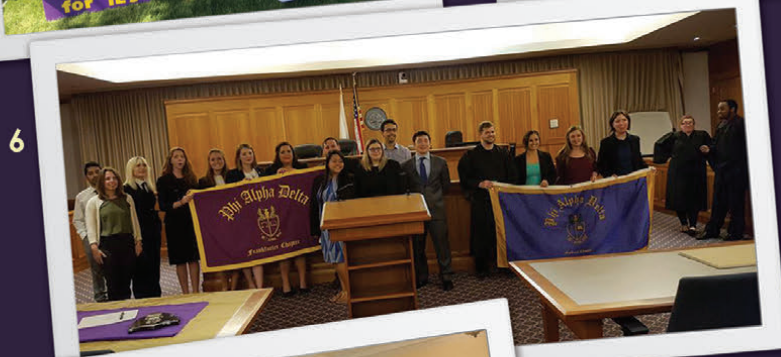
The purpose of partnerships is to offer your members the best possible chance of getting into the law school of their dreams. I encourage all chapters to pursue making partnerships a priority. Be sure to share any details about companies you have secured partnerships with your fellow brothers and sisters. After all, we are Phi Alpha Delta and we are all in this together.

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of his chapter, he has made partnerships with Blueprint LSAT Prep, Testmasters LSAT Prep, Kaplan LSAT Prep, BARBRI, LSAT Engine, Los Angeles LSAT Prep and Law School Admission Counseling, and many other organizations that help pre-law students pursue their professional goals.

For tips and information about how to approach companies and establish partnerships, feel free to email Jo at president@ucrpadd.org.

Chapter



1. Wahl Chapter
2. American University Pre-Law Chapter
3. District V Conference, 10/7/2017
4. District XVII
5. American University Pre-Law Chapter

6. Frankfurter and MacLean Chapters' Joint Initiation Ceremony
7. Florida A&M University Pre-Law Chapter
8. Spelman University Pre-Law Chapter
9. Pepper Chapter
10. Texas State University, San Marcos Pre-Law Chapter

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11. Christopher Newport University Pre-Law Chapter
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13. Sanford Chapter Initiation, 9/29/2017
14. University of Illinois Pre-Law Chapter
15. Pinckney Chapter

16. A.H. Stephens Chapter
17. University of Maryland Pre-Law Chapter
18. Truman Chapter Initiation
19. Champ Clark Chapter's fall community service event with Habitat for Humanity in St. Louis
20. Redding Alumni Chapter Brunch, 10/1/2017

P.A.D. Take the Pledge 2018 Is On the Move!

By John F. Weitkamp (*TTP Committee Chair, Ford Chapter*)

Because of the success of P.A.D.'s Take The Pledge Program for the 2016 Convention, the International Executive Board approved extending the Program for our 2018 Convention. TTP2018 took off at our 2016 Convention and the number of pledges to PADCON2018 continues to grow.

As of this writing, we have 923 pledges from sisters and brothers to attend our 62nd Biennial Convention—most of which were made BEFORE the location of the Convention had been determined by the International Executive Board. I expect that we will exceed 1,000 pledges by the end of the current District Conference season.

PADCON2018 will take place at the Hyatt Regency Lexington, Kentucky from August 8-11, 2018. Our goal is to field a 2018 Convention attendance of at least 500, which would significantly exceed our 2016 Convention attendance of 402.

If you wish to "Take The Pledge" to attend PADCON2018, simply go to the Facebook group "2018 P.A.D. Take The Pledge Group" and request to join. Or you can email jweitkamp@aol.com.

Registrations for our 2018 Convention have been accepted since earlier in this year. 158 sisters, brothers, and guests

have already completed and filed their P.A.D. registration applications—a full year or more before PADCON2018. Registration for our 62nd Biennial Convention is a two-part process: 1) complete and file the P.A.D. registration form at emily@pad.org; and 2) reserve your room directly with the Hyatt Regency Lexington Kentucky. The links for both registrations may be accessed through www.pad.org/events/convention2018.



It should be noted that thanks to the generosity of our members and some of our P.A.D. partners, there will be 105 Convention grants and scholarships available to assist some of our sisters and brothers in attending Convention—an all-time record. Our donors to the P.A.D. Convention Recognition Program will be recognized at Convention. If you would like to be a donor, a contribution of \$25 or more to the P.A.D. International Foundation will secure your place: www.pad.org/foundation.

Thanks to all of our sisters and brothers who continue to embrace our Take The Pledge Program. Have YOU pledged to attend PADCON2018? Be a part of what is shaping up to be yet another historic P.A.D. Convention.

Convention Registrants So Far:

1. BJ Maley
2. John F. Weitkamp
3. Karen A. Zdonzyk
4. Nicole Grida
5. Sarah Coli
6. Andrea Warda
7. Ronald J. Winter
8. Melissa Dewey
9. Bob Capone
10. Dan McDowell
11. Janette Del Angel
12. Leah Farmer
13. Ron Minsky
14. Tad Bistor
15. Andrew Sagan
16. Marlena Weiss
17. Emily Baranoski
18. Cory Freeman
19. Byron K. Rupp
20. Jen Remare
21. Jen Schroader
22. Leslie Plummer
23. Cassady Toles
24. John Miquel
25. Lesley Miquel
26. Gracie Miquel
27. George Miquel
28. Mark Prewett
29. Shawnee Moran
30. Angela Duhon
31. Holly Christian
32. Adam Dotzler
33. Samantha Arrington Sliney
34. Matt Bakke
35. John Weaver
36. Jay Ross
37. Alexandria Richard
38. Ed Anderson
39. Shannon Holland
40. Will Davenport
41. Jacqueline Justice
42. Arnold Hirsch
43. John K. Norris
44. Robert L. Schimmel

45. Pierre Priestley
 46. Thomas Bentz
 47. Melanie Klibanoff
 48. Jessica Diaz
 49. Kahlee Smith
 50. Deanna Radjenovich
 51. Kimberly Gallant
 52. Rick McCully
 53. Dana Leader
 54. Jaclyn Blumenfeld
 55. Steve Fenske
 56. Joseph Emmerth
 57. John J. Karasek
 58. Nick Lee
 59. Araj Ahmed
 60. Savannah Steele
 61. Lindsey Rames
 62. Peter Scimeca
 63. Whitney Herzog
 Scimeca
 64. Kathleen "Kitty"
 Maloney
 65. Sarah Tomlinson
 66. Glen Bower
 67. Jena Davidson
 68. Melody Crick Peters
 69. Vytenis Kirvelaitis
 70. Jason Haber
 71. Aaron Dobruck
 72. Nicole Winget
 73. Charles Beasley
 74. Justin Roberts
 75. Mike Knoeller
 76. Stephen Hoffman
 77. Jordan Patel
 78. Clifford Schechter
 79. Gail Bernheim
 80. John Lott
 81. Abbas Zeineddin
 82. Rachael Dickson
 83. John Lorenzen
 84. Robert DeBusk
 85. Stephen King
 86. Richard Sienkewicz
 87. Jessica Sienkewicz
 88. Paul Huffman
 89. Dana Ashcraft

90. Ashley Albanese
 91. Bryan Feldman
 92. Alyssa Congdon
 93. Franklin Chapter
 94. Dana Savage
 95. Alexas Collier
 96. Heather Fliger
 97. Eric Lutrell
 98. Julie-April Montgomery
 99. Rachel Thompson
 100. Austin Lafferty
 101. Ron Coleman
 102. Chris Ohslund
 103. Sam Ivey
 104. Curtis M. Anderson



105. Tamara Binns
 106. Tim Rothfuss
 107. Erin Rothfuss
 108. Emily Long
 109. Katie Harrington
 110. Sharon Hunt Muryn
 111. Michael Muryn
 112. Stephen Kornas
 113. Heather Sit
 114. Tiffany Hagar
 115. Yulieka Tamayo
 116. Arizona Statewide Alumni
 Chapter
 117. Renee K. Hasman

118. Daphne Ponds
 119. Brian Swanson
 120. Willa Swanson
 121. Mi Chau
 122. Jason Barros
 123. Jeffrey Miller
 124. Aandrea Paz
 125. Christine Doxey
 126. Mark Werblood
 127. Amanda Klopff
 128. Anthony Sinapi
 129. Jennifer Mercer
 130. Ted Thomas
 131. Connie Tsosie de Haro
 132. Jose Haro
 133. Emily Durbin
 134. Tim Gaskill
 135. Megan Hartl
 136. Jesse Bulluck
 137. Sanjiv Reejsinghani
 138. Karen Onifer
 139. Marvin Moss
 140. Brittany Crouch
 141. Ryan Schermerhorn
 142. Alana Pearlman
 143. Jeanie Pearlman
 144. Kate Smith-Thompson
 145. Anna Thompson
 146. Dee Sainvil
 147. Pausha Taghdiri
 148. Alaina Woodall
 149. Sarah Kate Atkinson
 150. Katie Yoches
 151. Michael Andriano
 152. Kayla Muchka
 153. Carley Dirks
 154. Joshua Hughes
 155. Kimberly Lalonde
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