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Message From The Dean

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Dear Law Students:

Welcome back to our returning students and welcome aboard to our new ones. This is one of our largest entering classes and, as expected, they are bright, energetic, and excited. They will make good “alums-in-waiting” and, of course, alums in a few short years.

Over the past two years, the faculty has been considering a number of changes to our curriculum, and they will continue that process this year. One change is already evident - our restructured Legal Research and Writing Program [LRAW]. The revamping is in two parts. First, entering and future students will have three semesters of LRAW, with one semester focused on specific skills. The exact nature of that skills course, and the integration of skills into first year courses is still in the process of development. Dean Jordan is coordinating that effort and I hope to be able to report to you soon on what exactly is going to be done.

Next, we have added four new faculty, who will, under the direction of Professor Richard Cohen, be teaching the LRAW courses. Each of these new colleagues comes with years of experience and a skill set that we are confident will assist our students.

Barbara Sanchez graduated from the University of Akron, where she was Articles Editor of the Law Review and winner of five CALI awards. She worked as an extern in the United States Attorney’s office and for 6th Circuit Judge, The Honorable Deborah L. Cook. Most recently, she has been an Associate at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP.

Ann L. Shiavone is a graduate of Duquesne Law School, where she was first in her class and a member of the Law Review. She has served as an Adjunct Professor of Legal Research and Writing at Duquesne, an Associate at Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, LLP, and Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, PC. Most recently, she has served as In-House Legal Counsel for a subsidiary of Bank of America.

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Elizabeth Shaver is a graduate of Cornell law School, where she was a member of the Law Review. She has served as a federal District Court clerk in Maryland and an Associate at Jones Day in their Cleveland office. Most recently, she has been the Senior Attorney at Genesis Professional Liability Managers, the Director’s and Officers Liability subsidiary of Berkshare-Hathaway.

Richard Strong is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and has served as an Adjunct Legal Writing Instructor at Akron Law. For many years, he was a trial attorney, and then shareholder at Roetzel and Andress. He has made many presentations on medical malpractice, jury trials, and writing.

Welcome to our new colleagues and your teachers and again to you - our alums in waiting!

Martin H. Belsky
Dean and Randolph Baxter Professor of Law

Office of External Programs

Greetings from the Office of External Programs and welcome to the fall semester here at Akron Law.

We are delighted to inform you of a new student benefit: automatic membership in the Akron Bar Association. As an Akron Law student, you are automatically a member of our local bar association. Student members receive the following benefits:

- the weekly ABA E-News about upcoming events and programs at the Akron Bar;
- a PDF of the monthly Akron Bar Examiner, which includes great substantive information as well as articles on the local legal community;
- automatic membership in Ab Initio, the young lawyers section, including invitations to their social and networking events;
- the opportunity to join other sections and select committees;
- free attendance at CLE programs (on a space available basis);
- the chance to start building your network; and much more!

Whether you intend to practice law in Akron, establish a non-traditional career, or relocate to another area after graduation, your Akron Bar membership is an invaluable introduction to the legal community. If you don’t wish to be a student member, please inform Michele Novachek in the Office of External Programs (manovac@uakron.edu). Again, welcome to your fall semester and welcome to the Akron Bar Association. For more information about the Akron Bar, visit www.akronbar.org.

With kind regards,
Meg Andreeff Matejkovic ('92)
Assistant Dean for External Programs

Legal Clinic News

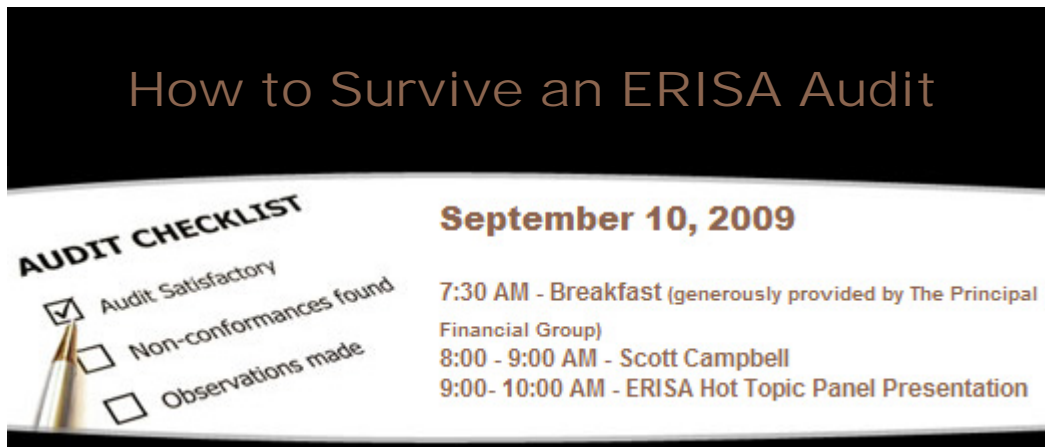
New Business Legal Clinic (NBLC) Opportunity

The NBLC is a teaching clinic that provides non-litigation, legal assistance to small and emerging businesses, with a special emphasis on women and minorities. The NBLC has been in operation since September 2002 and has provided legal consultation and services to over 1500 small business owners and entrepreneurs. Currently, the NBLC has 180 retained clients.

The NBLC currently has an opening for a student assistant. If you are interested in working at the NBLC, beginning with the fall 2009 session, please send a cover letter and resume to Prof. Stephen Cook, Room 128, West Hall, as soon as possible. The student assistant will work a set number of hours weekly at a modest hourly wage and will be responsible for keeping track of student and client hours, coordinating student submission of experience journals and related tasks.

General News

Interested in knowing more about employee pension and health plans? Join our program...



LOCATION: University Martin Center, 105 Fir Hill St.

Scott Campbell, Supervisory Benefits Advisor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration U.S. Department of Labor, will discuss how to prepare for a Department of Labor audit and how to avoid being selected for an audit. Mr. Campbell's presentation will be followed by an ERISA Hot Topic Panel Presentation, covering fee disclosure, education v. advice, and Qualified Default Investment Alternatives.

Three students may attend **free**, by being selected from a random drawing. To enter the drawing for free registration, submit your name, e-mail address and telephone number no later than Sept. 4 to Michele Novachek in the Office of External Programs (manovac@uakron.edu). All are welcome to pay the \$50 registration fee to attend.

For more information and for paid registration, visit: www.uakron.edu/continuinged.

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ATTENTION LAW STUDENTS

The University of Akron School of Law



Substance Abuse Lecture



One Hour of Lecture is Required for the Ohio Bar Examination

Formerly part of the Professional Responsibility course, Substance Abuse Lectures are now offered to the entire law student body ***only once during the fall and once during the spring semesters.***

FALL 2009 Lecture

Thursday, September 17, 2009

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Law School Room #151

No R.S.V.P. Necessary

Each Session Begins and Ends Promptly

Speaker:

Attorney Scott R. Mote, Executive Director of Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (OLAP)

<http://www.ohiolap.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

The next Substance Abuse Lecture will be offered:

SPRING 2010

tentatively scheduled for

Tuesday, January 16, 2009

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Questions?

Contact College Program Specialist and Law School Registrar, Liz Sauders at **liz@uakron.edu**

From Assistant Dean Lauri S. Thorpe...

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAM – UPDATE EFFECTIVE FEB. 2010 EXAM

The following message was received from Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

Please accept this email as notice that the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee recently voted to change the essay portion of its bar examination. Beginning in February 2010, up to ½ of the essay portion of the exam will be drawn from the Multistate Essay Examination as produced by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. As a result, the CT bar examination will no longer be administered on Wednesday and Thursday, but will instead be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thus, it will no longer be possible to sit for certain bar exams concurrently with CT, such as NY; however, individuals will now be able to sit concurrently in other jurisdictions where this was previously impossible, such as MA. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.jud.ct.gov/CBEC/>.

New Legal Intern Application -- OHIO

FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO BAR ADMISSIONS OFFICE -- Please be advised that the Supreme Court of Ohio has amended [Gov. Bar Rule II](#), effective August 1, 2009. Among other things, this includes changes to the application for certification as a legal intern. In addition to the two documents required in the past, a certificate from the applicant’s supervising attorney is now required. You will find the instructions to the application and the application materials on the [Office of Bar Admissions](#) website.

QUESTIONS? - Please contact The Supreme Court of Ohio Bar Admissions Office at www.supremecourt.ohio.gov

Student Organization News



LAW/ACLU

LAW and the Akron Law chapter of the ACLU will be selling coffee, tea and various breakfast food items every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7am – 9am during the fall semester.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The Environmental Law Association will be selling Fair Trade Coffee and various foods every Thursday at 7am.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The Federalist Society is hosting “Nationalized Health Care: Is it Good for America?” on Thursday, September 10, 2009 from 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm in Room 151. This will be a panel discussion.

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LAW

The Law Association of Women is collecting items for the Battered Women’s Shelter now through December 12. For a list of items, please see the Akron Law Student Organizations Calendar of Events on the School of Law website.

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/studentorgs/forms.php>

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/studentorgs/eventannounce.php>

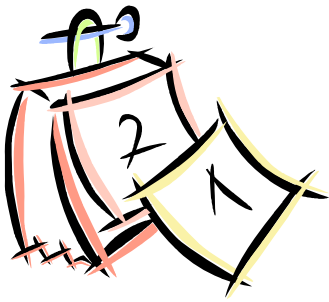
School of Law Building Access

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.**

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.



Administrative Brief Calendar

Deadline Date:

September 9
September 23
October 7
October 21
November 4
November 18

Issue Dates

September 15
September 29
October 13
October 27 (Quarterly)
November 10
November 24

Labor Day Holiday

NO CLASSES HELD - Monday, September 7, 2009

Veteran’s Day:

LAW CLASSES HELD

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 10 - 11, 2009

Thanksgiving Break:

Thursday, November 26 – Saturday, November 28, 2009

Thanksgiving Holiday begins

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 5:00 pm

Last Instructional Day

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Reading Period

Saturday, November 28 – Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Exam Period

Wednesday, December 2 – Saturday, December 12, 2009

“One of the hardest tasks of leadership is understanding that you are not what you are, but what you’re perceived to be by others.”

~Edward L. Flom