

American Bar Association Law Student Division Monthly Update

ABA Networking Opportunities, Activities, Programs, Internships, and Scholarships for Law Students March 2008

Division Activities and Deadlines

Law Student National Mental Health Day -- Wednesday, March 27, 2008

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 27, as the official National Mental Health Day at law schools across the country. Under the plan, law schools are encouraged to sponsor educational programs and events that teach and foster breaking the stigma associated with severe depression and anxiety amongst law students and lawyers. There are many ways to promote and encourage a healthy and safe environment at your law school or in your community. Whether through your SBA or local Bar groups, we hope you and your law school will take this opportunity to play an active role in the activities and events planned throughout the country for National Mental Health Day.

<http://www.abanet.org/lzd/mentalhealth/>

National Law Student/Law School Award Nominations due April 1

Nominate your law schools, students and student organizations for national recognition in the categories of Diversity, Public Interest, Student Bar Associations, Student Bar Association Presidents, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Membership and Activity, and Law School News Publications. **Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2008.**

<http://www.abanet.org/lzd/awards/home.html>

ABA Law Student Division 2008 National Competition

Congratulations to the 2008 Winners of the Law Student Division National Competitions: **Texas Tech University School of Law** (Arbitration Competition) and the **University of Louisville-Louis D. Brandeis School of Law** (Negotiation Competition). Watch for announcement of winners in the upcoming Client Counseling Competition Finals and the National Appellate Advocacy Competition Finals. <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/competitions/>

Enhance Your Legal Education

ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education

1st Annual National Institute Series on Legal Writing

March 21 (Chicago) – April 18 (Atlanta) – May 16 (Los Angeles)

Renowned legal writing instructor Gary Kinder teaches lawyers around the country how to do what he does so well: write precisely, vividly, and memorably. One of the nation's most highly recommended CLEs, his program for litigators has evolved into an all-day presentation of advanced writing techniques that is perfect for young attorneys.

<http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/n08wtc1.html>

Business Law

The Inside Track on Getting In-House: What it Takes to Get Through the Door

Wednesday, April 9 (4:00pm-6:00pm) Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Law students in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area are invited to participate in this lively panel discussion. Take this opportunity to learn about in-house practice and answer that age-old question, "How Did You Land That Great In-House Job?" A reception will immediately follow the panel discussion, where you can network with the panelists and other in-house attorneys. Please RSVP by e-mail to [Leslie Banas banasl@staff.abanet.org](mailto:Leslie.Banas@staff.abanet.org) or by telephone at 312-988-5690.

<http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/meetings/2008/spring/students2.shtml#site>.

Tax Section

Careers in Tax Law

March 26 (3:30pm-5:30pm)

Georgetown University Law Center

Join the ABA Tax Section for a panel discussion addressing *Careers in Tax Law*. Practitioners from government agencies - DOJ, IRS and others - as well as a representative from the big four, and private law firms will be on hand. Food and beverages will be provided during a networking event after the panel. For more information, please contact Tim Brady at 202.662.8671 or bradyt@staff.abanet.org.

Young Lawyers Division

Diversity Summit

April 19, 2008 (Washington, DC)

Take an active part in shaping the future of the legal profession. The ABA Young Lawyers Division will host a summit of representatives from various ABA entities for a critical discussion addressing model workplaces and other issues relevant to promoting greater diversity the profession. Use this opportunity to explore solutions and examine how young lawyers can ensure that the legal profession reflects the society in which it serves and fosters an inclusive environment.

<http://www.abanet.org/yld/spring08/diversitysummit.html> This summit is part of the ABA YLD Spring Conference April 16-19, 2008. <http://www.abanet.org/yld/spring08/>

Tax Section

Annual May Meeting

May 8-10, 2008 (Washington, DC)

Learn from hundreds of panelist covering issues such as Corporate Tax, Exempt Organizations, Financial Transactions, Partnerships and LLCs, and many more. <http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/MAY08/>

Young Lawyers Division

101 Practice Series

The ABA Young Lawyers Division is please to announce the release of a free online resource for new lawyers. The *101 Practice Series* covers basic training in both substantive and practical aspects of law practice. With over 170 quick tips and tools, this series is an essential resource for lawyers in their first three years of practice.

<http://www.abanet.org/yld/101practiceseries/101practiceseries.shtml>

ABA Entities Offer Law Students Opportunities to Build a Networking Base and a Strong Resume

Section of Antitrust Law

2008 Antitrust Fellowship Award

The Summer 2008 Section of Antitrust Law Fellowship Award is designed to defray the housing and living expenses of law students pursuing unpaid summer employment opportunities within approved government agencies (federal, state, or international). The Award is dedicated to the enforcement of antitrust laws, or other institutions whose primary mission is to advance the study of antitrust and competition law. Each Fellow will receive a gross award of \$5,000 and may receive reimbursement for certain travel expenses. In addition, each Fellow will be assigned a Section of Antitrust Law Mentor who will monitor the Fellow's progress. **Applications and all supporting materials must be received by March 28, 2008.** <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/pdf/fellowship-guidelines-and-application.pdf>

Young Lawyers Division

Honor a Child Advocate

Do you know a lawyer or judge who has made great strides advocating on behalf of children? If so, honor that person by nominating them for the Young Lawyers Division Child Advocacy Award. **Deadline for nominations: April 30.**

<http://www.abanet.org/yld/awardschildadvocacy.html>

Center on Children and the Law

Child Welfare Internship Opportunity – Washington, D.C. Office

Internships are available during the summer, spring and fall for students with an interest in child welfare issues. For Summer '08, one internship positions will focus on child and adolescent health. A background in health or psychology is strongly preferred for this position. <http://www.abanet.org/child/internships.shtml>. Applications are accepted year-round. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter and resume to [Lisa PiInik](mailto:PiInikL@staff.abanet.org). PiInikL@staff.abanet.org.

Environment, Energy and Resources Law

Law School Climate Challenge

The ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Law, in cooperation with the EPA, has challenged law offices to take steps to conserve energy and resources, while reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants. This program is now applicable to law schools. Under the plan, participating law schools receive recognition from the ABA and the EPA, in accordance with each programs' requirements.

<http://www.abanet.org/environ/climatechallenge/overview.shtml>

Taxation Section

Tax Law Job Locator Program

The ABA Taxation Section is pleased to announce the addition of the Job Locator Program to their website. This website provides resource for young lawyers and law students looking for a listing of available tax opportunities around the country. For additional information, e-mail tax@abanet.org, or call 202.662.8670.

<http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html>

Writing Competitions Offer More Than a Little Extra Cash

Commission on Domestic Violence

5th Annual Law Student Writing Competition

The 5th Annual Law Student Writing Competition is made possible by the generous support of Lois Beekman Oliviera. Law students are invited to submit articles addressing domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. **Submission deadline: March 28, 2008.** <http://www.abanet.org/domviol/docs/2008Announcement.pdf>

Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Contest

Award: \$500 cash prize and round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in *Administrative and Regulatory Law News*. **Entry deadline: March 31, 2008.**

<http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/2008essays/writings.html>

Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA-SEER), The Environmental Law Institute (ELI), and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies (NAELS)

3rd Annual "Endangered Environmental Laws" Student Writing Competition

The Constitution has long been interpreted by the courts and understood by most Americans to support comprehensive environmental protections. However, arguments targeting the constitutional legitimacy of environmental laws are gaining new traction in the federal courts. This competition accepts any topic addressing recent developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a significant constitutional or "federalism" component. Award: \$2,000 cash prize and offer of publication in ELI's Environmental Law Reporter (ELR). **Entry deadline: April 4, 2008-5:00 PM ET.**

<http://www2.eli.org/writingcontest.htm>

Criminal Justice Section

2008 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition

This competition accepts any timely and important issue of American criminal constitutional procedure. The winner will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and free airfare and accommodations to attend a Section meeting at which the award is presented and may be published in *Criminal Justice* magazine. In addition, the winner's law school will receive a plaque from the ABA's Criminal Justice Section. **Deadline for receipt of entries: April 11, 2008.**

<http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/cimag/greenhalgh.pdf>

Section of Family Law

Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest

This writing competition awards first-, second-, and third-place prizes and is designed to enhance law students' interest in the field of family law. Winning essays may be published in the Section's scholarly journal, *Family Law Quarterly*.

Deadline for submission: May 15, 2008. Winners will be announced in August.

<http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml>

Forum on Air and Space Law

Law Student Writing Contest

In cooperation with Rolls-Royce North America Inc. ("Rolls-Royce"), the ABA Forum of Air and Space Law is please to announce the release of an annual Air & Space Law Student Writing Competition. Winner will receive \$5,000 and may be published in an issue of *The Air & Space Lawyer* (the "Journal"). This year, the prize will be awarded in Fall 2008 during

the Forum's Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec (Canada). **Deadline for submission: June 30, 2008.**
<http://www.abanet.org/forums/airspace/>

For more information about the American Bar Association and the Law Student Division, visit <http://www.abanet.org>.