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How do you cope with stress?

The 5th Circuit wants to know how you cope with the stress of law school. What stress relieving techniques have you tried and how well did it work for you? Please submit your ideas and experiences for a chance to be featured in the next newsletter.

This is an opportunity to help out your fellow 5th Circuit members!

Submit all entries to Kyle Bedran at kyle.bedran@law.fcsl.edu.

Letter from the Governor

Hello 5th Circuit! We have had a rather busy semester so far in the 5th Circuit. Earlier this month we hosted the Fall Leadership Summit in conjunction with the 4th and 6th Circuit at our very own Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida. I'd like to specially thank Bolanle Akinrimisi, our Executive Lt. Governor, for all of her hard work and dedication to in planning a very successful event! We had over sixty ABA Law Student Members in attendance, with the 5th Circuit making the strongest showing. As part of my plan for increased communication during the year, we were able to record the 5th Circuit Meeting and we are working towards converting it into a Podcast for those who were not able to make the meeting. I will definitely keep you posted as soon as it is available!

In this newsletter you'll find information about the Fall Leadership Summit, Writing Competitions, CLE events, Upcoming events, and other Member Benefits. The 5th Circuit is looking ahead to plan our next meeting for February. Currently, we're looking at hosting the Spring Meeting in Atlanta, Alabama, or Mississippi and I want your feedback! I want to maximize 5th Circuit Participation in the Spring and I know that it is often difficult to get funding for travel. Please let me know which location would work best for you, I'd love to see you there!

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Fall ABA Leadership Summit

The ABA Leadership Summit was a fun and exciting event for all who attended! Students were given the opportunity to network with prestigious judges and lawyers in the Southeastern region, and were able to develop connections with other law students within the circuit. Furthermore, students who attended explored critical leadership skills that will help them become more competitive in the job selection process upon graduation.

Stetson's involvement in the Leadership Summit began with a short essay contest, where students expressed their interest in attending the event. The most common desire for interested students was the opportunity to become more involved with ABA and to serve as a vocal representative for Stetson on a national level. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, only eight students could be selected. However, the chosen students received an all-expense paid trip to Jacksonville, which included transportation costs, food, and hotel accommodations!

On October 2nd, 2009, the eight lucky [Stetson] law students ventured off for the weekend. Friday night kicked off with a social event at Dave and Busters and 4th, 5th, and 6th circuit governors and lieutenant governors welcomed representative from 19 law schools in a private guest lounge. Everyone participated in a meet-and-greet to get to know other students around the region. The goal was to build connections with other ABA members in a relaxed atmosphere. In that regard, Dave and Busters was the perfect location!

Saturday morning, everyone woke up bright and early to meet esteemed judges and attorneys in the legal community. Joining them for breakfast and coffee, the student gained insight in to their experiences. The most fascinating aspect about this portion of the event was the diversity of character - each and every professional had experience in a different field of law, and therefore brought something new to the table. Shortly after that, students attended seminars with different legal professional guest speakers. The speakers discussed their own interpretation of leadership, and the vital role it plays in the community. They also discussed the importance of ethics and gave advice on the future of the legal profession.



Lt. Governors Victoria Myers (Internal Communications) and Samantha Kargbo (ABA Representatives)

The next event was hosted by the Career Services Department of Florida Coastal School of Law. The speakers explained how to transform a college resume into one suitable for the legal profession. They described various tactics on how to improve a resume and make a cover letter stand out from the masses. Since 85% of prospective jobs are never advertised, the speakers discussed alternative - yet effective - ways to network in the area.



5th Circuit Leadership: (Left to Right) Kyle Bedran, Kamephis Perez, Brittany Pribbenow, Samantha Kargbo, Tiffany Colbert, Bolanle Akinrimisi, and Victoria Myers

The final event of the day focused on roundtable issues for ABA and SBA members, which addressed the following topics: how to host special events on campus; how to build interest in campus organizations; how to promote and encourage diversity; and how to maintain a healthy mental character.

It is without question that the Fall Leadership Summit was successful. Every ABA member who attended was able to take home something new, whether

it be advice on how to make them more competitive in the job selection process or information on how to improve a common shortcoming.

Students fear not, the Leadership Summit will return next year. You may even have the opportunity to partake in the extraordinary experience!

Jay Wadhvani, Stetson University College of Law

Special Thanks to Florida Coastal School of Law Faculty, Staff and Students, and the 4th, 5th and 6th District Governors and Lt. Governors for a successful Fall Leadership Summit!

Get to Know Your Lt. Governors

Lt. Governor of Regional Affairs and Relations

Georgia

– Tammy Holcomb is the Lt. Governor for Georgia. Currently, she is in the process of trying to meet with representatives from the Georgia Law Schools to increase ABA membership and figure out ways to work more closely with each other instead of being so separate.

Barry University School of Law Hosts Environmental Justice Summit

More than seventy lawyers and law students gathered at Barry University School of Law's first Environmental Justice Summit, "Serving the Underserved: Improved Representation for Environmental Justice Communities," on October 23, 2009. The program was presented by the Earth Jurisprudence Committee and the Environmental Law Society.

Lois Gibbs, a 2003 Nobel Peace Prize nominee and executive director of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, delivered the keynote address. Gibbs became involved with environmental justice in 1978, when she discovered that her child's elementary school was built atop a 20,000-ton toxic chemical dump. She founded the Love Canal Homeowners Association and directly influenced the creation of the federal Superfund program to clean up waste sites.

The Summit began with local farmworkers sharing their experiences "on the muck" near Lake Apopka, where they were exposed to toxic chemicals. Residents from Tallevast, Ocala, and the Ft. Walton area described environmental injustices in their neighborhoods. Panels of attorneys, educators, and community organizers then focused on the impact of wrongful environmental practices on disadvantaged communities, the limitations of current legal doctrines, and the need for expanded action. The day concluded with a roundtable discussion of the next steps towards providing greater relief to the survivors of environmental injustice.

Jane M. Goddard, Esq. Program Coordinator for Central Florida *Center for Earth Jurisprudence*

Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries: Impressive

The ABA's Forum on Entertainment and Sports Law Annual meeting proved to be an exciting time. This year, the annual meeting was held in New York City's Grand Hyatt where eager law students and lawyers were captivated by numerous panels that were hosted by some of the top lawyers in the field. The panels included topics from Ethics and copyright to Interactive Technology and the Arts. Many lawyers and law students reported that this year's panels were impressive, filled with informative information that was easily accessible through the website and timely topics lead by and discussed by some of the most passionate, knowledgeable lawyers. The panels were so entertaining and informational that it became even harder for attendees to choose between them.

The conference also held, for the first time, a new attendee/member and international attendee reception. This reception was a new project brought by the governing committee that really allowed the Forum to mingle with and appreciate its new members. The reception was well attended as it was followed by an overall reception that brought together both the new members and the old members. The Forum made a strong effort to allow all members to network in a stress free friendly gathering. The receptions were nicely put together and were well attended. It was a wonderful scene to see lawyers and law students take out time to really just relax and talk to one another.



The Forum was not finished as it brought one of the legendary and extremely accomplished speakers to the meeting, Steven Van Zandt. The luncheon was amazing and interactive as attendees were introduced to Van Zandt while he took out the time from his busy schedule to have quality time with attendees. It was truly spectacular as he discussed trendy topics and more importantly, allowed the audience to ask him questions. It was an honor to be in his presence and a treat for everyone.

Finally, the Governing Committee met at the end of what was an exhausting event that left everyone with smiles on their faces. The committee met to discuss briefly new initiatives for both lawyers and law students. The committee has started its first initiative by launching social sites on facebook and LinkedIn. For law students, a twitter and a facebook page hosted by the Forum on Entertainment and Sports Law LSD Liaison has been created to keep law students up to date with opportunities near and far. The committee is truly passionate about growing, coming together with other sections, working with circuit governors and bringing even more opportunities to its members.

The new initiatives will surely prove to be beneficial for everyone. It is clear to see the governing committee cares about its members and the quality it brings to them. If you are not a member, sign up and become interactive with an amazing Forum with new opportunities already in the works.

Victoria Myers

Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Law LSD Liaison

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S **2010 SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM**

2010 will be a very important year for each of the “Big Four” American professional sports leagues. The NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) is set to expire at the end of the 2010 season; the NBA and NHL CBA expire after their respective 2010 and 2011 seasons; and the MLB has until December 11, 2011 before its current CBA expires.

Next year will thus be a crucial period full of negotiations between the owners’ and players’ associations in each sport. Instead of limiting the general public to reading one-sided opinions about existing terms that should be modified or new terms that should be added to these agreements, we would like to bring the issues to the forefront of academia by establishing a group of intellectuals to bargain collectively in Gainesville, Florida and engage in a thoughtful discourse about why CBAs exist, how they help players and owners, key terms that will be argued, etc.

The 2010 UF Sports Law Symposium will take place on January 29, 2010 at the UF Levin College of Law. The event is free to the public, and no prior registration is necessary in order to attend. Undergraduates, law students, professors, athletes, coaches, and the general public are encouraged to join as the country’s leading experts in sports business and law convene in a discussion about the various leagues’ Collective Bargaining Agreements.

This year, the UF Sports Law Symposium is proud to announce an alliance with the National Sports & Entertainment Law Society (NSELS). NSELS focuses on organizing and centralizing sports and entertainment law societies; providing a resource for both emerging and established sports and entertainment law societies; connecting students who want to pursue a legal career in the industries; and educating members and the general public about developments in sports and entertainment law.

Currently, NSELS is collaborating to sponsor academic conferences and social events, provide scholarships to students, and assist law schools in starting up sports and entertainment law societies.

For more information regarding the event, please contact the Symposium Chair, Darren Heitner, at heitner@gmail.com.

6th Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic

The 6th Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic will be held on November 14th, 2009 at 12 noon at Amelia Earhart Park (401 E 65th St, Hialeah, FL.). If you would like to RSVP or volunteer please go to www.kttlaw.com/mmp.

The Picnic is a great networking opportunity and will bring lawyers, judges and law firms together from all over the state of Florida. There is also great food, good music and plenty of fun and games to go with the networking.

How To Defend Against Abusive Debt Collectors

Guest Speakers

Leonard Elias, Esq.
Scott D. Owens, Esq.

Friday, October 30, 2009
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

North Dade Justice Center
15555 Biscayne Blvd, 2nd Floor
Miami, Florida 33160

Advance Registration \$30
\$35 at the door but, lunch is not guaranteed
Two hours of CLE Credit has been applied for
Go to: <https://dadecountybar.org/forms/103009cccs2.php> to Register.

Dade County Bar Association
Civil Litigation Committee

SECURITIES LITIGATION IN CHANGING TIMES

Speaker

Tracy A. Nichols, partner Holland & Knight
Adam Moskowitz, Managing partner Kozayak Tropin & Throckmorton
Eric I. Bustillo, Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Economic & Environmental Crimes Section

Friday, November 6, 2009

9:00 am to 10:50 am

Dade County Courthouse
73 West Flagler St
Ceremonial Courtroom 6-1
Miami, Florida

Registration \$10 Members \$20 Non-members
2 hour CLE Credit Approved

Go to: <https://dadecountybar.org/forms/110609cls.php> to register.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL FALL SEMINAR

Ethics and Professionalism Seminar

Speakers

THE HONORABLE DAVID M. GERSTEN
Distinguished Panel of Judges TBA

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Seminar 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Reception immediately following

Thomas Barkdull Third District Court of Appeal Building
2001 S.W. 117 Avenue
Miami, Florida

Registration includes Reception
\$25 Members \$35 Non-Members
\$20 Law Students
\$40 at the door space permitting

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 13, 2009
2 Hours CLER Credit applied for from the Florida Bar

Go to: <https://dadecountybar.org/forms/1117093rddcafs.php> to register

Other Events

Broward County Area Students:

Go to: <http://www.browardbar.org/calendar/index.php>

For information on upcoming Broward County Bar Association Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

Jacksonville Area Students:

Go to: <http://www.jaxbar.org/calendar.php>

For information on upcoming Jacksonville Bar Association Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

Miami-Dade County Area Students:

Go to: <http://dadecountybar.org/calendar/>

For information on upcoming Dade County Bar Association Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

Orlando Area Students:

Go to: <http://www.orangecountybar.org/mc30/Calendar.asp?ID=4>

For information on upcoming Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

Tampa Area Students:

Go to: <https://www.hillsbar.com/Calendar/Default.aspx>

For information on upcoming Hillsborough Bar Association Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

Tallahassee Area Students:

Go to: <http://www.tallahasseebar.org/about-us-event-calendar/>

For information on upcoming Happy Hours, Seminars, and other Networking Events

ABA Live Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts

Unpublished discounts to participate on ABA Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts are available to ABA Law Student Division members. For more information, [contact the ABA Center for CLE](#).

Young Lawyers Division

Anatomy of an Appeal, Part II: Persuasion

November 3, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Experienced appellate lawyers will teach you the nuances between trial and appellate court persuasion. The Judicial Division's Appellate Judges Conference is cosponsoring the Teleconference series. Contact [Lisa Gomes](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Judicial Division, for discounted rates available to ABA Law Student Division members. [Tell me more](#)

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

General Practice 101: Avoiding Solo/Small Firm Ethical Traps

November 5, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Learn the basic concepts every lawyer needs to practice defensively, including practical approaches to

avoiding and minimizing potential malpractice and conflicts of interest. Lawyers are often ill-prepared to protect themselves from would-be plaintiffs with often very predictable prospective claims. This program examines the California Rules of Professional Conduct and legal decisions that define the "Standard of Practice" as finite boundaries or "zones" within which lawyers can practice in relative safety. Take home practical tools you can use to avoid predictable and obvious obstacles. [Tell me more](#)

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

Networking Effectively and Ethically

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Everyone knows that networking is good for your legal career, but few attorneys make it a priority. This program focuses on how to build your network in a manner that feels comfortable for you. [Tell me more](#)

Senior Lawyers Division

Diminished Capacity: How to Recognize It and What To Do About It

December 3, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

This teleconference and integrated visual webcast will provide you with the tools to objectively make preliminary assessments of capacity and undue influence, while balancing the competing goals of preserving autonomy and protecting vulnerable individuals. Participants will have online access to *Assessment of Older Adults With Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers*, published by the ABA Commission on Law and Aging and the American Psychological Association. [Tell me more](#)

Business Law

Ethics Basics for Business Lawyers

December 5, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

The application of legal ethics rules to the business practice can be complex and bewildering even to experts. This program is designed to assist good business lawyers who have little time or inclination to study the ethics rules to spot issues and seek help where appropriate. [Tell me more](#)

Family Law

"The Love Bug" and Other Ethical Issues Arising from the Use of Technological Tools

December 9, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Panelists will address ethical issues that arise from the increasing use of technological tools by family law attorneys and litigants, including issues that arise from the use of spyware on computers, metadata, electronic surveillance, recording devices, and website advertising. [Tell me more](#)

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

The Six Systems Every Law Firm Owner Needs for More Freedom, More Money and More Happy Clients

December 10, 2009 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Alexis Martin Neeley will share the trials, tribulations and rewards of growing her practice from scratch into a million-dollar-a-year law business in just a few years. Every solo, small firm and family practitioner can also follow her proven blueprint for success that she developed and has now successfully taught to over 150 other lawyers. [Tell me more](#)

CLE Now!

[Free CLE](#) is now accessible to ABA Law Student Division members. Programs are digital downloads that you can access at your convenience. [Visit the ABA website](#) for a complete list of ABA CLE, including Live Teleconferences and Audio Web casts.

Writing Contests

Antitrust Law Section

[Writing Competition](#)

Award: First Place: \$2,000, registration fee, transportation, lodging and luncheon at Antitrust Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. Second Place Award: \$500

Article submission deadline: January

Business Law, Section of

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#)

Award: First place receives \$2,500, travel and lodging to attend the Section's Spring Meeting, possible publication in *The Business Lawyer*.

Entry deadline: January

Entertainment and Sports Industry Forum Committee and the Recording Academy

Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI)

[Annual GRAMMY® Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative \(ELI\) Writing Contest](#)

Award: \$5,000, plus all expenses to Grammy Awards

For additional information, please send an email to eli@grammy.com

Health Law

Health Law Writing Competition

Award: \$500 plus travel and lodging to the Section's *Emerging Issues Program*

Deadline for entry: December

[Tell me more about the Health Law Writing Competition](#)

Intellectual Property

ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law

Deadline for entry: Ongoing--winners chosen by participating schools

[Tell me more about the ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law](#)

Women in the Profession (Commission on)

[20th Anniversary Video/Essay Competition](#)

First Place Award: \$500 honorarium

Entry Deadline: December

Scholarships

Business Law, Section of

[Council on Legal Education Opportunities \(CLEO\) Scholarship](#)

Awards: Five \$1,000 scholarships and subsidized travel and attendance to the Section's Spring Meeting awarded to CLEO Fellow Scholars selected based on an essay competition.

Application Deadline: January

Internships, Clerkships and Competitions

Children and the Law

Internship Opportunities

Internships with the ABA Center for Children and the Law are available during the school year and summer months offering the opportunity to work on significant research and projects that improve the lives of vulnerable children and youth. For more information, contact **[Center Director, Howard](#)**

[Davidson](#). To receive Center updates and learn more about the Center's current projects, [visit the Center website](#).

COMING SOON: The ABA Center on Children and the Law Facebook page and online portal dedicated to informing current and prospective law students about hot issues in child welfare, research, career routes, internship placement opportunities, state resources, international opportunities, summer stipend information, post-graduate fellowships, workshops around the country, and a section routinely updated that spotlights child advocates (including judges and practitioners) in different arenas with interviews and insights on their experiences. For questions or to share items of interest with prospective child advocates, contact [Sunny Stevenson](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to the Center on Children and the Law.

Division for Public Services

2009 - 2010 Clerkships

See the [September issue of *Student Lawyer* magazine](#) for the Division for Public Service article. To be considered for a clerkship, applicants must be members in good standing (dues paid in full for the current bar year) of the ABA Law Student Division. For information about the following Public Service Clerkships and how to apply, please call 202/662-1691 or email the [ABA Division for Public Services](#).

- **Ten-week Spring/Summer Clerkship:** Open by competition, reviewed on a rolling basis and offering students entering their second or third year at an ABA-approved law school the opportunity to design and complete a legal research and writing project in substantive areas of Division concern. [Tell me more](#)
- **Fall/Winter Clerkship:** Typically involves conducting project research and writing; developing information for directories and other databases; coordinating survey development, distribution and results; or editing manuscripts for publication. Applicants may be undergraduate or law school students depending on project need. [Tell me more](#)

Entertainment and Sports Industries

12th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition

Submission deadline: January 4, 2010

Winners will be announced on January 22, 2010

Awards: First Place Winner \$5000; Four Semifinalists \$1,500 each

All winners receive: One GRAMMY Awards Show Ticket; Round Trip Airfare to the GRAMMY Awards in Los Angeles; Hotel Accommodations; and Ticket to The MusiCares Person of the Year Tribute Dinner

The ELI Essay Competition invites law students focusing on the entertainment practice to write a 3,000-word paper on a compelling legal topic facing the music industry today. The contest culminates with the winning student authors presenting their essays at the prestigious ELI luncheon on January 29, 2010. For competition rules and the ELI Writing Competition Workshops, visit the Entertainment Law Initiative page on [Facebook](#). From the Facebook homepage, search for “*The Entertainment Law Initiative*”. Non-Facebook users should send an e-mail to eli@grammy.com for more information and instructions.

Business Law Section

The CLEO (Council on Legal Education Opportunity) Fellow Scholar

Submission deadline: January 29, 2010

Awards: \$1000 Scholarships

Eligibility: The CLEO Fellow Scholar must be a first or second year law student that participated in a CLEO pre-law summer institute program or a pre-law weekend program is a member of the ABA Law Student Division and is interested in pursuing a career in business law.

Criteria: Complete application form, Resume, Letter of recommendation, Essay on "Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Business Law and How Becoming a CLEO Fellow Scholarship Recipient will Help My Career in Business Law".

Submissions should be sent to:

[Leslie Banas](#)

Business Law Section
American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654-7598

Assisted Reproduction/Family/Adoption Law

2010 Embryo Law Essay Competition

Submission deadline: January 4, 2010

Winners will be announced on January 22, 2010

Awards: 1st Place: \$2,500.00; 2nd Place: \$1,500.00; 3rd Place: \$1,000.00

Eligibility: The competition is open to currently enrolled students of **ABA accredited law schools** (including provisionally approved law schools). The essay must be the student's original, unpublished work. The paper may be prepared to satisfy a course requirement or for other academic credit.

However, the essay must be the work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. Co-authored papers are ineligible.

Format: Entries should reflect scholarship and be presented in law review style. Essays must not exceed twenty-five (25) pages, including title, citations, and any footnotes. The text of the essay must be double-spaced, with twelve-point font and one-inch margins. Citations must be embedded in text or in footnote form; essays with endnotes will be disqualified. Cites must conform with the 18th Edition of The Bluebook: Uniform System of Citation, available through: <http://www.legalbluebook.com>

Write a scholarly position paper in response to a [problem presented](#) on the website regarding embryo donation and adoption. <http://www.embryolaw.org/rules.asp>

The American Bar Association-Bar/BRI

12th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition

Submission deadline: November 30, 2009

Awards: Partial bar review scholarships

The American Bar Association's Law Student Division (ABA/LSD) and BAR/BRI will be awarding *partial* bar review scholarships to ABA/LSD members who are December 2009 or May 2010 graduates to be applied toward BAR/BRI Bar Review tuition. These scholarships are not assignable and may not be combined with any other BAR/BRI discount, other than the early enrollment discount.

Eligibility: Applicants must be active members of the ABA/LSD and must not have a commitment for full-time legal employment with a salary in excess of \$30,000 by the application deadline.

Furthermore, all applicants expressly agree to re-nounce the scholarship if they receive a commitment for full-time employment paying in excess of \$30,000 per year by graduation from law school.

Criteria: Applicants **MUST** also include a statement explaining why a scholarship is deserved (amount of loans, lack of job or job prospects, commitment to law, etc.).

Applications should be sent to:

BAR/BRI Bar Review
ABA Scholarship Committee
One N. Dearborn, Suite 650
Chicago, IL 60602

Congratulations/Accolades

Mississippi College School of Law is at **100% ABA participation!** Congratulations to the students and those who zealously represented the importance of joining ABA!

Congratulations to The Vanderbilt Health Law Society who recently published its annual edition of The Health Law & Public Policy Forum. This is a compilation of works written by students to explore the intersection of law and health care.

To view the first edition visit:

<http://law.vanderbilt.edu/student-resources/student-organizations/health-law-society/health-law-forum/index.aspx>