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Message from the Dean

In the Fall Semester the Law School experimented with a series of "Dean's Forums." This was an attempt to allow our students to meet with a prominent member of the alumni in an informal setting. The idea is to allow students to benefit from the expertise and experience of key members of the alumni.

This Fall the experiment began by inviting Roger Stevenson ('81), a partner at Roetzel & Andress, a former Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Review*, to meet with the current *Law Review* Editorial Board. Next, trial attorney Paul Perantinides ('69) met with members of the various trial teams. Finally, businessman and real estate developer Herbert Newman ('65) met with law students who are pursuing both a J.D. and an M.B.A. through the joint degree program.

While the major programming of outside speakers will continue to be programs that are open to the entire student body, our experimentation of this format which is utilized at many other law schools suggests that there are real benefits to giving students the opportunity to interact with prominent alumni in this more private, informal, and closed setting. I hope to sponsor at least three programs in the Spring Semester.

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General News

ATTENTION: All Students

As you know, Jill Painter is now our Registrar/Student Services Counselor. This office is dedicated to providing excellent, efficient and timely service to all of our students. To better meet that goal, and to ease the burdens on student time, Ms. Painter and Deans Coleman and Reilly have instituted new policies.

In order to permit Ms. Painter to meet her deadlines and set priorities, while not losing track of any student requests, we now require that all student requests (with reasons, if applicable) be placed in writing. You can do this either by leaving a note at the front desk, sending a letter, or sending an email directly to her at jill6@uakron.edu. Ms. Painter will acknowledge receipt of your request so you can know she is working on it. Ms. Painter can then address your concern without your needing to take the time to make an appointment to see her. If she needs to speak with you, she will contact you promptly to set an appointment. To ensure this efficient use of time, no official "office hours" will be held. That way, Ms. Painter can meet with the students who need to speak with her at mutually convenient times, there will be no line to see her (and consequent inability to be fit in to artificial office hours), and there will be no need for you to wait for office hours to state your request and receive what you need. The time saved by both students and Ms. Painter will enable her to complete the many responsibilities upon which all students depend: DCFs, Bar Certificates, schedule changes,

grade changes, and the like. During the weeks in which this policy has been in effect, students have been served more promptly, few needed to take time from their own busy schedules to make an in-person request, high priority issues were dealt with first, and the routine responsibilities of the office were performed in a more timely fashion. Please remember that you always have access to other valuable resources for answering your questions and alerting you to deadlines, such as the Student Handbook and the Administrative Briefs. Often, a quick look at the Handbook first will answer your question, or at least clarify the issue so you know exactly what assistance you need and when.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in implementing a policy that will serve you as an individual and the student body as a whole in a more timely and responsive manner.

Class Rankings

Class Rankings are now available for viewing in the glass case next to the elevator in the student lounge. Please refer to page 12 in the new Student Handbook (online at http://www.uakron.edu/law/handbook2001_02.doc) for explanation. The information from the Student Handbook is also posted in the same glass case as the Class Rankings. If you have any questions, please contact Jill at jill6@uakron.edu or leave a note at the Front Desk.

Summer 2002 Schedule & Registration Information

The School of Law Summer 2002 Schedule & Registration packet will be available during the week of February 4, 2002. The University Schedule should be available the week of February 18, 2002.

Registration for Summer 2002 will begin on February 22, 2002. Each group's registration will begin at

6:00p.m. on the designated date. The summer registration schedule is as follows:

- February 22 – D3 (59-87 credits completed) & E4 (67-87 credits completed)
- February 25 – D2 (30-58 credits completed) & E3 (45-66 credits completed)
- February 27 – D1 (0-29 credits completed) & E2 (23-44 credit completed)
- March 1 – E1 (0-22 credits completed)

Spring Recess Dates

Spring Recess is March 25 – 30, 2002. This includes the School of Law.

Attention Students Contemplating Study Abroad

Please visit the Student Handbook on page 16 at http://www3.uakron.edu/law/handbook2001_02.doc for information about the requirements needed to pursue a study abroad program. You will be considered a transient student and will need to follow the procedure mentioned in this section of the Student Handbook.

Faculty, Staff and Student Directory

There are still directories available in the Dean's Office until the end of February. If you are interested in obtaining one, please stop in to the Reception area information table for your personal copy. The remaining directories will be turned over to University Student Development at Gardner Student Center the end of the month.

IP Symposium

On Monday, March 11 at the John S. Knight Center, the Law School will sponsor its Fourth Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy, entitled **IP CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Litigate, Mediate or Capitulate.**

If you are interested in attending, please register with Connie Koons in the Law Alumni office. She can be reached at 330-972-7246.

International Commercial Law

LEARN more about the norms governing US contracts for the export and import of goods with foreign clients under the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG) [ratified by the US Senate in 1988].

STUDY the CISG in relation to UCC Art. 2 (Sales), thus providing a comparative law perspective.

LEARN more about Letters of Credit, Assignment of Receivables, and other Arrangements related to the international sale of goods.

EXPAND your knowledge of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the context of international commercial arbitration.

PREPARE the ground for possible selection as a competitor in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot held annually in Vienna, Austria. (Akron participated in 2000 and will do so again in 2002).

- Course available for a GWR paper, which is not due until the middle of Fall Semester 2002.

LEXIS/WESTLAW School Passwords

Your law school passwords for LEXIS and WESTLAW must only be used for educational purposes. Other use is a violation of the Student Disciplinary Code and a breach of our contracts with LEXIS and WESTLAW. Using LEXIS or WESTLAW to do research as a law clerk, intern, or clinician for a firm, governmental entity or a nonprofit organization would violate the Student Disciplinary Code.

In addition to sanctions by the School of law, a contract violation can result in having to pay the vendors for the services misused. Repayment will be at commercial rates of about \$2.00 - \$5.00 per minute. Moreover, violators are likely to lose their privileges to use LEXIS and WESTLAW as students. A pattern of violations at our school could result in the vendors canceling our contracts, which would have a devastating impact on all students and faculty.

Any questions concerning what is proper or improper use of LEXIS or WESTLAW should be directed to Mrs. Souare or Professor Richert.

Scholarship Opportunities

The University of Akron School of Law Scholarships for 2002-2003

The School of Law's 2002-2003-scholarship application packet will be released in April. Packets will be available on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. The deadline will be in early June with the exact date to be specified on the application packet. Students wishing to receive continued or new scholarship assistance should use the application form in this packet to be considered for scholarship aid.

ATTN: Day First Year Students - Two Spring 2002 Semester Scholarship Opportunities!!

Reward a fellow law student by nominating him/her for one or both of two Spring 2002 memorial scholarship opportunities. One Kerry Migdal Memorial Scholarship and one Ava Marie Miller Memorial Scholarship will be awarded. The families are interested in considering individuals who exhibit a caring and friendly attitude and promote a sense of camaraderie within the first year day class. More details may be found on the nomination forms.

The nomination forms will soon be placed in your mailbox. Please take time to recognize those who meet the criteria by submitting the forms to the receptionist on or before the **deadline of MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2002.**

Questions? Please contact Admissions Director Lauri File at LFile@uakron.edu.

ATTN: Day First Year and Day Second Year Students - Akron Bar Auxiliary Scholarship for 2002-2003

The 2002-2003 Akron Bar Auxiliary Scholarship form was recently placed in your mailbox. This is just a follow-up notice to remind you to apply for this scholarship by the **deadline of March 27.**

The Akron Bar Auxiliary Scholarship Committee will consider academic merit and need. Preference will be given to Summit County, Ohio residents. Additional application forms can be found on the information table next to the receptionist's desk.

QUESTIONS? Contact Admissions Director Lauri File at LFile@uakron.edu.

NOTE: In addition to this Akron Bar Auxiliary Scholarship, the Akron Bar Foundation will award scholarships for 2002-2003. The Foundation scholarship applications should be available later this spring. A call for Foundation applications will be placed on the listserv and/or the Administrative Briefs at that time.

Samuel Krugliak Legal Scholarship Program

Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., LPA is accepting applications for the Samuel Krugliak Legal Scholarship, which will award up to \$1,000 to one or more current law school students. Students may apply for the 2002-2003 scholarship provided they have resided in one of the following counties during their lifetime: Stark, Wayne, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Summit, Holmes, Mahoning, or Columbiana. Candidates must also possess strong academic credentials, participate in extracurricular activities, and have a desire to return to the Stark County region to practice law. A few applications are on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. Additional applications may be requested by calling the firm's personnel coordinator, Kelly Osborn, at 330-244-2365, emailing her at kosborn@kwgd.com, or visiting www.kwgd.com. QUESTIONS? Please contact Personnel Coordinator Kelly Osborn. **DEADLINE: April 1, 2002**

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation

This new scholarship will be awarded to minority students devoted to a career in intellectual property law. Scholarship awards will be given for at least one academic year and is renewable. This fund will assist students in covering normal tuition, usual fees, and all necessary books and supplies. Details

and applications may be found at www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org. QUESTIONS? Please contact Director of National Programs Joan Staunton at jstaunton@tmsf.org. **DEADLINE: March 22, 2002.**

American Association of University Women Beaver Valley Branch Effie Solomon Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is open to female residents of Beaver County, Pennsylvania who are enrolled in an accredited law school. Those who have completed at least one year of law school in good standing shall be given preference. Request an application by contacting Ms. Jean Macaluso at 724-869-8507. **DEADLINE: May 29, 2002.**

Green County Bar Association Scholarship Program

Applicants must be domiciled during the past five years in either Greene, Montgomery or Clark County, Ohio. At the time of application, the student must have completed one full year of law school, and must be enrolled as a second year student during the 2002-2003 academic year. Applicants will be judged on academics, reference, work experience, financial need, character, and extra-curricular activities/awards. The process of awarding the scholarship will be completed by the end of August 2002. The successful applicant will be notified by mail. A few applications are on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. Additional applications may be requested by contacting Ms. Nancy Hedges at 937-562-5515. QUESTIONS? Please contact Ms. Hedges. **DEADLINE: May 31, 2002.**

Attorney-CPA Foundation Scholarship Program

This foundation will award ten scholarships in 2002 in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 to ten students who will be entering their third year of law school in the fall 2002. Since 1998, the Foundation has awarded 40 scholarships to students at 32 law schools across the country. The scholarship are open to law students who will be entering their third year of law school and who have obtained a CPA certificate. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, leadership in the school and community and need for assistance in completing their studies. Some applications are on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. Additional applications may be obtained by contacting Attorney-CPA Scholarship Chairman Allen Webster at 82-864-5756 or by calling the Foundation office at 800-272-2889. QUESTIONS? Please contact Mr. Webster or the Foundation Office. **DEADLINE: Scholarship applications should be post-marked by April 30, 2002.**

ATTN: MTAX Students and/or Students Pursuing the Tax Track within the J.D. Program – American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA) John L. Carey 2002-2003 Scholarship Program

Seven \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to liberal arts degree holders who wish to pursue a CPA certificate. The criteria include academic achievement, leadership and future career interest and are contingent upon acceptance in a graduate accounting program. A few applications are on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. Additional application forms may be obtained at www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm. QUESTIONS? Please contact

AICPA Coordinator Leticia B. Romeo at educat@aicpa.org or 212-596-6221. **DEADLINE: April 1, 2002.**

Polonia Foundation of Ohio Scholarship Program

In recent years, grants from this program ranged from \$700 to \$1,500. Students of Polish ancestry who are Ohio residents are encouraged to apply. Some application forms are on the information table next to the receptionist's desk. Additional applications may be obtained by contacting Scholarship Committee Chairman Edward J. Jayjack at 440-843-8041. **DEADLINE: June 15, 2002.**

Career Planning News

The following is a list of upcoming events and opportunities. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Career Planning and Placement Office at 330-972-5321.

Upcoming Programs

SBA Public Interest Spring Fellowship Program

This program is for students working in poverty law (legal aid, public defender) or nonprofit organizational work, and volunteer or near-volunteer work for government agencies during Spring 2002.

The SBA Public Interest Law Spring Fellowship Program supports and encourages those students who would like to gain experience, either paid or unpaid, in public interest areas. If you think you would like to do this work, but have no idea how to line up a placement, please feel free to call upon Professor Koosed (statewide agencies), Professor Carro (Akron), or Career Planning Director, Jay Levine, Ph.D. (generally). We have set an **application deadline of February 15, 2002**. It is expected that you will secure a placement in advance of submitting your application for a fellowship.

Application guidelines can be obtained at the Dean’s Office Receptionist’s Desk.

Brown Bag Seminars

Diversity in the Profession

Topics for this program include: What is Diversity?, Preserving Democracy, The Rule of Law, and Initiatives to Promote a Free Society. Speakers will include Dr. Robert Sturkey and Akron Attorneys Virginia Robinson and Jack Morrison, Jr. The program will be held on Wednesday, February 20th from 5:30 – 6:30p.m. Please plan on attending this important presentation. Pizza will be served. Please sign up in the Career Planning Office.

Sports Compliance Brown Bag Seminar

Heather Lyke, Assistant Director for Sports Compliance at Ohio State University will present a seminar on Sports Compliance on Monday, February 18th from 12:05-1:00p.m. in Room 151 and from 5:30-6:30p.m. in Room 167. We encourage you to bring your lunch/dinner and join us for this informative program!

Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams

The Career Planning Office is pleased to welcome back author, Kimm Alayne Walton, JD, who will present a seminar on her popular book, Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job Of Your Dreams on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Student Lounge. Ms Walton has captivated audiences from coast to coast and has helped thousands of law students get the legal job of their dreams. We encourage you to attend this program! Please stop in the Career Planning Office and reserve your space.

Legal Specialties

Lisa Brams, author of The Official Guide to Legal Specialties will present on March 20th from 5:30-7:00p.m. Stay tuned for further details.

Spring On-Campus Interview Season

The Spring On-Campus Interview Season is underway. To date, the

following firms have signed up to conduct on-campus interviews:

- Internal Revenue Service
- Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty
- U.S. Air Force JAG Corps.
- Paramount Financial Group
- U.S. Army JAG Corps
- Lexis-Nexis
- Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office

Small/Medium Job Fair

The Career Planning Office is pleased to announce a new program. On Saturday, March 2nd, small/medium employers will be conducting interviews at the Law School from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Participating employers to date include:

- City of Akron Department of Law
- Davis & Young
- Emerson & Skeriotis
- Janik & Dorman
- Lynda Harvey Williams & Assoc.
- Reminger & Reminger
- Witschey & Witschey

Please watch for the announcement in your mailbox identifying participating employers, hiring criteria and application deadlines.

Government Information Fair

The Annual Government Information Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2002 from 5:00p.m. – 6:30p.m. in the Law School Atrium. Below is a list of the organizations that have signed up to participate to date:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services
- U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
- Industrial Commission of Ohio
- Ninth District Court of Appeals
- Office of Chief Counsel, IRS
- Ohio Commission on African-American Males
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Richland County Prosecutor’s Office
- Summit County Prosecutor’s Office
- United States Attorney’s Office
- United States Marine Corps JAG Program

Please stop in the Career Planning & Placement Office and sign up to attend this event.

Mock Interview Week

Mock Interview Week will be held from March 18-22nd. Please watch your mailbox for future announcements regarding this program.

Writing Competitions

National Native American Law Students Association Writing Competition

The subject is the effect of recent United States Supreme Court jurisprudence on the internal governance of Tribal Nations within the United States.

Cash Prizes:

- 1st - \$200.00 and PMBR course
- 2nd - \$150.00
- 3rd – 50.00

Deadline – March 1, 2002

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition

Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics.

Cash Prize: \$1,000.00

Deadline – April 30, 2002

Summer Programs Abroad

We receive information on numerous study abroad programs as well as various LLM programs. Below is a sampling of recent programs received:

- Duquesne Univ.: *Beijing, China;*
- Georgetown: *Florence, Italy; London, England;*
- Golden Gate Univ.: *Bangkok, Thailand;*
- Howard Univ.: *South Africa;*
- Louisiana State: *France; Notre Dame: London, England;*
- Nova Southeastern: *San Jose, Costa Rica;*
- St. Mary’s Univ.: *Innsbruck;*
- Temple Univ.: *Tokyo, Japan; Athens, Greece; Rome, Italy; Tel Aviv, Israel;*
- Univ. of New Mexico: *Mexico;*
- Univ. of San Diego: *Barcelona, Spain; Florence, Italy; England;*
- Dublin, Ireland; *Russia; Paris, France*

Suggestions Wanted

If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our services, please let us know. We welcome your thoughts and opinions!

Student Organization News

Lexis Certification Program

The LEXIS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM will be offered in late February or early March. Students will have to complete 4 modules, 3 of them take home exercises and quizzes, and the 4th will be a Prepare to Practice (cost effective research) class that the student must attend long with completing a quiz. Should you have further questions, you can contact our Lexis Representative, Teri Burns, directly at teri.burns@lexisnexis.com, or you can contact the Student Representatives, Lisa Starr lisastarr42@hotmail.com or Adam Daughtery adam_doc@yahoo.com, by email, at school, during our lab hours, or at a table day. The student reps are available to help everyone with any Lexis questions, including professors. Please feel free to ask!

Free Westlaw Certification

Westlaw will be holding "certification" classes on February 18-21. Attend one session on case law, one session on statutes, successfully complete on quiz for each session on TWEN ("The West Education Network"), and receive a certificate (suitable for framing) stating that you are "Westlaw Certified" for both statutory and case law research. The training sessions will last approximately 1 hour and the quiz may be taken more than once. The classes will be held in the 3rd Floor Computer Lab in the Library at the following times:

Monday, Feb. 18th:
Case Law: 4:00-5:00
Statutes: 5:30-6:30

Tuesday, Feb. 19th:
Statutes: 4:00-5:00
Case Law: 5:30-6:30

Wednesday, Feb. 20th:
Case Law: 4:00-5:00
Statutes: 5:30-6:30

Thursday, Feb. 21st:
Statutes: 4:00-5:00
Case Law: 5:30-6:30

We at Westlaw know that the Spring job-hunting session is upon us, and the Westlaw Certification will be a nice touch on your resume. . . not to mention the additional research skill you'll gain by attending the sessions! To register, please e-mail Marie Kellar at marie216@yahoo.com or put a note in her mailbox (#278) indicating which sessions you would like to attend. Enrollment is limited to 15 students per session. You must attend one session on case law and one session on statutes in order to receive your certificate, but you do not have to attend them on the same day. A variety of days/times are scheduled for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you there!

L.A.W. Mardi Gras Party

L.A.W. is having a Mardi Gras Celebration on Fat Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at The Dorm in the Valley from 8:00P.M.-?? \$5.00 covers you all night. Beads and masks are also available for sale.

Phi Alpha Delta

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity would like to congratulate its new officers:

- Justice – Heather Moseman
- Vice Justice – Nicole Swearingen-Hilker
- Clerk – Jill Magensky
- Treasurer – Jason Marshall
- Marshall – Carrie Lead

ALLSA and BLSA Say Thank You!

ALLSA and BLSA would like to thank everyone for helping to make the 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Food Fair a success! The proceeds from the Food

Fair totaled approximately \$500, all of which will be donated to the Open M Community Center. We would especially like to thank our members, SBA, L.A.W., and the International Law Students Association for their generous donations of food and time.

Annual SBA Auction

The Annual SBA Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Akron. The doors will open at 10:00a.m. and the auction will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. The Student Bar Association will begin selling tickets on Thursday, February 7. Tickets are \$5.00 from the 7th to the 18th of February. After the 18th, tickets will be \$7.00. The ticket price includes lunch and dessert. Auction items including a blimp ride, sports memorabilia, Bar Bri Bar Review Courses, tickets to sporting and cultural events.

Are you a Community-Minded person?

Do you have an interest in serving people through the law? If so, the Akron Public Interest Law Society needs your help. One of the Law School's newest student organizations (pending University approval), will be holding its first organization meeting in late February. Refreshments will be served and please come preparing for a brainstorming session. Look for future announcements and postings soon! Questions can be directed to Jen Luley, via e-mail, JenLu97@aol.com.

Final Thought!

If some people got their rights they would complain of being deprived of their wrongs.

- Unknown