

# *The University of Akron School of Law Administrative Briefs*

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<https://www.uakron.edu/calendar/>

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard C. Sughrue Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy

March 8, 2010  
John S. Knight Center  
Akron, Ohio

**Free for Students to Attend.**

Register:  
Online: [www.uakron.edu/law](http://www.uakron.edu/law)  
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All students are invited to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard C. Sughrue Symposium on Intellectual Property. The program will be held Monday, March 8 at the John S. Knight Center.

The program includes a review of the latest developments in patent, trademark and copyright law and panel discussions on the topics of patentable subject matter, inequitable conduct, and the ethical issues raised by the outsourcing of work. The Commissioner of Patents, Robert L. Stoll, is the featured luncheon speaker.

There is no charge to attend, although we request that you register. For registration information, visit our website at

<http://www.uakron.edu/law/ip/sughrue.dot>

# Continuing Education at Akron Law

## Bright Ideas for Government Transparency: Sunshine Law Update

**March 11, 2010**  
**8 – 11:30 a.m.**

[Martin Center](#), The University of Akron  
105 Fir Hill Street, Akron, Ohio



This program will educate the legal community, local government agencies, and journalists about the current state of open records in Ohio with a focus on legal trends and practical application. Topics include *Recent Developments in Open Records Law*, *Open Records Give Reporters Open Access* and a *How-To on Open Records*.

**Presented by:**

- Richard Aynes, director, [Constitutional Law Center, AkronLaw](#)
- Gary Daniels, associate director, [ACLU of Ohio](#)
- Frank Deaner, executive director, [Ohio Newspaper Association](#); president, [Ohio Coalition for Open Government](#)
- Brian Laliberte, cooperating attorney, [ACLU of Ohio](#)
- David Marburger, attorney, [Baker and Hostetler LLP](#)
- Tim Smith, professor of journalism and mass communication, [Kent State University](#)
- Catherine Turcer, legislative director, [Ohio Citizen Action Legislative Money in Politics Project](#)
- Bruce Wings, editor, [Akron Beacon Journal](#)

**Cost:**

Open to the public, *Akron Students and Faculty* at no cost ([registration](#) required)  
\$50 for 3 hours Continuing Legal Education

**Register:**

[Online Registration](#)  
Phone: 330-972-6363; E-mail: [manovac@uakron.edu](mailto:manovac@uakron.edu) (put Cont. Ed – Sunshine Law Program as subject line)

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# Continuing Education at Akron Law

## Families and Community: Issues in the Current Economy

March 18, 2010  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[The University of Akron, Student Union - Ballroom A](#)  
[303 Carroll Street, Akron OH 44325](#)



**Keynote:**

- Frances Strickland, First Lady of Ohio
- Sandra Stephenson, Director, Ohio Department of Mental Health
- Douglas Lumpkin, Director, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
- Thomas Stickrath, Director, Ohio Department of Youth Services

Fatherhood Issues • Changing Role of Parents and Grandparents • Juvenile Delinquency • Bankruptcy • Foreclosure and Housing

Visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/continuinged/family-law-issues.dot> for complete program schedule

**Cost:**

**Seeking Continuing Legal Education (6.5 CLE):**

- \$175 Akron Law Alumni or Akron Bar Association Member
- \$200 Non-Alumni/Non-Member

**Seeking Continuing Education Credits other than Legal:**

- \$75 (LSW, LPC, LMFT, CFLE, CFCS, teacher CEU)

**Not Seeking any Continuing Education Credits:**

- \$50 general public; \$12 University of Akron Students

**Register:**

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- [Summit County Domestic Relations Court](#)
- [COHHIO](#)
- [Fatherhood Initiative](#)
- [Akron Bar Association](#)
- [The University of Akron School of Law](#)
- [The University of Akron School of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)
- [Williams Challenge \(Man2Man Program\)](#)

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## Candidates Preparing to Take the July 2010 Ohio Bar Examination

The following certificate forms for the Ohio Bar Examination have approaching deadlines. These forms must be certified by the law school, then submitted to the Court so that eligibility to sit for the Ohio Bar Examination may be established. Please check these upcoming deadlines and be sure to submit your forms in time to allow for our processing. These forms must be submitted to Liz Sauders in The Office of Law Student Services, Dean’s Office, Room 136 of the law building.

**Law School Character Certificate:** You may drop off the Law School Character Certificate at the law school receptionist. I will prepare the certificate for Dean Thorpe’s signature. The certificate form will be returned to you so that you may include it in your application packet to the Court. The deadline to be **received** (not postmarked) at the Court as per their website:

**Application to Take the Bar Examination: (located online [http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/AttySvcs/admissions/Bar Exam/default.asp](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/AttySvcs/admissions/Bar_Exam/default.asp) )**

**NOTE:** The Office of Bar Admissions does not process applications to take a bar exam until the previous exam has been administered. **April. 1, 2010 is the deadline for filing applications to take the July 2010 bar exam.**

**Substance Abuse Instruction Certificate:** ***You do not need to submit this form to us for completion.*** Substance abuse lectures are available two times a year as a school offering from Akron Law. Therefore, if you attended one of the lectures, we include the completion of this one hour of substance instruction on your Final Law School Certificate. If you have not attended one of the law school’s Substance Abuse Lectures, make-up lectures are not available through The University of Akron School of Law. Lectures are scheduled through [Ohio State Bar Association \(OSBA\)](#) for a fee. Contact their office at 1-800-282-6556.

**Final Law School Certificate:** You may drop off the Final Law School Certificate any time prior to the end of spring semester. I will hold it until graduation on Sunday, May 16, 2010, then send it directly to the Supreme Court of Ohio on Monday, May 17.

If you have any further questions, please contact Liz Sauders at [liz@uakron.edu](mailto:liz@uakron.edu)

# Office of External Programs

## *Message from Associate Dean Meg Andreeff Matejkovic*

Recognizing that our students are “alums-in-waiting,” the Akron Law Alumni Association (“LAA”) Board of Directors has a dedicated position on its Board for a student director. The student director represents Akron Law students to the LAA Board and works with the Board to identify ways in which students and alumni may work and communicate together for the benefit of both groups. The student director serves in an *ex-officio* capacity and is expected to attend all Board meetings which are held at the School of Law on a bi-monthly basis throughout the academic year (*i.e.*, August, October, December, February, and April). The meetings begin at 4 p.m. and generally last one to 1-1/2 hours.

Applications for the 2010-11 student director to the LAA Board of Directors will be accepted from upper division law students (*i.e.*, not first-year students) who are in good standing. Applications should include: (1) a current resume of the student; (2) a statement as to why the student believes that he or she should be selected to serve on the LAA Board; and (3) a statement as to why he or she wants to serve on the LAA Board. The LAA Board’s executive committee will review the application materials and select a maximum of three students who will be invited to make a two-minute presentation to the Board at its April 2010 meeting.

Students interested in being considered for this position should forward their application materials **no later than Tuesday, March 9 at 11 a.m.** to Sue Staats in the Office of External Programs (either in hard copy form to Ms. Staats in the Office of External Programs which is located in the Dean’s Suite or electronic form to Ms. Staats at [staats@uakron.edu](mailto:staats@uakron.edu)).

# Academic Success Programs

## Mid Semester Stress

*Katherine Silver Kelly, Director Academic Success Programs*

It is hard to believe we are half-way through the semester. Everyone is trying to stay on top of reading and outlining; many of you have mid-terms, briefs, and papers due; while others are preparing to graduate and study for the bar exam. It is no wonder stress is on the rise. Instead of relying on negative coping strategies, choose positive ones:

Stress- behind in your reading for one or more classes

- Focus first on current reading assignments so that you are not lost in class.
- Read a few pages or one case at a time until you are back on track.
- Don't rely on commercial case briefs (you need to understand the law for yourself, not read someone else's understanding of it).
- Re-assess your reading and briefing strategies for efficiency and effectiveness.

Stress- you have read and briefed for all your classes but feel clueless.

- Determine what you need to do in order to understand the material:
  - If you need to see the big picture before you can understand each part, try reading about the topic to get a preview (table of contents, hornbook, etc.).
  - If you need to learn each part separately before understanding the big picture, try understanding each case individually and then synthesizing the topic.
- Consider going to the professor with questions, working with a classmate, going to group study sessions or ASP assistant office hours.
- Make notes of what you do and don't understand. You will be surprised at how much you do know and once you identify your knowledge gap it is much easier to gain understanding.
- Unsure how to address your confusion? Stop by the ASP office.

Stress- you are behind in outlining for classes.

- If you have a mid-term, focus on that outline first.
- If you have no mid-terms, start outlining the course that you think will be the easiest to outline (less material covered, more understandable, have part of it completed, etc.).
- Get started. It is not likely you will find a block of time to completely catch up on all your outlines. The longer you wait, the more you have to outline. 15-30 minutes every day adds up and will make a bigger difference than you think.
- Once an outline is current, add to it every week. The material will still be fresh and won't take as long to outline.
- Unsure about how to outline? Stop by the ASP office.

Stress- you have several deadlines that are very close together.

- Break each assignment into smaller tasks and estimate how long it will take you to complete each smaller task.
- Schedule time each day to work on each task so that you finish each assignment before the deadline.
- Having trouble organizing your time and schedule? Stop by the ASP office.

Stress- you think everyone is smarter than you.

- You are the same intelligent person who started law school.
- Law school studying is different from studying in undergrad- more hours don't automatically translate into an A. Yes, you have to put in lots of study time but it must be efficient and effective.
- Your family and friends might not understand but they love and support you just the same.
- Don't think you have to do this alone. Seek assistance if you are feeling stressed or depressed. The University Counseling Center can help. [www.uakron.edu/counseling](http://www.uakron.edu/counseling).

As always, feel free to contact Katherine Silver Kelly, Director of Academic Success Programs with any questions and concerns.

Room 315 (Library 3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 330-972-8065, [ksk10@uakron.edu](mailto:ksk10@uakron.edu).

# Legal Clinic News

## LEGAL CLINIC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PAID POSITIONS

The University of Akron School of Law Legal Clinic will have five to seven paid positions open for the summer and next year 2010. The paid positions are as Directors of our Inmate Assistance Programs and as staff members for the Appellate Review Office. All students are invited to apply, including first year students. Persons chosen for these positions will be paid \$7.35 per hour up to 20 hours per week during the school year and 30 hours per week during the summer. Students must take credit courses during the summer to qualify for employment.

People interested in developing interviewing, research, and writing skills should apply. Our Clinic graduates use their skills in civil and criminal contexts as Public Defenders, County Prosecutors, Legal Aid lawyers, judicial law clerks, and civil practitioners. We have a 100% employment rate within six months of graduation.

A cover letter and resume must be submitted to Professor Carro **no later than Friday, April 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** Please sign up for an interview time when you submit your application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Professor Carro at 330-972-7751 or by e-mail, [carro1@uakron.edu](mailto:carro1@uakron.edu).

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## SCANLON INN OF COURT ACCEPTING STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2010-2011

The University of Akron School of Law in conjunction with the Akron Bar Association sponsors the Charles F. Scanlon Inn of Court. This is an extra-curricular activity for lawyers, judges, and law students. Students interested in participating in this unique experience may submit applications to Professor Carro by April 10, 2010. An application should include a cover letter reflecting, inter alia, that you have or have not previously applied, and a resume.

The Inn of Court, now in its second decade, is made up of attorneys with less than four years of experience, attorneys with four to fifteen years of experience, and senior attorneys and judges. We have Federal and State Court Judges as members, as well as renowned litigators. The Inn of Court meets each year from September through April (skipping December), once a month, to discuss ethics, public issues, and advocacy.

In addition to being a member of the Inn as a whole, each Inn member is also a participant in a pupilage group which might be likened to a subcommittee of the Inn. There are usually sixty to seventy people in the Inn as a whole and fifteen to eighteen people in each of four pupilage groups. The Inn as a whole meets in the evening once a month, on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month, except December. The pupilage group would also meet once a month for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or after work to discuss the matters presented in the general meeting.

At the monthly Inn of Court meetings we discuss diverse issues, including advocacy and ethics issues. This past term we discussed effective use of educational theory in trial, legalization of drugs, and other timely issues.

We are fortunate to have eight positions allocated to the School of Law for interested and dedicated students to participate in the Inn for one year. If you are interested in participating and can attend the meetings outlined above, please submit a letter expressing your interest and a resume to Professor J. Dean Carro. Preference is given to students who have applied previously, and to graduating students who will not have the opportunity the following year to participate. The deadline for submitting your applications is **April 9, 2010**. Thank you for your attention.

# Student Organization News



### **BLSA**

BLSA will host *Quiz Bowl* on Saturday, March 13 from 11 am – 12 noon in Room 165. Quiz Bowl will raise money for the Haiti earthquake relief efforts. See a BLSA member for additional information.

### **DELTA THETA PHI**

Delta Theta Phi will hold its regular monthly meeting and annual new member initiation program on Tuesday, March 9 at 5pm in Room 167. All new members and any students interested in joining DTP are invited. Food will be provided.

Delta Theta Phi will be conducting the program entitled “Support A Soldier” throughout the remaining school year. Through the not-for-profit group “Adopt A Soldier,” DTP has adopted a platoon stationed overseas in Iraq. DTP will be sending monthly care packages to the platoon. Look for the collection bin in front of the DTP office every Monday to drop off donations. A package will be sent every month following the last Monday of the month.

### **PHI DELTA PHI**

Phi Delta Phi will host an initiation ceremony on Saturday, March 6 from 6 – 7 pm at the Student Union, Room TBA. New and current members of Phi Delta Phi are invited to attend. See a Phi Delta Phi member for additional information.

### **SBA**

SBA and Bar Bri Bar Review are co-sponsoring two question and answer sessions about all things Bar Exam and Bar Bri. Information sessions will be held on Thursday, March 4 at 12:15 and 5:15 pm in Room 167. Food will be provided.

## How will you know when the University is closed?

There are several ways to find out when the University is closed:

- Call 330-972-SNOW (7669)
- Check The University of Akron homepage at <http://www.uakron.edu>. An alert message will be placed directly on the homepage anytime the University is closed.
- Enroll in the “Z-Alert” emergency text messaging service available through Zipline.

### **Student Organizations...Having an event?**

If you are planning an event, be sure to fill out and submit an event approval form. This will help to avoid calendar conflicts as well as assure you a room reservation and entry on the School of Law Calendars.

The event approval form can be found at <http://www.uakron.edu/law/students/studentorgs/docs/EventApprovalForm.pdf>

Each event is allowed one announcement posted to the blog. For instructions on having your event posted to the blog please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/students/studentorgs/eventannounce.dot>

## School of Law Building Access

The School of Law building hours are posted on the General Bulletin Boards. When building hour adjustments are needed, they are not necessarily shown on the postings. In the event the doors have not been opened as requested by the Dean’s Office, **the building may be accessed at the Wolf Ledges entrance. This entrance has a computerized locking system that is programmed to open when indicated.**



### Administrative Brief Calendar

**Deadline Date:**

**March 24  
April 7  
April 21**

**Issue Dates**

**March 30  
April 13  
April 27 (Quarterly)**

**Spring Break:**

Monday – Saturday, March 15 – 20, 2010 - Classes Resume on Monday, March 22

**Last Instructional Day**

Friday, April 23, 2010

**Reading Period**

Saturday, April 24 – Tuesday, April 27, 2010

**Exam Period**

Wednesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 8, 2010

*“Never look down on anybody  
unless you’re helping him up.”*

*~Jesse Jackson*