

# 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Newsletter

## ABA Law Student Division

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### **Lt. Governor of Diversity**

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### **Lt. Governor of Spring & Fall Meetings**

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### **Lt. Governor of Law Student Mental Health**

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### **Lt. Governor of VITA**

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### **Lt. Governor of Public Interest/Comm. Service**

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### **Lt. Governor of SBAs**

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## What was your law school related resolution?

The 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit wants to know what kind of resolutions you made with regards to studying and law school in general. Have you tried this before? Did it work? 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 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit members!

Submit all entries to Kyle Bedran at  
[kyle.bedran@law.fcsl.edu](mailto:kyle.bedran@law.fcsl.edu).

## Letter from the Governor

Greetings 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit!

I hope everyone had a fantastic, restful, relaxing Winter Break, or at least got to go do something enjoyable. I know several members were able to participate in Study Abroad over vacation, and there's nothing like combining work and pleasure when you study in the Caymans!

Right now is the time to apply for leadership opportunities in the American Bar Association Law Student Division! **Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Student Editor of the Student Lawyer Magazine, and Circuit Governor** applications are due on **February 1**. **Liaisons to ABA Entities, National Student Director, and Project Director** application must be postmarked by **February 15**. All applications must be submitted using an overnight mail service (i.e., Federal Express) to furnish clear proof of sending and receipt. Applications sent via regular mail are not eligible for certification. This is a "**strict liability**" deadline and requirement. No extensions will be granted. *There are additional requirements, procedures, and descriptions for each position on the ABA website.* Visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/elections> for details!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit will be electing a new Governor at the Spring Circuit Meeting held February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, MS. If you are an ABA Representative or an SBA President, your vote counts! If you will be unable to make the Spring Meeting, make sure that you have designated a proxy. We have some great attorneys lined up for the always-popular **Lunch with Experience**, from Family Law, Employment Law, Pharmaceutical, and Products Liability to First Amendment Rights. You do not want to miss this event! Registration is available online at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/spring/2010/5/home.html>. Don't forget, you can also sign up online if you're interested in carpooling or if you need a roommate.

In the next couple of months, the ABA Law Student Division will be holding both Diversity Day and Law Student Mental Health Day. Toolkits for both programs are available on the ABA Law Student Division's Website. The 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit also has Lt. Governors available as a resource to you! For Diversity Day, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/diversity/toolkit/home.html>, for the toolkit or contact Cassandra Spring, University of Miami, at [cassandra.spring@gmail.com](mailto:cassandra.spring@gmail.com). For Mental Health Day, visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/mentalhealth/toolkit.pdf> for the toolkit or contact Brittany Pribbenow, Stetson University College of Law, at [bpribben@law.stetson.edu](mailto:bpribben@law.stetson.edu).

I'd like to take a moment to express our care, concern, and condolences for those of you who have been impacted by the disaster in Haiti. A close friend of my family was in Haiti during the earthquake and to hear her recount the initial impact, the night she spent cradling and comforting an injured child who was not her own, and the aftermath was simply heartbreaking. Many of our families, friends, and loved ones have been impacted and the country needs help getting back on their feet. I commend those schools who have taken the initiative to help. If you are a member of one of those schools, Student Lawyer Magazine wants to know. Send a brief email about the event your law school or student organization is hosting, along with contact information, to John Barwell, Student Editor, at [barwell@email.arizona.edu](mailto:barwell@email.arizona.edu).

Good luck with your spring semester and I will see you in February!

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## **Spring ABA Leadership Summit**

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

ABA Law Student Division  
5th Circuit Spring Meeting and Governor Election  
February 19-20, 2010  
Mississippi College School of Law  
Jackson, Mississippi

The Spring Meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to begin voluntary association with the American Bar Association and the Law Student Division. If you are an outgoing circuit member who will be graduating soon, this weekend will provide you with an opportunity to share your ideas with law students new to the law school experience. For those of you who are in the midst of your first or second year of law school, you will find that the Spring Meeting will provide you with a tremendous amount of information for beginning or adjusting your legal education strategy.

The Spring Meeting is FREE to attend!! Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to meet fellow 5th Circuit Members and local attorneys. This is a wonderful chance to begin building your bridge to the legal profession through learning, leading, connecting and networking. The key to the success of the Spring Meeting is your participation!

**We will be electing the 2010-2011 5th Circuit Governor** at this meeting. If you are interested in being nominated for this position, or another ABA Law Student Division leadership position, please visit the websites below:

- 2010-2011 Governor Nomination Form: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/elections/home.html#govs>
- Other 2010-2011 leadership opportunities: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/elections/>
- 5th circuit home page: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/5thcircuit/home.html>

In the next few weeks, we will provide you with details about the meeting. In the meantime, please be sure to begin making your travel arrangements for the meeting. SBA Presidents and ABA Reps make the difference in these elections! The 5th Circuit has always made a fantastic showing at our Fall and Spring Meetings...don't miss out!!

## **University of Miami School of Law's Entertainment and Sports Law**

### **Society Annual Symposium**

Every spring, the University of Miami School of Law's Entertainment and Sports Law Society (ESLS) hosts its annual Symposium in which attorneys, business executives, agents and UM faculty convene to discuss cutting-edge legal issues in sports and entertainment. Now in its thirteenth year, the Symposium has grown to become one of the largest student-run events on campus and features some of the nation's most well respected speakers. Some of this year's distinguished panelists are Debbie Spander, Kenneth Shropshire, Keven Davis, Tony Agnone, Roger Kaplan, Jeff Miller, Scott Bearby, Barry Klarberg, Paul Dee, Marc Isenberg, and Scott Rosner. The daylong conference will be followed by a cocktail reception, offering students and professionals with an opportunity to network with panelists and learn more about careers they are interested in pursuing.

This year's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium is scheduled to take place on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Whitten Learning Center on the University of Miami Coral Gables Campus. The panels have been designed to cover a broad range of topics including *The Changing Landscape of NCAA Athletics*, *The Business of Professional Sports*, *A Decade of Change in the Music Industry*, *Video Games* and *The Art of Negotiation*. Registration is open to the public, but due to limited seating, tickets will be made available on a first come first serve basis.

To learn more about registration as well as information about pricing and guest speakers visit ESLS' website at [www.law.miami.edu/ESLS](http://www.law.miami.edu/ESLS) or contact [UM.ESLS@gmail.com](mailto:UM.ESLS@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

### **ATTENTION GEORGIA LAW SCHOOLS:**

I have met with many of you to discuss an ABA Mixer with the Georgia Law Schools. Our initial meeting was promising, but we must move forward with the planning phase.

Everyone will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on planning the mixer, so please send your ideas for location, date, theme to me no later than noon **Friday, February 5, 2010** via email: [tholcomb1@gmail.com](mailto:tholcomb1@gmail.com).

### **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](#).

### ***Entertainment and Sports Law***

#### **Developing and Maintaining an Entertainment Law Practice Anywhere**

***January 26, 2010 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Getting started in the field of entertainment law has many significant challenges but is also an exciting and very rewarding accomplishment for those determined to succeed in this quest. Past ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries Ken Abdo and current ABA Forum Chair Kirk Schroder will present a lively and informative discussion on the challenges and considerations for beginning entertainment lawyers and those considering a career change into this area.

### ***Professional Responsibility***

#### **Conflicts of Interest Update 2010**

***January 26, 2010 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Conflicts of interest are a major concern for lawyers and law firms. On a daily basis lawyers with conflicts are disqualified in court proceedings, sued for malpractice, and disciplined by bar regulatory agencies. Thus, all lawyers need a basic knowledge of the conflicts rules. In this seminar a distinguished panel of experts will take the audience through the basics and will share recent developments in each of the areas discussed.

### ***Health Law Section***

#### **Employment and Other Alternatives for Physicians**

***January 27, 2010 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

This program will explore the growing trend toward physician employment by hospitals and related organizations, common models, legal and business considerations, and some of the differences from prior employment trends. The panelists will also examine alternative models to employment, legal and business limitations associated with these alternatives, and practical considerations related to these models.

### ***General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division***

#### **In Good Faith: Navigating the New Federal RESPA Rules**

***January 27, 2010 (12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Since 1974, consumers have enjoyed the protection of RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Procedures) in all residential real estate transactions and real estate lawyers and other industry professionals have been accustomed to the disclosure requirements of RESPA. However, on January 1, 2010 HUD enacted new RESPA rules which are substantially different from the 1974 regulations.

### ***International Law***

#### **Dealing with the Investment Immigration**

***January 27, 2010 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)***

Economic globalization motivates corporations to move capital around the world. As a result of foreign investment, investors need to locate in foreign countries to manage their businesses. It is necessary for them to know how to comply with the laws and regulations in that country.

### ***ABA Forum on Franchising***

#### **Franchising in the Middle East: Navigating the Risks and Rewards of the World's Most Interested Market**

***January 27, 2010 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)***

The Middle East region is a dynamic and diverse landscape that continues to be a hotbed of franchise growth for US and other foreign franchisors due to a seemingly unlimited supply of large, well-financed developers and operators and an insatiable appetite for foreign brands. Yet, to many

franchisors (including those operating there already), the Middle East remains an enigma replete with political, religious, cultural, business and legal obstacles either to overcome or simply to accept as the cost of entry to the market.

### ***Business Law***

#### **Gift Cards and Rebates: Unclaimed Property and Consumer Protection Issues**

**January 28, 2010 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)**

This program will discuss how gift cards, rebates and other promotions (such as rewards and loyalty programs) are currently regulated by states and the federal government. The program will focus on both state/federal consumer protection laws and state unclaimed property laws, and how these laws apply to a wide variety of different stored value card products and promotional programs.

#### **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.

## **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

## **Writing Contests**



### **Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice**

#### [Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Contest](#)

Award: \$500 cash prize and round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference; possible publication in *Administrative and Regulatory Law News*.

*Entry deadline: March*

### **Affordable Housing and Community Development Forum Committee**

#### [Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Writing Competition](#)

Winner will receive airfare and lodging to attend the Forum Committee's Annual Conference where prize will be presented

Award: \$1,000 plus possible publication in the *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*.

*Postmark deadline: March*

### **Commission on Domestic Violence**

#### [Annual Law Student Writing Competition](#)

Award: 1st place receives \$750, 2nd place, \$500 and 3rd place, \$250

*Entry deadline: March*

### **Environmental, Energy and Resources Law**

#### [Student Writing Competition](#)

*Postmarked Deadline: February*

### **Intellectual Property**

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

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

### **Lawyers' Professional Liability Standing Committee and Long & Levit LLP**

#### [Levit Essay Contest on Lawyers' Professional Liability](#)

Award: \$5,000 plus an expense-paid trip to the Spring National Legal Malpractice Conference

*Postmark entry deadline: February 19, 2010*

*Entrants must be a member of the ABA Law Student Division or Young Lawyers Division no later than February 15 to be eligible.*

### **Science & Technology Law**

#### [Law Student Writing Contest](#)

Award: The winner will receive a trip to the ABA Annual Meeting and may have his or her submission published in *The SciTech Lawyer*.

*Entry deadline: March*

### **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)**

#### [Law Student Writing Competition](#)

First Place Award: \$1,500, airfare and lodging to ABA Annual Meeting, possible publication in *Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal*. *Second Place Award: \$500.*

All winners will be announced in the Section's magazine, *The Brief*.

*Entry deadline: March*

## **Internships, Clerkships, Fellowships 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](#)

## ***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

## ***Antitrust Law***

1) Summer Antitrust Law Fellowship Award

Application deadline: April 23, 2010



Created to provide unpaid summer employment opportunities within approved government agencies (federal, state, or international) for law students dedicated to the enforcement of antitrust laws, or other institutions whose primary mission is to advance the study of antitrust and competition law. Each Fellow will receive a gross award of \$5,000 and may receive reimbursement for certain travel expenses. In addition, each Fellow will be assigned a Section of Antitrust Law Mentor who will monitor the Fellow's progress and meet with each Fellow several times throughout the summer months and be available to offer any assistance. (for more visit: <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/>)

2) Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project

Application deadline: February 5, 2010

Provides law students the opportunity to work in the consumer protection and antitrust departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General throughout the United States. These paid Fellowships last for an eight-week period. (for more visit: <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml>)