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Update from the Sixth Circuit

In this newsletter, you will find information on competitions, meetings, news and other events happening across the 18 law schools of the Circuit. Contact information for leaders in the circuit is listed on the sidebars.

***** FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE*** Skim for news on the SIDEBAR links**

A Word from your Governor:

Tip for the month... **Don't be a passive member.** To make the most of your membership get involved. Attend a meeting, run for a position, join a Committee of practicing lawyers in a section, or write an article. Law school is a busy time in your life, but just remember when you graduate you are going to be a member of the ABA. You might as well build a network of colleagues outside of your school and region. The time and effort will more than pay off in terms of networking connections as well as learning experiences.

Good Luck on finals,



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Fall Roundtable (Tampa, FL)

Last month, we held our ABA Fall Roundtable meeting in Tampa, Florida. Over 70 students from the 4th, 5th, and 6th Circuits spanning the states from Michigan to Florida congregated at Stetson University to listen to great speakers such as



Florida Supreme Court Justice, Peggy Quince, Professor Mark Wojcik, and Attorney George Richards. There was also a "Coffee w/ Experience" working breakfast where 18 lawyers of different ages, backgrounds, and firms came together and shared their experiences with law students in a small group setting.

Students listen as local attorneys introduce themselves and discuss the areas of law they practice in before Coffee with Experience.

There is some great coverage of the events reported in the Award Winning Thomas Cooley Pillar Student Newspaper. Please see the October 21st Issue at www.cooley.edu/pillar/

Pictures of the Fall Round Table Event can be viewed at: home.cwru.edu/~cyc8/ABA%20FRT%20Tampa%202005/

Save the Date!

Feb 10-12

**Columbus, OH
ABA 6th Circuit
Spring Meeting**

stay tuned for details...

Spring Meeting & Election (Columbus, OH)

Don't worry if you missed the Fall Meeting. The **Spring Meeting** is scheduled for **February 10-12th, 2006**. Please **save the date** for this important meeting hosted by the Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting is currently being planned, but will also be the election site for next year's ABA 6th Circuit Governor. Stay tuned for more details...

The Sixth Circuit Governorship position will be open to any ABA member interested in running for the position.

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If you have any questions about gaining important leadership experience through the ABA go to <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/elections/> 1Ls are eligible to run. This year's ABA Annual Meeting will be held in **Honolulu, Hawaii**. Contact your school's ABA rep for more information.

Annual Meeting 2006 (Honolulu, HI)



Save the date for the **August 3-8, 2006** meeting in Hawaii. Are you an SBA President or ABA Rep? Are you thinking about it? The ABA/LSD General Assembly comprised of every **SBA President and ABA Rep** amongst the 191 ABA accredited law schools. Each President and ABA Rep or a proxy on their behalf will be invited to Honolulu, HI. Contact your governor if you are interested in receiving information about funding and meeting procedures.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

LAW SCHOOLS: Latest totals show the Law Students across the country have raised over \$300,000 in Hurricane Relief Efforts. These are some numbers from our circuit. www.abanet.org/lsd/katrina

Michigan	\$4,300	Louis D. Brandeis	\$1,000
Cooley	\$25,000	Cleveland-Marshall	\$1,500
Detroit Mercy	\$1,300	Akron	\$2,100
Michigan State	\$3,000	N. Kentucky Chase	\$1,500
Capital University	\$3,740	Case Western	\$1,000
Univ. of Kentucky	\$1,000	Wayne State	\$250
Ohio State	\$2,000	Toledo	\$1,000

6th Circuit Fund Raising for Hurricane Relief TOTAL REPORTED - \$48,690

If your school was not represented contact your SBA and have them contact Lt. Governor of SBA's Caycie Dix at DixC@cooley.edu



\$25,000 in funds raised by Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Recognizing the terrible destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, law students at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, decided to take a stand. Cooley has over 30 students enrolled from the three states hit by the category four storm. A student led committee including faculty and staff formed to raise funds that would directly benefit Cooley students and families hit by the storm. Just a week after the disaster, "Operation Hurricane Hope" was born and started a frenzy of unprecedented fundraising. Donation tables were opened and students, student organizations, professors, administrators, and staff all pitched in with the operation. Other events held included a benefit concert, raffles, bake sales, welcome back parties and other various fund raisers. After all was said and done, the committee raised over \$20,000. The school then donated the extra \$5,000 to take the committee to its goal of \$25,000. A sub-committee was formed to disburse the funding to students who applied - many of whom had lost everything. Part of the money was also given to St. Vincent's and Second Harvest charities. In addition, over ten boxes of can goods and personal hygiene items were collected in classes and around campus and delivered to a local organization hosting transferees from the New Orleans area. Cooley's staff and students put the true spirit of 'pro bono' work first and gave 'hope' to the students struggling to put their lives back together.

For other great examples of how people raised funds:

www.abanet.org/lsd/katrina/fundraising.html



National ABA Hurricane Katrina Efforts - Even before the hurricane had moved past the Gulf States, President Greco authorized a task force to respond to the devastation suffered. Since then, the Task Force's efforts have been impressive: organizing thousands of lawyers to provide free legal services to

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victims of the hurricane (see www.abanet.org/katrina), maintaining hotlines (staffed by members of the Young Lawyers Division) to direct citizens to resources, providing alternative facilities for affected lawyers to continue practice, and in connection with this effort, seeking approval from the Chief Justices of all states (26 have now so ordered) to waive the ordinary rules of practice, allowing lawyers from affected states to practice in other jurisdictions.

ABA/LSD Sixth Circuit Public Service Initiative

Kentucky

Northern Kentucky University

SBA – fundraiser by selling pink ribbon certificates and posting around the school. National Women's Law Student Association – organized group to participate in Awareness Walk and raised funds through a bake sale.

University of Kentucky

Students from the law school volunteered and participated in a city wide "Race for the Cure" event.

Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Holding a fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Additionally we will be passing out ribbons and information about breast cancer.

Michigan

Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Women's Law Alliance is raising funds for a walk; they have been selling pins and pink M&Ms to raise funds.

Michigan State Univ. College of Law

A number of students participated in the 20th Annual Ambulance chase at Wayne State University College of Law to support the fight against breast cancer.

We are currently hosting "Harvest Week" at MSU College of Law. This annual week-long clothing and food drive features the ever popular "Can-A-Professor" event. Students donate nonperishable food items during class in exchange for a pass when they are called on. Last year we generated twenty-nine large boxes of cans, ten bags of coat and various clothing items and more than \$1750 cash. All donations go to Lansing area shelters as part of "The Horn of Plenty," an annual Lansing-wide clothing and food drive for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wayne State University Law School

Wayne State University Law School's SBA Board of Governors hosted the 20th Annual Ambulance Chase. This year's charity will benefited Rise Sister Rise, a breast cancer survivors' support group sponsored by The Barbara Karmanos Breast Cancer Center, in Detroit, Michigan. The Ambulance Chase consists of a 2 mile run (behind an actual ambulance), a 1 mile walk, and a relay-race (where briefcases are handed off instead of batons!). The immediate past-president of the Michigan Bar Association, Nancy Diehl, was the honorary starter. The event took place on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. Over \$4,500 was raised by the 150 participants of the event.

Thomas Cooley School of Law

*Pink Ribbon Sale: raised approx. \$100 which was donated to Sparrow Hospital for breast cancer research

*Breast Cancer Awareness Quiz: a quiz was posted on the ABA's Westlaw TWEN page. Those who passed the quiz were entered into a raffle. The winner received an award donated from a local business.

*Breast Cancer Awareness Informational: Two representatives from Sparrow Hospital spoke to students about breast cancer. Breast Cancer Self-Examination kits were given to students along with other pamphlets and informational packets.

Ohio

University of Akron School of Law

Had a team participate on Saturday, October 8th in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure in Cleveland.

Capital University School of Law

The CULS ABA Chapter and the Women's Law Association sponsored three events during the month of October to raise awareness and research money for breast cancer. The WLA held the "2nd Annual WLA Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser Raffle" and raised \$500 for the local breast cancer research project, the Stefanie Spielman Fund, at Ohio State University Hospital. Prizes were donated by Abercrombie & Fitch, Caribou Coffee Co. and local restaurants.

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On October 21, the WLA and CULS ABA Chapter co-sponsored the Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium. Guest speakers included a young breast cancer survivor, a surgeon specializing in treating breast cancer, and the Director of Media Advocacy for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Surviving breast cancer, detection and prevention, and legislative measures in support of women's health were among the topics that were discussed during the Symposium.

Finally, on October 25, the mobile mammography unit from a local hospital was stationed at the Law School and women from the law school and surrounding community were invited to get their annual mammograms completed. Churches and community centers in nearby neighborhoods were contacted in an effort to reach out to the local community. Financial aid was offered for women who needed such assistance in order to get their mammogram.

Capital University Law School looks forward to hosting similar events in the future in order to bring more attention to this important health issue!

Case Western University School of Law

A Charity Flag Football game with Cleveland Marshall.

Case had 40 students participate on Saturday, October 8th in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure in Cleveland raising over \$1000.

University of Cincinnati College of Law

ABA/LSA, BLSA and Law Women are collecting donations for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For your donation, you will receive a pink plastic pin. We encourage you to wear this pin throughout the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Sponsoring **Lee National Blue Jean Day**. Wear your favorite pair of blue jeans and make a \$5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. 100% of the money raised on Lee National Denim Jean Day goes to the Komen Foundation, the nation's leading private funder of breast cancer research and community-based outreach programs.

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

A Charity Flag Football game against Case Western with proceeds to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness

University of Toledo College of Law

Held a Halloween Dessert Social to benefit breast cancer awareness and research. The University of Toledo's Catherine Eberly Center for Women set up a large informational display with information on breast cancer prevention and research. Pink wristbands were sold to donate to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. A variety of desserts was presented in the student lounge to gather the available information, socialize and enjoy desserts. Over the course of an hour 50-60 people.

The individuals from the Eberly Center also set up their Breast Cancer Awareness display near our main entrance to give the issue a little more exposure in the law school. Toledo collected donations, but the main focus was the dissemination of the information.

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- Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law** (S) Joshua Moore (A) Nicole Chorney

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VITA Initiative

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is an ABA sponsored program held in conjunction with the IRS. The basic purpose of VITA is to train volunteers to complete income tax returns for low-income, elderly, disabled, non-English speaking, and military individuals.

You can easily get involved with the many VITA preparation sites across the United States. Many of these sites include ABA accredited law schools due to the program's partnerships and the wealth of students interested in taxation.

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- Ave Maria Law School
- University of Cincinnati
- Ohio State University
- University of Toledo
- University of Kentucky

If you have updates for your school regarding the VITA Status, please send information to Melody Harden, VITA Director, (melodyharden@aol.com) and Lt. Governors of VITA, Ms. Cristal Robinson (robinsoc@cooley.edu) & Ms. ReShaundra Suggs (suggsrm@uc.edu)

"How to Organize a VITA" (<http://www.abanet.org/lisd/vita/#organize>)

LRAP



One of the Sixth Circuit's major focuses has been on the Loan Repayment Assistance Payment Initiative at the Federal, State, and Local levels. Many of today's law graduates are finishing law school owing in excess of \$80,000 in law school loans. Graduates who aspire to pursue public service jobs are faced with unique challenges, as they attempt to secure the means to meet their monthly educational loan obligations while facing the prospect of earning traditionally lower salaries. Many find that they cannot make ends meet on a public service salary and are forced to forgo the opportunity to serve their communities using their legal skills. Many who do accept public service legal jobs find they must leave after two to three years of service to accept higher paying employment.

Loan repayment assistance or forgiveness programs help bridge this gap for graduates working for public service organizations or agencies. By providing much-needed assistance to these public service lawyers, LRAPs help public service employers attract and retain gifted and committed young lawyers, which in turn benefits the communities in which they live.

The ABA has been lobbying Congress and the Senate for bills favorable to law students in promotion of these initiatives. At the state level we are compiling data to present a "universal" bill to pass legislation for policies and practices in favor of law students. At the local level we are working on instituting a Public Interest Fellowship for law students who wish to pursue public interest jobs. We have a team of three full-time Lt. Governors working on this initiative. Please contact Lt. Governors Mia McNeil and Erica Gartner for more information on how you can help out. **Read the Student Lawyer article on LRAP** www.abanet.org/lisd/studentlawyer/oct05/capitoleffort.html

Diversity Day

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 2, 2006 as the official Diversity Day at law schools across the country. Under the plan, law schools are encouraged to sponsor educational programs and events that teach and foster respect for different races, genders, religions, classes, sexual orientations and individuals with disabilities. For more information about Diversity Day contact Lt. Governors James Tsai and VJ Jetley (www.abanet.org/lisd/diversity/)



Student Lawyer Magazine

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What is a Liaison?
They are law students chosen to be the voice of students at professional meetings across the United States
www.abanet.org/lisd/liasons/home.html

Applications for 2006-07 Liaisons will be posted in December

The ABA recently mailed the November *Student Lawyer* magazine (www.abanet.org/lisd/studentlawyer) to Student Division members. The cover "Career Services? Get Real."



issue of all Law headline is

For some publishing experience, the *LAWYER* welcomes brief letters to the editor, 600-word contributions to Opinion, notes on school news, full-length articles, news tips, story ideas, and more. Please contact us if you have anything to report. For writers' guidelines, visit www.abanet.org/lisd/studentlawyer.

Business Law Section Meetings



If you are truly interested in business law and learning about the current issues and meeting topics. See if you can attend one of their meetings.

<http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/calendar/> Learn about the section at <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/home.shtml> For more information contact Liaison Elizabeth Polizzi at Elizabethpolizzi@aol.com



Section of Public Utility

The latest edition of the Section Newsletter, *Infrastructure*, is now available on the Section's website. The link is at maestro.abanet.org/trk/click?ref=zpqri74vj_0-f35x12474x11792&



Public Contract Law Meeting

Have you ever wondered what exactly the PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW section of the ABA does? Are you interested in learning new things and exploring a new field of law? If so, then we would like to invite you to attend the ABA Public Contract Law Section's Fall Meeting in Sedona, AZ. This is a great way to become involved and network with influential lawyers in the public contract law field.

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005

TOPIC: How Effective Is Your Compliance Program: A Closer Look at High-Risk Areas

LOCATION: Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa, Sedona, Arizona

AGENDA - <http://www.abanet.org/contract/admin/programs/2005fall.pdf>

REGISTER - www.abanet.org/contract/admin/programs/fall2005pro.html

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Communications Law Scholarship



The Forum on Communications Law has extended their Annual Meeting Scholarship deadline to **November 15, 2005**. Hotel lodgings, airfare and registration fees for both the Media Advocacy Workshop and the Forum conference are all included in the scholarships. The Forum gives two to three each year, with one reserved for a minority student. The 2006 Forum Annual Conference will be held on January 12-14 at the La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA. Apply today through [the Forum's website!](#) For more info: Julia Springsteen, jwspringsteen@yahoo.com



Disability Law Mentoring

The Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law would like to share with all of you some information on its mentor program for law students with disabilities. The program is open to all law students with physical, mental, or learning disabilities. Students are paired with practicing attorneys, based on the student's interest in either being matched according to disability, geographical location, or area of interest. Mentors offer students both academic and career advice, in addition to insights into the private and government sectors. Those interested in participating in the program should

Need money for School Events? -
www.abanet.org/lisd/grant.html

The ABA will provide up to **\$500** for new programs at schools that emphasize diversity, ethics, professionalism, training and public interest/service activities. This fund is open to ALL ORGANIZATIONS at your school. (Such as cultural groups, leadership groups, SBAs, etc.) This is a great way to raise extra capital for new clubs or events.

Need help getting speakers in special sections of law?

The ABA is a resource of well versed attorneys in ALL facets of the law.
chanc@abanet.org for assistance.

contact Jamie Hochman Herz at herzj@staff.abanet.org, or (312) 988-5682. For more information on the mentor program, see <http://www.abanet.org/disability/MentorProgram1.html>

GP|Solo - Mentoring Certificate



While most mentoring programs are based on occasional meetings between seasoned practitioners and young lawyers, GP|Solo's Law Student Mentoring Certificate Program does more. The program, aimed to fill some of the gaps of traditional law school education, focuses on introducing law students to the practical aspects of being a lawyer through real world activities and the mentor's insight and guidance. Further, the program is flexible, enabling the law student to pick his or her own mentor and tailor the program's criteria to his her own interests.
www.abanet.org/genpractice/lawstudents/mentoringcertificate.html



Section on Int. Law The major focus of the Law Student and New Lawyer Outreach Committee is to promote the membership of law students and new lawyers into the Section, involve them in the activities of the Section, and provide information to them about international practice. In the past year, the Committee has sponsored several "Pathways to Employment in International Law" events that brings to the attention of law students and new lawyers the possible avenues for employment in international law and which features leaders of the Section who give advice and guidance on gaining practical experience and improving legal and networking skills. These FREE event is held during the seasonal and annual meetings of the Section.
<http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IC635002>



Section on Family Law -

www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/home.html

If any law student member would like to have one or more family law attorneys (local to your law school) come to your school and speak about careers in family law, please email Melissa A. Kucinski - mkucinski@dberlin.org.



Tort Trial & Insurance Practice

[TortSource](http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html), the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section's quarterly newsletter. Click the [TortSource](http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html) link to access the Fall 2005 issue.
<http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html>

Every year, TIPS has 4 funded liaisons from the Law Student Division to TIPS standing committees and approximately 30 law student vice-chairs of TIPS general committees. We encourage all law students to apply for these positions in February of each year. See who [TIPS Law Student Leaders](#) are, and learn how to [become one of them](#). apply today.

Bar Admissions Requirements Guide

Want to know what is on your bar? Looking at taking another state's bar exam? -

<http://www.abanet.org/legaled/baradmissions/bar.html>



Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

The Premier Forum for Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resource Lawyers

Section on Environmental Law The Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' *International Energy and Resources Transaction Committee* is working to formulate a student group for those interested in learning more about the international energy and natural resources field of law. In the coming years, Energy and Natural Resource law will have a growing global impact. Current

Want to join the ABA?

https://www.abanet.org/join/lisd_enroll/lis_enroll.cfm

Look for member benefits on the LSD website
www.abanet.org/lisd/

Interested in obtaining leadership experience?

Elections for national positions and Governor of the Sixth Circuit are right around the corner.

<http://www.abanet.org/lisd/elections/>

Some Rules:

- Any ABA Member can apply
- Must be in good standing and certified for by your dean
- 1L's can run for Governor
- Please see rules above

issues include:

- Timber harvesting, mining, and hydro-water issues in third world countries
- International corporate behavior and its effects on the environment

We would like to create a forum for law students interested in international energy and resources issues to converse with one another, pair up with existing environmental lawyers to form mentor programs, or otherwise help young lawyers to gain connections, information, and experience in this field of law. This student group is only in the initial phase, we are currently trying to identify and create a list of interested law students who would like to participate in the group or aid in its development. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kate Belmonte at k_belmonte@abanet.org



Writing Competitions - www.abanet.org/lisd/competitions/writing-contests/

Selected Competitions with Due Dates Approaching:

Health Law Writing Competition

www.abanet.org/health/06_membership/03_law_students.html Award: \$500 plus travel and lodging to the Section's Emerging Issues Program

Deadline for entry: December 2, 2005

Antitrust Law Section

[8th Annual ABA Section of Antitrust Law Student Writing Competition](#)

Award: \$1,500, registration, travel and lodging (if outside DC area) to attend the Section Annual Spring Meeting (March 29-March 31, 2006)

Entry deadline: January 9, 2006

Section of Business Law

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#)

Award: \$2,500, travel and lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting, possibly published in *The Business Lawyer*, one free ABA book of choice

Entry deadline: February 4, 2006

Entertainment and Sports Industry Forum Committee and the Recording Academy Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI)

[7th Annual GRAMMY® Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative \(ELI\) Writing Contest](#)

Award: \$5,000, all expenses to Grammy Awards, published by the Grammy Foundation, Cardozo Art and Entertainment Law Journal, and the ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries.

For additional information, please contact [Cole Sternberg](#), ELI Project Coordinator.

Submission deadline: January 7, 2006

Lawyers' Professional Liability Standing Committee

[2006 Levit Essay Contest on Lawyers' Professional Liability](#)

Award: \$5,000 plus travel and lodging to attend the National Legal Malpractice Conference (Boston/April 20-22, 2006)

Postmark entry deadline: January 17, 2006

More information contact [Edna Driver](#)

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)

[2006 Law Student Writing Competition](#)

First Place Award: \$1,500, airfare and lodging to ABA Annual Meeting, possible publication in *Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal*

Second Place Award: \$500

Third Place: Announcement in Section' magazine

All winners will be announced in the Section's magazine, *The Brief*.

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