

American Bar Association Law Student Division September 2009 Update

Law Student Division Activities and Deadlines

Registration Now Open

2009 Fall Leadership Summits

The Fall Leadership Summit provides a wonderful opportunity to begin voluntary association with the American Bar Association and the Law Student Division. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to begin building your bridge to the legal profession through learning, leading, connecting and networking. For more agendas and registration forms, visit http://www.abanet.org/lsd/fall_mtgs/home.html.

- **Circuit 1-2-3-11:** October 3, 2009 – Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, DC)
- **Circuits 4-5-6:** October 3, 2009 – Florida Coastal School of Law (Jacksonville, FL)
- **Circuits 7-8-10-13:** October 3, 2009 – St. Louis University School of Law (St. Louis, MO)
- **Circuits 9-12-14-15:** October 9-10, 2009 – UC Berkeley School of Law (Berkeley, CA)

2009-2010 Law Student Health Insurance

The ABA Law Student Division offers students an opportunity to purchase health insurance, including their spouse/domestic partner and/or children. Law students currently enrolled in the Division's health insurance plan may extend coverage for up to one year after graduation, provided there is no break in coverage and the student meets all eligibility requirements. Note: Rates can be found on the enrollment form.

- Visit <https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA> for more information
- Visit UnitedHealthcare at <https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA> 2009-2010 Insurance Plans and Enrollment Information

Attention Graduating Law Students

Discounts and Scholarships on Bar Review Courses

ABA Law Student Division members are eligible to receive discounts and to scholarship off bar review courses:

- **Barbri bar review:** Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/membership/benefits/home.html#bar> for information of scholarship opportunities (Application deadline: November 20, 2009)
- **Kaplan-PMBR:** Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/membership/benefits/home.html#bar> for information on discounts off the Kaplan-PMBR Bar Review course.

Plan Your October Work-A-Day Event Today

Financial Crisis Solutions: Banking on Our Communities

Work-A-Day is the annual public service project of the ABA Law Student Division which brings law students from across the country together to participate in a one day public service project in their community. Law schools and students are encouraged to create activities and events during the first two weekends of October to help our communities cope with the financial and legal challenges that confront today's families in the current economic climate. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/work-a-day/> for more information

Law Student Division Competitions NOW AVAILABLE -- 2009-2010 Competition Entry Forms

Entry forms for the 2009-2010 competition season are still available. Please visit us at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/home.html> for details and eligibility requirements.

Client Counseling Competition

Entry Deadline: October 23, 2009

A competition promoting preventive law and counseling functions. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/clientcounseling/home.html> for more information.

National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Entry Deadline: November 6, 2009

A traditional moot court competition focusing on written and oral advocacy skills. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/naac/home.html> for more information.

ABA Entities Offer Law Students Opportunities to Build a Strong Resume

Division for Public Services

2009 - 2010 Clerkships

For more information, see the September issue of *Student Lawyer* magazine at of <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/home.html> for the Division for Public Service article.

- **Ten-week Spring/Summer Clerkship**

Open by competition, reviewed on a rolling basis and offering students entering into 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. Applicants must be members of the ABA Law Student Division.

- **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. For more information, visit http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/internship/0910_clerkship_flyer.pdf

For information about Public Service Clerkships and how to apply, please call 202/662-1691 or email the Division for Public Services at cccoleman@staff.abanet.org.

Law Practice Management

ABA Law Firm Marketing Strategies Conference Writing Challenge

Application Deadline: September 30, 2009

Join attorneys and legal marketers to learn how to effectively market your future practice. Entrants must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania Law School and submit a 500 word essay explaining why marketing is important to the legal profession. Five (5) winners will be selected and receive free registration to attend the conference (\$1,000 value). Contact Svetlana Kramarova at kramaros@staff.abanet.org for details or for more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lpm/marketingconference/>.

Public Contract Law

Law Student Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: September 30, 2009

Select a topic of your choosing that addresses an issue or debate in Public Contract Law. The first-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$5,000; second place \$2,500; and third place \$1,000. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/PublicContract/writing.pdf>.

Air and Space Law and Rolls-Royce

Air and Space Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: October 2, 2009

Entrants must submit their own original article addressing a topic relevant to the aerospace industry. The first-place winner will receive \$3,000 and the second-place winner will receive a \$2,000 prize. Contact Dawn Holiday at holidayd@staff.abanet.org for details and more information.

Business Law

Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest

Entry Deadline: January 8, 2010

Award: \$2,500, travel and lodging to attend the Section Spring Meeting; possible publication in *The Business Lawyer*. For details, visit <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/hershman/>

Business Law

Diversity Clerkship Program

Application Deadline: January 29, 2010

Provides summer business law internship placements in Philadelphia, PA or Wilmington, DE to qualified first or second year law students. This program is designed to expose participants to essential business practices. In considering a student's diversity, the Section will give special consideration to individuals who have overcome social or economic disadvantages such as physical disability, financial constraints, or cultural impediments to becoming a law student. For details, visit <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/students/clerkship.shtml>.

Business Law

Council on Legal Education Opportunity and Business Law Section Scholarship

Application Deadline: January 29, 2010

Award: Four to five \$1,000 scholarships to CLEO Fellow Scholars who are selected based on an essay competition. 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. For application details, visit <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/committees/CL360001pub/cleo.sht>

Visit the ABA Law Student Division website at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/writing-contests/> for a complete listing of law student writing competitions, scholarships, and awards available from ABA entities.

ABA Entities Offer Law Students Opportunities to Enhance Your Legal Education

Family Law

Fall CLE Conference

October 7-10, 2009 (Hilton Bonaventure Montreal - Montreal, Canada)

This event features a special plenary session, "*Today's Celebrity and High Net-Worth Client: The Media, Transparency and Today's World*". Other programming includes courses on adoption, immigration, and third-party custody and four programs addressing Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/family/events/fall09.shtml>.

Family Law

40-Hour Family Mediation Training

November 9-13, 2009 (Boston, MA)

The 40-Hour Family Mediation Training program is designed to provide you with an overview of the mediation process, including the various types of mediation and mediators, as well as strategies and skills you might consider using. Learn how mediation is used to address a variety of family law issues, including divorce, post-divorce modification, asset division, and custody and parenting arrangements. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/family/events/mediation09.shtml>.

Labor and Employment Law

Careers in Labor and Employment Law: A How-To Exploration of Options and Advice for Law Students on Finding the Right Job

Saturday, November 7, 2009 (1:00pm – 2:15pm)

Grand Hyatt, 1000 H. Street NW, Washington D.C

Meet with leading lawyers in the field of labor and employment law and to learn about the varied career paths in this growing specialty area. Students will receive concrete advice on how to get a job that interests them, whether in a big firm practice, a union legal staff, a boutique litigation firm, a federal regulatory agency or a corporate legal department. To RSVP for the program, email mooret@staff.abanet.org. This program is being presented as part of the [Section of Labor & Employment Law's Annual CLE conference](#) which will be attended by more than 1000 attorneys from around the country. Law students attending the Careers in Labor and Employment Law Lunch are also invited to attend the morning sessions of the Conference's Litigation Track, on Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at no charge. This program includes an entertaining wrap-up of the conference three day mock trial, including the results of the jury deliberations, an appellate oral argument and the judge's critique of the lawyers' presentations.

Enhance Your Legal Education Without Leaving Home

ABA Live Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts

Administrative and Regulatory Practice

Free Teleconference – Launching Careers in Government, Regulatory and Administrative Law *September 24, 2009 (4:00pm – 5:00pm Eastern Time)*

Free Dial-in: 800-504-8071

Access code: 6621582#

Limited attendance

Panel feature Jim O'Reilly, author of the upcoming ABA Guide to Careers in Government and Administrative Law. Pre-conference questions may be sent to the program director at james.oreilly@uc.edu. Time for oral questions will be included in the dialogue after the presentation.

State and Local Government Law

LIVE FROM THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW FALL MEETING

NAMUDNO v. Holder

Friday, October 2, 2009 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern Time)

An expert panel will discuss the impact and reach of the Court's Section 5 bailout ruling and its anticipated utilization by many more units of local government than before. The program will also highlight the Court's constitutional analysis of whether Congress had before it, sufficiently strong evidence of the continued need for Section 5 preclearance at the time it enacted the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09nvh1.html>.

State and Local Government

LIVE FROM THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW FALL MEETING

Ethics and Local Government Pay to Play: When Do Public Officials Cross the Line?

Friday, October 2, 2009 (12:15pm – 1:15pm Eastern Time)

"Pay to play" politics over the last several years has taken center stage highlighted by the alleged attempt to sell President Obama's former senate seat in Illinois. The issue and how states and local governments are dealing with it is timely and will appeal to all attorneys, both those in government and those that advise corporate and individual clients who come into contact with politicians or the political process. A panel of distinguished speakers will address when the normal political process crosses the line into pay to play, where the line becomes blurred, and what is being done to limit such practices. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09elg1.html>.

Litigation

Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Litigation: Developments in Derivative Standing and the *In Pari Delicto* Doctrine

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 (1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time)

Recently, two topics have generated substantial conversation and debate among bankruptcy litigators: derivative standing and the *in pari delicto* doctrine. The Section of Litigation's Bankruptcy and Insolvency Committee sponsored a program about these two topics at the Litigation Conference in Atlanta and is now hosting this timely discussion as a teleconference and live audio webcast. Join the expert panel as they conduct an in-depth discussion of these two hot bankruptcy litigation topics and how they are impacting bankruptcy litigators. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09pdd1.html>

Intellectual Property Law

The Open World Is Here! Advising Your Clients on the Development and Use of Open Source Software

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 (2:00pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time)

Join an expert faculty as they provide timely and critical information to attorneys that have limited open source experience with the education they need to understand the issues related to open source code/software. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09udo1.html> for more information.

Law Practice Management

Human Resources Compliance for Law Firms as the Landscape Changes: Understanding the Basics

Thursday, October 15, 2009 (1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern Time)

Are you fully familiar with your firm's legal obligations with respect to human resources compliance? In response to a troubled economy, employment claims are on the rise. At the same time, new legislation is being handed down at a dizzying pace. The good news is that you can protect your firm from the range of potential liabilities arising from the workplace. To do so, however, requires both education and action. Get the inside scoop of some of the more significant laws regulating the workplace and best practices for policies and procedures that every firm should develop to minimize potential exposures. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09hrc1.html>.

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm

LIVE FROM THE FALL MEETING

How to Hang Your Shingle and Start Your Firm

Friday, October 16, 2009 (12:30pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time)

Almost any lawyer can successfully start a practice if he or she is willing to spend some time learning the best steps to follow. Ninety minutes with Jay Foonberg and a few hours with his books, including the American Bar Association's all-time best-seller, *How to Start and Build a Law Practice*, can prevent you from wasting time and money doing it the wrong way. Mr. Foonberg's up to date classic books and programs have helped hundreds of thousands of lawyers achieve success! For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09hhy1.html>,

Family Law

Getting Paid for the Work You Do: How to Increase Your Income from Domestic Relations Cases

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (12:00pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time)

In these difficult economic times, how can domestic relations attorneys ensure payment for the services they render to their clients? This program will provide practical and enlightening information about evergreen retainers, provisions to include in fee agreements, and the pros/cons of suing a client. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t09gpf1.html> for more information.

Antitrust Law

Ethics and Conflicts at the U.S. Antitrust Agencies

Part of the Antitrust Teleseminar Series

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 (12:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time)

A panel of distinguished practitioners and current and former agency officials will address these questions and more. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/cet9ecu.html>.

CLE Now!

Free CLE is now accessible to ABA Law Student Division members at <http://www.abanet.org/cle/cle-now/>. Programs are digital downloads that you can access at your convenience. Visit the ABA website at <http://www.abanet.org/cle/claendar.html> for a complete list of ABA CLE, including Live Teleconferences and Audio Web casts.

Other Items of Interest

ABA JOURNAL AND WEB SITE SPOTLIGHT LEGAL REBELS

Call them “*rebels with a cause*” – legal professionals who are also leading innovators. Over the next three months, the *Journal* will profile 50 of the profession's leading innovators on www.LegalRebels.com, with at least three profiles added every week. Each profile will include multimedia features such as video interviews, podcasts, photo slideshows and live chats. Also online is the Legal Rebels Manifesto (www.LegalRebels.com/Manifesto) – a statement about what it means to be a Legal Rebel. It was posted as a wiki, and over the course of a month, was edited 65 times by the *Journal's* community of readers. Visitors can now sign the Manifesto, to show they're committed to innovation in their corners of the legal profession.

Senior Lawyers Division

Opportunities in Elder Law

The ABA Senior Lawyer's Division (SLD) would like to invite law students interested in Elder Law to join the Senior Lawyer's Division for the low annual price of only \$5.00. If you are interested in Elder Law as a career or as an area of pro bono work in the future, you should join the SLD. Given the fact that the elderly population is expected to double between 2000 and 2025, students interested in pursuing a general practice career should consider gaining experience in Elder Law through membership in the SLD. For more information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/sld/home.html>.

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Celebrates 20 Years of Observance

"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal."

The goal for Recovery Month is to broaden support and increase access for those in recovery and to highlight the importance of the education and treatment of substance abuse, a national health crisis. The ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse encourages lawyers and law students to get involved in their communities and schools to promote awareness about the issues of substance abuse and addiction. Last year, an outstanding 853 total events were held during Recovery Month that reached one million Americans. Please download a toolkit on ABA's website at <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Recovery-Month-Kit.aspx> and join the voices for recovery for this September.

Department of Homeland Security

Summer Intern and General Counsel Honors Programs

The Department of Homeland Security is accepting applications for the 2010 Summer Law Intern and 2010 Honors programs between August 15 and September 21, 2009. Details about the two programs can be accessed at the DHS website found at <http://www.dhs.gov>. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, references and a current law school transcript to OGCstaffing@dhs.gov. Final selections are expected in early November 2009.

Campbell Law School Opens its doors in Raleigh, North Carolina

Campbell Law School is opening its doors in Raleigh, NC, previously the largest state capital without a law school, on Monday, September 14. Almost three years in the making, the school is leaving Buies Creek – a relocation that will bring unprecedented opportunities to both students and the legal community. Benefits of this bold move are already apparent, even before the school opens its Raleigh doors. The Law School's entering 2009 class, the first group of students who will spend all three years in Raleigh, boasts the strongest academic credentials in the school's 33-year history.

Arizona State University

Volunteer Legal Assistance for Artist

A new organization has been formed at Arizona State University - the Volunteer Legal Assistance for Artist. This is a multifaceted organization dedicated to serving the local arts community. One initiative that the organization plans to implement is to do community outreach at local arts events, including art walks, exhibits, music clubs, film festivals, etc and hand out fliers, brochures, and offering legal education to artists. The organization also plans on organizing a biannual clinic for local artists (know your rights) event and will be working to advance legislation for public art parks, tax credits for filming, and funding to build sound stages in the Valley. For more information, visit www.artsadvocacy.org.