

# American Bar Association Law Student Division Monthly Update

## ABA Networking Opportunities, Activities, Programs, Internships, and Scholarships for Law Students January 2009

### Law Student Division Activities and Deadlines

#### Be a Law Student Division National Leader 2009-2010 Nomination Forms Now Available

There are over 100 leadership positions (elected and appointed) offered each year by the ABA Law Student Division. Representing over 45,000 dues-paying law students is a significant responsibility and requires the commitment of our nation's most talented and dedicated law student leaders. The various leadership positions entail interaction with practicing attorneys, advocating the needs of law students and helping shape ABA Law Student Division policy. The postmark deadlines are quickly approaching:

#### January 15, 2009

- Law Student Division Representative to the ABA Board of Governors (Elected)

#### February 1, 2009

- Law Student Division National Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer (Elected)
- Circuit Governors (Elected)
- Student Editor (Appointed)

#### February 15, 2009

- Law Student Division Liaisons to ABA Entities (Appointed)
- National Student Directors for Law Student Division Competitions and VITA (Appointed)

All nominations require the signature of your dean. For more election information and application forms, refer to the following links on the Division's website:

- Leadership positions and election details: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/elections/>
- Current Division Board of Governors and Leadership Directory: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/leadership/directory.html>

#### Spring Circuit Meetings and Governor Elections SAVE THE DATE

Your Spring Circuit Meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for you to further your relationship with the ABA and the Law Student Division. If you will be graduating soon, this weekend will provide you with an opportunity to share your ideas with law students new to the law school experience. For those of you who are in the midst of your first or second year of law school, your Spring Circuit Meeting will provide you with a tremendous amount of information for beginning or adjusting your legal education strategy. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to begin building your bridge to the legal profession through learning, leading, connecting and networking.

During each of the Circuit Spring Meeting, SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives from each ABA-approved law school from that circuit will elect the 2009-2010 Circuit Governor. Each governor serves on the Division's Board of Governors, which directs the activities of the Division. The Division strives for a diverse leadership and encourages all interested candidates to apply. Each school is strongly encouraged to nominate at least one candidate for Circuit Governor. **Postmarked Deadline: February 1, 2009.** For more information regarding elected office in the ABA Law Student Division, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/elections/>.

For details regarding the Spring Meeting in your circuit, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/spring/home.html>

## Be Recognized for Your Accomplishments 2009 National Award Nomination Forms Now Available

National awards are presented by the ABA Law Student Division to ABA-approved law schools, students and student organizations from ABA-approved law schools in the following categories:

- Diversity Award
- Public Interest Award
- Student Bar Association Award
- Student Bar Association President Award
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Awards
- Membership and Activity Award
- Law School News Publication Awards

All national awards are announced and presented at the ABA Annual Meeting in August. The Division reserves the right not to bestow award(s) in any given year. For criteria and nomination forms, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/awards/>.

### ***Duty Bound*** – National Veterans Service Initiative

*Duty Bound* is a National Veterans Service Initiative of the ABA Law Student Division. *Duty Bound* connects law students with attorneys who provide free legal assistance on behalf of veterans and their qualifying family members who have an appeal pending at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Through the Division's website, case-handling pro-bono attorneys can select from available law students to assist with client interviewing, case management, research and writing, and advocacy tasks. For more information, visit *Duty Bound* at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/veterans/>.

## News From ABA Law Student Division Entity Liaisons

Each year, the Law Student Division appoints law student liaisons to various ABA specialty sections, divisions, and forum committees. Division liaisons serve as a conduit between the Division and these ABA entities. They are responsible for reporting to the Division on issues that arise at these entity meetings which pertain to law students and serve as the voice of the Division (in consultation with the Division's national leaders) and law students when they advocate the interests of the Division to their entities.

Liaisons are an integral part of the Division's national leadership team as they often interact with ABA officials and focus their efforts on: (1) publicizing entity activities that may be of interest to law students (2) assisting the ABA entity with planning programs and outreach initiatives that will attract law students to the entity, especially programs that highlight career resources and job opportunities in that area of the law, and (3) establishing a strong rapport with entity members.

Liaisons are appointed by the Division Chair based on **applications received by February 15** of each year. Applications for 2009-2010 Liaisons are available at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/elections/>.

### ***Antitrust Law***

#### **The Clock is Ticking – Fellowships and Writing Competitions**

- ***Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project:*** The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project provides law students the extraordinary opportunity to work in the consumer protection and antitrust departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General throughout the United States. These paid Fellowships last for an eight-week period. To view a list of states that will receive Steiger Fellows during the Summer of 2009 and to obtain student applications, please visit [www.abanet.org/antitrust](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust). **Applications must be received by close of business on January 30, 2009**
- ***Annual Student Writing Competition:*** Win \$2,000 in extra cash! Entries should address any topic of general interest to the antitrust law community, including topics relating to civil and criminal antitrust law, competition policy, consumer protection and international competition law. **Entry deadline: January 30, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-writing-comp.html>.

### ***International Law***

#### **Get Published – New International Law Student News (ILSN)**

The Section of International Law is looking for YOUR high-quality writing for its first issue of the *International Law Students News* ("ILSN") and for a new Young Lawyer/Law Student column in the Section's monthly E-Update. The *ILSN* targets top international lawyers as well as law students and lawyers with an interest in international law containing short, substantive articles without in-text citations. The *ILSN* is designed to provide a platform from which law students may publish articles concerning timely international law issues. If you are interested in publishing your article in the *ILSN*, please submit it, along with your biographical information, to Paul E. Johnson ([pejohnson2@gmail.com](mailto:pejohnson2@gmail.com)). **Deadline: January 31, 2009.** For more information about International Law, contact Angela Benson at [BensonA@staff.abanet.org](mailto:BensonA@staff.abanet.org).

### **Commission on Women in the Profession**

#### **Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Strategies for Success from Multicultural Women Attorneys**

**Law Student Division Price: \$23.95 (20% savings for Law Student Division members) [Regular price: \$29.95]**

This book is a unique, inspirational collection of letters from 44 experienced women attorneys of color to the next generation outlining various roadmaps for success in the legal profession as a minority woman attorney. So many minority women lawyers are searching for ways to quell fears of whether they belong, whether they can succeed, how they should address issues of marginalization, sexism, and racism, and how to balance work, family, and personal values. While there are no easy answers, *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Strategies for Success from Multicultural Women Attorneys* provides the next generation with a collection of tips for success that they can use as they begin to contemplate and shape their careers in the legal profession. You can order online at <http://www.abanet.org/women/4920044> or visit <http://www.ababooks.org>.

### **Law Practice Management**

#### **Increase Your Marketability During Tough Economic Times**

The Law Practice Management Section has many benefits for law students. Section membership is free and the information will help you be more marketable when jobs are tight. For information on the LPM "Third Thursday" Teleconference series, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lpm/cle/teleconference.shtml>. You'll find convenient, monthly CLE teleconferences on hot topics in marketing, management, technology, and finance. For questions, contact Bill Gschwind ([bgschwind@comcast.net](mailto:bgschwind@comcast.net)), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Law Practice Management Section.

### **Criminal Justice – White Collar Crimes Committee**

#### **Committee to Finalize Upjohn Warnings Report**

*Upjohn* was a case in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981. The Court held that attorney-client privilege between a corporation and its employees belongs to the corporation. Before *Upjohn*, employees incorrectly thought that the information they gave to the corporate counsel was privileged and could not be held against them personally. They were wrong, as the Court held, since the privilege belonged to the corporation. The White Collar Crimes Committee is almost finished with a report on *Upjohn* warnings that, if accepted as ABA policy, would require corporate counsel to warn corporate employees that information obtained by the lawyer belonged to the corporation and NOT to the individual. This policy would ensure that employees understand their rights during meetings with corporate counsel and would also ensure that lawyers hired by the company are warning the employees sufficiently about their rights. If you have any interest in white collar crime or desire an understanding of the attorney-client privilege as it pertains to corporations and corporate employees, there has never been a better time to join the White Collar Crimes Committee. For more information, email Solomon Radner ([Radner@wayne.edu](mailto:Radner@wayne.edu)), Law Student Division Liaison to the White Collar Crimes Committee or visit <http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/calendar/home.html>.

### **Taxation**

#### **2009 Public Service Fellows Named**

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation named a young lawyer and a future young lawyer as its first two Public Service Fellows. The Fellows will be directly involved in providing services to low-income taxpayers in the Washington, D.C. and suburban Chicago areas. The Fellows have committed to two years of service with their sponsoring organizations. The awardees are:

- Laura Newland, scheduled to earn her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2009. After graduating, Newland will be working on tax-related matters at the AARP's Legal Counsel for the Elderly program in Washington, D.C.
- Vijay Raghavan, currently an associate in the tax practice at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Chicago. He will be implementing a new tax law project with Prairie State Legal Services in Carol Stream, Ill.

The Public Service Fellowships were developed in 2008 to address the need for tax legal assistance, and to foster an interest in tax-related public service among those individuals who participate. More than twenty-five recent law school graduates applied for the Fellowships, which provide funding for the Fellows' salaries and benefits, as well as law school debt assistance, by means of charitable contributions to the sponsoring organizations. All applications were reviewed and the successful applications selected by the Tax Section's Public Service Fellowship Committee. The section plans to award as many as two fellowships each year. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/tax/awards/publicservice>.

### **Tax Law Job Locator Program**

Continue to check the ABA Section of Taxation's Job Locator site for jobs available in tax-related fields. The site lists employment opportunities with law firms with tax practices, government entities in the tax profession, accounting firms and others, on the Tax Section's Website: <http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html>. Also, check out the Section's webpage for law students at <http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/> for more information about careers in tax law.

### **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS)**

#### **Vice Chair and Liaison Program – Leadership Opportunities**

Each year, TIPS chooses 4 students to serve as liaisons and 34 students to serve as vice-chairs to TIPS general committees. These valuable leadership opportunities allow you to meet and work with our nation's best trial attorneys, enhance your resumé, write for nationally-circulated publications and, most importantly, develop friends you will have for the rest of your

legal career. **Application Deadline: March 3, 2009.** For complete information and to apply, visit the TIPS website at: <http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/vicechairapp.html>. Note: The TIPS Vice Chair and Liaison Program is not associated with the Law Student Division Liaison Program.

## Join the ABA in Boston for the 2009 Midyear Meeting

The following are law student related programs taking place during the Midyear Meeting in Boston.

### ABA Midyear Meeting

**February 11-17, 2009 – Boston, Massachusetts**

The Midyear Meeting brings together more than 3,000 lawyers and their families. While the Midyear Meeting does not match that of the Annual Meeting, the volume of business that occurs does. The Law Student Division hosts the Negotiation Competition National Finals during the ABA Midyear Meeting and many ABA entities convene business and CLE events during this week-long event. **There is no registration fee to attend the Midyear Meeting. Deadline for advance registration has passed but you can still register onsite at the meeting.** For details, visit <http://www.abanet.org/midyear/2009/>.

### Science and Technology Law

#### Lunch and Learn

**February 11, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Suffolk University Law School (David J. Sargent Hall, 120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA)**

All students from the Boston area are invited to attend and enjoy free lunch during an interactive program focusing on careers in science and technology law. A panel of ABA leaders will discuss what led them to their current practice area and share insight about their day-to-day work experience. For more information or to RSVP, contact Maria Gamboa at [gamboam@staff.abanet.org](mailto:gamboam@staff.abanet.org).

### Affordable Housing and Community Development

#### Law Student Initiative Program

**February 12, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Suffolk University Law School (David J. Sargent Hall, Room 265, 120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA)**

Join affordable housing and community economic development law practitioners for a interactive panel discussion highlighting this exciting area of the law. Practitioners within traditional fields of corporate, business, tax, real estate and nonprofit law to create and support affordable housing, community-based financial institutions, child care centers, health care facilities and other needed community institutions share insights to this field of law including transactional practice as well as litigation. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Dawn Holiday at 312.988.5660 or [holidayd@staff.abanet.org](mailto:holidayd@staff.abanet.org).

### International Law

#### Pathways to Employment in International Law

**February 12, 2009 (5:00 p.m.)**

**Boston University School of Law (765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA)**

A unique forum that brings law students and new lawyers together with experienced legal practitioners to explore opportunities for employment in international law. For information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html>.

### State and Local Government Law

#### Law Student and Young Lawyer Outreach Reception

**February 12, 2009 (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) – One Financial Center, 41<sup>st</sup> Floor (Boston, MA)**

**Co-hosted by the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo PC**

For more information, contact Marsha Boone at 312.988.5649 or [boonem@staff.abanet.org](mailto:boonem@staff.abanet.org).

### Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

#### CLE Events

**February 12-13, 2009**

**Fairmont Copley Plaza (138 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA)**

The ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice is hosting several exciting events during the ABA Midyear Meeting. These programs are free to law students who are members of the Section (section membership is free for law students). This is a great opportunity to hear from panelists representing a variety of different viewpoints and experiences, covering areas ranging from recent developments in education law to health reform to the federal response to the financial bailout. For more information, visit <http://new.abanet.org/CALENDAR/ADMINISTRATIVE-LAW-SECTION-MID-YEAR-MEETING-PROGRAM/Pages/default.aspx>

***Affordable Housing and Community Development and the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty  
Foreclosing on the American Dream:***

**The Housing Crisis and the Role of Lawyers and Laws in Securing Housing Justice**

***February 13, 2009 (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)***

***Hynes Convention Center (415 Summer Street, Room 308, Level 3, Boston, MA)***

Many victims of the current meltdown in the financial markets are being evicted when their landlords face foreclosure. As homeowners default and turn to the rental market, their needs are pushing on the supply of affordable housing stock. These pressures of supply and demand are resulting in rising rents, despite the poor economy. A panel of experienced community development attorneys will walk you through a hypothetical situation focusing on a family in need and how current and prospective laws that can help people protect and/or save their homes. The program will conclude with a look at potential policy changes to support affordable housing development. For more information, contact Amy Horton-Newell at [hortona@staff.abanet.org](mailto:hortona@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.5660.

***Young Lawyers Division and the Judicial Division Council of Appellate Lawyers***

**Elevating Your Advocacy:**

**Understanding the Differences Between Litigating in Trial and Appellate Courts**

***February 13, 2009 (9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)***

***Westin Copley Place (10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA)***

This program will focus on the differences between advocacy (particularly written advocacy) in trial courts and appellate courts. Specific attention will be devoted to the special challenges in presenting a case to an entirely new audience of judges who come to the case without any prior knowledge of the record. The program is designed principally for practitioners seeking to improve their appellate advocacy skills, including trial lawyers who handle their own appeals and less experienced lawyers who may not yet have had the opportunity to explore the differences inherent in appellate litigation. By presenting appellate judges who have previously served as trial judges, this panel offers a unique perspective on this critical aspect of the litigation process.

***State and Local Government Law, Judicial Division and the Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice***

**The Assumption of Justice: A Dialogue on Color, Ethnicity and the Courts**

***Friday, February 13, 2009 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon)***

This program is designed to assist judges and attorneys in understanding institutional racism and the reality of disparities in the charging and sentencing of minorities in the courts. Panelist will provide the basis and background for the status quo and assist attendees in developing solutions that they can implement at the leadership and community levels.

***Young Lawyers Division***

**Speed Mentoring**

***February 13, 2009 (11:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon)***

***Westin Copley Place (10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA)***

Bring your business cards and be prepared to talk—a lot! A take off on speed dating, this program will provide a unique mentor experience: meet young lawyers, seasoned attorneys and law students via four-minute one-on-one conversations. The intervals offer enough time to make a strong introduction but eliminate a lengthy transition. So, brush your teeth, practice your smile, and get your “elevator speech” in order. *Space is limited. Participation will be based on a first come, first served basis.* For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/yld/midyear09/>.

***General Practice, Solo and Small Firm***

**Advising the Small Business:**

**Choosing the Right Entity Type & Issues Arising in Representing Entities**

***Saturday, February 14, 2009 (9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)***

***Hynes Conventions Center (Room 202, Level 2, 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA)***

***Complimentary CLE Program (Funding provided by the ABA Standing Committee on CLE)***

This entry level program is designed to provide law students, small firm practitioner and business-side associate with the information necessary to advise their small business clients on which type of entity they should use when forming their enterprise. The presentation will include an overview of the differences, advantages and disadvantages of sole proprietorships, general and limited partnerships, LLCs and corporations. In addition, a portion of the program will alert and update attendees on certain litigation related issues in representing entities. Materials for the program will include excerpts from the ABA GP|Solo Book, *Advising the Small Business: Forms and Advice for the Legal Practitioner* and attendees will be provided with an opportunity to purchase the book (with accompanying forms CD) at a discounted price.

# Enhance Your Legal Education Without Leaving Home

## ABA Live Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts

### *Labor and Employment Law*

#### **Economy in Peril (Part 1): The Legal Landscape for Addressing Reductions in Force**

*January 21, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

Faced with a declining national economy, employers, unions, and employees confront multiple workplace dilemmas including workforce reductions or even plant closings. In the first of two programs, an expert panel will explore the legal challenges involved when employers must reduce their workforce such as: complying with the anti-discrimination provisions of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Older Workers Benefit Protections Act; mass layoff/plant closing obligations under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. The panel will also examine the special issues confronting all parties where there is a unionized workforce. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09ep11.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Sheena Wade at [wades@staff.abanet.org](mailto:wades@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6199.

### *Center for Continuing Legal Education*

#### **The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act Final Rule:**

##### **Practical Implications for Healthcare Providers**

*January 22, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

The healthcare industry has been waiting on the final rules for clear guidance on how to utilize and enjoy the protections of the 2005 Patient Safety Quality Improvement Act (PSQIA), the relationships between healthcare providers and Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and the impact that the PSQIA may have on the overall improvement of healthcare in the United States. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09psq1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Althea Billins at [billinsa@staff.abanet.org](mailto:billinsa@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6202.

### *Center for Continuing Legal Education*

#### **Antitrust Basics for Healthcare Lawyers**

*January 28, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

With a new administration in Washington promising healthcare reform and more aggressive enforcement of the antitrust laws in the healthcare sector, a working knowledge of antitrust principles and how they apply to healthcare enterprises is more important than ever. In this 90-minute teleconference, two veteran healthcare antitrust lawyers will present an overview of the antitrust statutes, principles, issues, and enforcement-agency guidance affecting participants in the healthcare sector. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09atb1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Esther Brewer at [brewere@staff.abanet.org](mailto:brewere@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6202.

### *Section of Business Law*

#### **Allocation of Risk in Contracts: Reps, Warranties, Indemnification, and Guarantee Provisions**

*January 28, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

Learn how to effectively negotiate and draft provisions and analyze how these provisions are interpreted and enforced when challenged. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09arc1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Enna Rios at [riose@staff.abanet.org](mailto:riose@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6208.

### *Commission on Immigration Law*

#### **What All Attorneys Should Know About Immigration:**

##### **Consequences of Criminal Convictions for Non-Citizen Clients**

*January 29, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

As immigration enforcement activities increase, criminal defense attorneys and pro bono attorneys representing non-citizens are witnessing first-hand the immigration consequences of a prior or new criminal conviction. This program is ideal for attorneys interested in pro bono immigration cases, criminal defense attorneys, or any attorney who is unfamiliar with the ramifications of a criminal conviction to a non-citizen's immigration proceedings. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09waa1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Althea Billins at [billinsa@staff.abanet.org](mailto:billinsa@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6202.

### *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law*

#### **Drafting to Win: How to Win the Will Contest at the Drafting Stage**

*February 3, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)*

Learn what you can do on the front end to defeat challenges to wills from an experienced litigator in this area. This program will discuss common pitfalls to avoid and provide practical tips to strengthen a will. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09dtw1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Brandon Wilhelm at [wilhelmb@staff.abanet.org](mailto:wilhelmb@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6218.

### ***Health Law and the Young Lawyers Division***

#### **Stark Law Basics – Fundamentals**

***February 5, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Gain a basic understanding of the federal Stark Law for new healthcare lawyers. The Stark Law has broad implications for business transactions and relationships between physicians and other providers. Through the use of real-life examples, this program will help you identify Stark issues and develop effective solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09slb1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Esther Brewer at [brewere@staff.abanet.org](mailto:brewere@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6202.

### ***Business Law***

#### **The Uncertainty Surrounding Honest Services Fraud**

***February 11, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Examine the extent to which honest services fraud prosecution can be prosecuted in the private sector. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/b09ush1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Brandon Wilhelm at [wilhelmb@staff.abanet.org](mailto:wilhelmb@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6218.

### ***Science and Technology Law***

#### **The Benefits and Barriers to International Science Collaboration**

***February 24, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Barriers to cross-border collaboration, including funding, competing national priorities, and legal obstacles, can prevent the U.S. from taking full advantage of international science. Identify the benefits and legal barriers to help you understand and take full advantage of cross-border science collaboration by discovering government funding sources, grants and contract vehicles to facilitate international science collaboration. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09tbb1.html>. For information about law student discounts for this program (not advertised), please contact Enna Rios at [riose@staff.abanet.org](mailto:riose@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.6208.

For a complete list of ABA CLE, including Live Telconferences and Audio Webcasts, visit [www.abanet.org/cle/calendar.html](http://www.abanet.org/cle/calendar.html).

## **Strengthen Your Legal Education Experience While Building a Strong Network**

### ***Air and Space Law***

#### **Uncertain Times for an Uneasy Industry**

***January 28, 2009***

***Ritz Carlton Hotel (3100 South Street, NW, Washington, DC)***

Among the numerous worthwhile events being sponsored in conjunction with this meeting, the Forum will award Josie Beets, a visiting law student attending the University of Nebraska with a \$5,000 prize as winner of the Forum's law student writing competition, sponsored by Rolls-Royce. Additionally, at the conclusion of the meeting, the Forum will host a Young Lawyers/Law Student Reception providing a great opportunity for aspiring and new attorneys to network and learn from practicing lawyers in the air and space law community. For more information, visit

<http://www.airandspacelawonline.com/blog/blogengine.net/> or contact Jeremy Juenger

([Jeremy.juenger@airandspacelawonline.com](mailto:Jeremy.juenger@airandspacelawonline.com)), Law Student Division Liaison to the Forum Committee on Air and Space Law.

### ***Communications Law***

#### **2009 Media Advocacy Workshop**

***February 5, 2009***

***Westin Kierland Resort and Spa (6902 E. Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ)***

This workshop provides new and aspiring lawyers with a full-day of intensive oral advocacy training by the deans of the media law bar. This one-day event includes a series of simulated media law exercises, including a "prior restraint" injunction oral argument on defamation and privacy issues, a right of publicity oral argument, and a pre-publication/pre-broadcast review simulation. A meet and greet breakfast, lunch presentation, end of the day panel discussion and closing reception round out the event. Law Student Division members can attend this event for the discounted registration fee of only \$100. This event is held in conjunction with the Forum's Annual Conference. Please note that registration for the one-day Workshop is separate from registration for the Annual Conference. For more information, visit

[http://www.abanet.org/forums/communication/pdfs/ABFC\\_Conference\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/forums/communication/pdfs/ABFC_Conference_WEB.pdf).

**Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeland Security Law Institute**

February 26-27, 2009

**L'Enfant Plaza Hotel (480 L'Enfant Plaza, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC)**

This two-day event provides a comprehensive look at some of the most critical issues and initiatives being undertaken as part of the nation's Homeland Security agenda. Law students who are members of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (section membership is free for law students) can attend at a substantially discounted fee. For more information, visit. <http://new.abanet.org/calendar/2009-4th-annual-homeland-security-law-institute/Pages/default.aspx>

**Taxation**

**Careers in Tax Law**

March 4, 2009

**Georgetown University (600 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC)**

Practicing tax attorneys representing private practice, the government, academia, and a big four accounting firm will introduce law students to a tax practice careers. Panelists relate how they pursued their careers, pitfalls they may have encountered, and any advice they may have for law students interested in pursuing a career in tax law. A 10-15 minute Q&A session concludes the panel, and participants then break for a networking reception, including light refreshments and drinks. For more information or to organize a panel in your area, visit <http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/>.

**Science and Technology Law**

**Lunch and Learn**

March 10, 2009 (12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

**Fordham University School of Law (140 West 62nd Street, New York, NY)**

All students from the New York City area are invited to attend and enjoy free lunch during an interactive program focusing on careers in science and technology law. A panel of ABA leaders will discuss what led them to their current practice area and share insight about their day-to-day work experience. For more information or to RSVP, contact Julia Gillespie at [gamboam@staff.abanet.org](mailto:gamboam@staff.abanet.org).

**Standing Committee on Legal Specialization**

**2009 National Roundtable on Legal Specialization**

March 21, 2009

**The Mulberry Inn (601 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA)**

You are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to familiarize yourself with the world of legal specialization. Learn the fundamentals of legal specialization, how it can benefit you and how to go about getting on a track that will get you certified in your area of legal expertise. The day includes a breakfast and a half day of sessions to choose from - including a session performed by the committee's infamous Certification Players (an annual session favorite), plus the opportunity to meet face-to-face with leading legal specialists and those who certify lawyers. Don't miss this opportunity that could put you one step ahead of the rest! Special discounted rate for ABA Law Student Division members: \$35.00. To register contact Sara Pekar at [pekars@staff.abanet.org](mailto:pekars@staff.abanet.org).

**Law Practice Management**

**ABA TechShow**

April 2-4, 2009

**Hilton Chicago (720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL)**

In its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the world's premier legal technology conference and expo, *ABA TechShow*, offers three days of educational sessions in legal technology. More than 100 technology vendors display goods and discuss services during the two-day exposition. Network with over 1,500 conference attendees and choose from 15 exciting educational tracks to customize your *ABA TechShow* experience. LPM is offering the full conference admittance package for **FREE** to ABA Law Student Division members (a \$3,995.00 value). For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lpm/home.shtml> or contact William Gschwind ([bgschwind@comcast.net](mailto:bgschwind@comcast.net)), Law Student Division Liaison to the Law Practice Management Section.

**International Law**

**Spring Meeting**

April 14-18, 2009

**The Fairmont Hotel (2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC)**

The 2009 Spring Meeting brings together over 1,000 international lawyers from around the world to exchange information and ideas regarding the hottest topics in international law. This meeting will offer you the opportunity to...

- Attend an exciting mix of over 70 substantive programs;
- Network with practicing lawyers, government officials, and academics from over 40 countries;
- Build your networking bridge to international law through international contacts;
- Attend specialized programming for young lawyers and law students;
- Participate in social and networking events to begin building a foundation to your international network.

For more information, contact Jenny Abreu at [abreu@staff.abanet.org](mailto:abreu@staff.abanet.org) or 202.662.1663.

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

### *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law and Young Lawyer's Network* **New Mentoring Program**

Student members of RPTE will now be eligible for participation in section mentorships. Students will be assigned to a young lawyer with a similar background and set of professional interests. Network, seek advice, and get a picture of what Real Property or Trust & Estates law practice is like! Contact Ben Martie for Real Property mentorship opportunities at [BenMartie@gmail.com](mailto:BenMartie@gmail.com), or Tyler Pitrat at [Tyler.Pitrat@ttu.edu](mailto:Tyler.Pitrat@ttu.edu) for Trust & Estates mentorship opportunities!

### *Environment, Energy and Resources Law* **ABA Diversity Fellowship in Environmental Law**

This program is designed to encourage disadvantaged or traditionally underrepresented law students to study and pursue careers in environmental law. Work on environmental justice is coordinated with not-for-profit organizations representing traditionally underserved groups, other not-for-profit environmental organizations, and local, state and federal governmental organizations which provide placements for summer *Fellowship* recipients. Apply today for a Summer 2009 Fellowship. For more information and application deadline, visit [http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/fellowship\\_home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/fellowship_home.shtml) or contact Julie Connell at [ConnellJ@staff.abanet.org](mailto:ConnellJ@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.5625.

### *Business Law* **Business Law Diversity Clerkship Program**

This program is designed to encourage law students to pursue business court clerkship opportunities and to consider careers in the practice of business law. Up to nine interns will be given a summer stipend of \$6,000 and placed in business court clerkships in the Philadelphia Commerce Court or the Delaware Court of Chancery. **Application deadline: January 30, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/students/clerkship.shtml>.

### *Commission on Homelessness and Poverty* **John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund**

The ABA John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund provides a \$2,500 stipend to three law students who spend their summer months working for a bar association or legal service program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates. **Application deadline: March 23, 2009.** For more information, visit [http://www.abanet.org/homeless/08curtin\\_announce\\_app.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/homeless/08curtin_announce_app.pdf).

### *Center for Public Education* **Law Day 2009: A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial** **May 1, 2009**

Future lawyers will find value in reflecting on this year's theme as Law Day highlights Lincoln's legacy and place in history as a quintessential lawyer president. Make sure your law school doesn't miss out on this year's Law Day activities. Order a free 2009 Law Day Planning Guide featuring a section for law students seeking to increase participation in Law Day programming on their campus or in their community. Also this year, the **Law Day Outstanding Activity Award** includes a new category for law schools and law students. For more information, visit <http://www.lawday.org>.

## Competitions Offer More Than a Little Extra Cash

Visit [www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/writing-contests/](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/writing-contests/) for a complete listing of law student writing competitions, scholarships, and awards available from ABA entities.

### *Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP* **Levit Essay Contest**

Submissions are now being accepted for the 2009 Levit Essay Contest. The legal writing contest, only open to law students and young lawyers, encourages innovative and original research and writing on issues in lawyers' professional liability. The annual competition offers a \$5,000 cash prize and a expenses-paid trip to the Spring 2009 National Legal Malpractice Conference to be held in Miami, April 22-24. **Entry deadline: February 20, 2009.** For the 2009 contest hypothetical and contest rules, visit <http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit/levit.html>.

### *Affordable Housing and Community Development* **Law Student Writing Contest**

This competition is open to all Law Student Division members and invites papers on any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law. Award: \$1,000 and a trip to attend the Forum's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, May 20-

22, 2009, in Washington, D.C., airfare and lodging included. The winning essay may also be published in the *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*. **Submissions must be postmarked by March 2, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/forums/affordable/writing/home.shtml> or contact Hilary Jaffe ([jaffeh@bc.edu](mailto:jaffeh@bc.edu)), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development.

### ***Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS)*** **Law Student Writing Contest**

Submit an essay addressing a current legal topic under the purview of one of the Section's substantive law committees, and become eligible to win a number of great prizes! First prize includes \$1,500 cash, airfare and hotel accommodations to the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, and possible publication in the prestigious *ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal*. Other prizes are available. **Submission Deadline: March 2, 2009.** For complete details, visit:

<http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/LSWritingComp0809.pdf>

### ***Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice*** **2009 Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Competition**

Nominations are now being accepted from ABA Law Student Division members who are also members of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC. Topic: "*Discuss a problem or issue arising at the intersection of constitutional and administrative law, federal or state.*" **Post-marked deadline: March 31, 2009.** For more information visit: <http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/2009essays/writings.html>

### ***Family Law*** **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**

This essay contest is designed to enhance interest in the field of family law. Awards first-, second-, and third-place prizes. Winners may have their essays published in the Section's scholarly journal, *Family Law Quarterly*, as well as on the Section website. Winners' law school deans will also be notified of their achievements. **Submission Deadline: April 3, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml>.

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

## **Other Items of Interest**

### ***U.S. Department of Transportation*** **The Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG)**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is pleased to announce its 2009 Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG). The 10-week internship program commences May 27 through August 8, 2009 providing an opportunity for college students to gain hands-on experience in the transportation field while sharpening their research, written and oral presentation skills. Provides a \$5,000 stipend for law students. **Application deadline: February 20, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/stipdg.htm>.

### ***South Asian Bar Association Foundation of Northern California*** **Public Interest Fellowship**

The South Asian Bar Association Foundation is pleased to announce that it will award its fifth annual public interest fellowship(s) to recognize individuals for dedication to the public good. Law student candidates should have demonstrated interest in promoting awareness of particular causes or issues which affect the South Asian community or the Northern California community as they relate to inequities in the legal system, social or economic justice, cultural promotion or educational ideals. **Application deadline: March 15, 2009.** For more information visit <http://www.southasianbar.org> or contact Molly Agarwal ([mabgarwal@littler.com](mailto:mabgarwal@littler.com)), SABA Foundation President.

### ***National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees*** **First Annual Law Student Writing Contest**

The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees has established an annual student writing competition to reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. **Entry deadline: April 30, 2009.** For more information, visit <http://www.nactt.org/>.

### ***Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)*** **CLEO diverCITY Network**

The **CLEO diverCITY Network** is an online portal recently established by the **Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)** to be "*the virtual destination for minority law students.*" CLEO is actively encouraging minority/underrepresented law students seeking membership in CLEO to register as a new **CLEO Affiliate**. Registration is Free. To sign up, please visit [www.cleodivercitynetwork.org](http://www.cleodivercitynetwork.org) and click on the "Students" button from their home page. If you are not familiar with CLEO or their mission, visit their website at <http://www.abanet.org/fje/losfpage.html>.

***Children at Risk***

**Human Trafficking Summer Law Institute**

*Children at Risk*, a Texas nonprofit organization striving to improve the quality of life for Greater Houston children, has received a \$20,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to establish a Human Trafficking Summer Law Institute designed to increase awareness of the law and human trafficking issues. Six law students who plan to practice in Texas will be selected to participate in the intensive six-week summer program through a competitive national application process. For more information regarding *Children at Risk* and/or the Human Trafficking Summer Law Institute, contact *Children at Risk* at 713.869.7740 or visit their website at <http://www.childrenatrisk.org>.