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SEVENTH CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER**

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A Word from Governor Janice Dantes

Working Your Corner

What dating and sex can teach law students about finding a job

A 3L enters a bar for a networking event hosted by one of the local bar associations. It is obvious she is popping her networking cherry at this event, and it's clear that this is going to be a bloody mess. Holding her complimentary gin and tonic, she approaches one of the few circuit judges at the event. She tells the judge her name, year, and law school and nervously asks, "Do you have any clerkships available?"

Pause. What's wrong with this picture? You might be thinking to yourself, nothing. That's good networking. Now, let's change the situation. Let's replace the female 3L with a single man entering a bar. The judge is now a woman sitting at the bar. Instead of seeking a job, the single man is trying to pick up the woman at the bar. He tells her his name and where he's from and nervously asks, "Would you like to go home and have sex with me?"

Now can you see what's wrong with this picture? Both questions are completely self-serving and makes it clear to the other person you are only trying to establish a connection for personal gain. The chances of that 3L landing a job with that judge is just about as likely as that single man getting laid. That's why they call it "getting lucky."

Dating and professional networking have the same objective. Both involve establishing a connection with another individual in hopes of creating a long-lasting partnership. In both instances, a long-lasting partnership is typically not established at the first meeting and requires an investment of time and energy over a period of time.

Here are some of my tips to improve your chances of making those contacts and "getting lucky" as you build your networks:

1. **Wear Something Distinctive.** I'm not endorsing wearing a banana suit to a networking event, but don't just wear the white shirt/black suit combo. If you're a woman, wear distinctive earrings or something interesting in your hair. If you're a man, try a different color shirt (like pink) or unique cuff links (I once saw Scrabble tile cuff links). This will increase the likelihood that someone will approach you and strike up a conversation.
2. **Have a story.** This is easy when you have something distinctive. If someone compliments you on your earrings, shirt, or unique cuff links, don't just say thank you. Make sure you have something more to say about it.
3. **Find the judge.** If you don't know who to talk to, find a name tag that says "Honorable." These people are judges and judges know everyone in the room. Because many times they are elected, they need votes and will be nice to you. They may even introduce you to other people in the room.
4. **Compliments.** Cute shoes, are those Prada? I haven't seen a Coach purse in that color before. A compliment is a good way to get any conversation started.
5. **Don't Fake It.** As much as you can fake confidence and pretend to not be nervous, you can't fake sincerity. It is very obvious when someone is pretending to be interested in what you're saying when they clearly aren't. If there is no connection with a person who works in the kind of law you want to practice, talk to someone else in that practice area you click with.
6. **Be Patient.** Don't ask for a job right away. This is like not jumping in the sack right away. Try the "three date rule." After you see this person on three separate occasions, then you can inquire about employment opportunities.

True story. I went to a networking event once and met a judge. We talked for a while, and as we were heading our separate ways, he gave me his phone number saying, "Call me in my private chambers." Hmmm...

ABA Seventh Circuit News and Activities

Race Judicata 2010 is the 17th annual 5K Run/Walk benefiting the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) Foundation. CVLS was founded in 1964 with the mission of ensuring that the law works for everyone, not just those who can afford it. CVLS serves as a general practice law firm for the poor. It handles everyday cases such as divorce, bankruptcy, tort defense, consumer cases, adoptions, minor and disabled adult guardianship, immigration, etc. CVLS volunteers come from large and small firms and from corporate America. In the 45 years since its inception in 1964, CVLS has provided free legal services to more than 200,000 clients by utilizing its over 2,700 volunteers, and doing it for absolutely no cost. All proceeds from Race Judicata go to the general operating costs of CVLS.

On July 22, 2010, close to 3,000 runners competed in Race Judicata 2010 held at Grant Park in Chicago. The American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division in conjunction with ABA Membership and Marketing sponsored a tent for the nearly 100 runners and walkers from three 7th circuit law schools competing in the race:

- DePaul College of Law
- Kent Sportsfeasors
- Loyola University College of Law

Thank you for representing our circuit for this wonderful cause. To view the results of the race and learn more about CVLS, visit <http://www.cvls.org/>. Also, become a fan of the ABA Law Student Division 7th Circuit to see pictures of this event and be up to date on 7th Circuit news.



Featured Law School – Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee Wisconsin



Latest snapshot take of the future site of Eckstein Hall. Courtesy of <http://law.marquette.edu/ecksteinhall/plans/>

After 86 years in Sensenbrenner Hall, Marquette University Law School students have new place to call home as they return for classes this fall. Eckstein Hall is a state of the art facility that was made possible through the generosity of many donors, especially Ray and Kay Eckstein and Joseph Zilber. The law school contains a beautiful four-story atrium, a reading room that overlooks the city, a trial courtroom, a two hundred-seat appellate courtroom, an underground parking garage, a gallery that provides a view of Lake Michigan, a chapel, and a fitness center and workout room that will offer Pilates, Zumba, and Yoga classes. The building's café will also serve beer and wine daily from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. The building contains cutting-edge technology in all of the classrooms, two courtrooms, study rooms, and even has microphones build into to the desks of the larger lecture halls.

Eckstein Hall boasts the first library without borders. The library is on all four floors of the building and students and faculty can go from classrooms to access the library without changing floors or passing through a security barrier.

While the building does not officially open until classes begin on August 25, 2010, three classes were held in Eckstein Hall over the summer. The building will officially be dedicated on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. While the names cannot yet be publically released, two very prominent speakers are scheduled for the event.

For more information, visit: <http://law.marquette.edu/ecksteinhall/>
Article written by: Kristina Sesek, SBA President, Marquette University Law School

Dear Abbie

Dear ABA Law Student Members,

My name is Abbie Henry, and I am one of the ABA 7th Circuit lieutenant governors. Throughout the coming year, I'll write a column in the newsletter addressing issues raised by law students in our circuit.

As the fall semester gets closer, I'm sure many of you have questions and suggestions about the ABA. That's where I come in! Feel free to email me any questions, thoughts, or concerns at henry.abbie@gmail.com. Every month, I'll respond to the emails I receive in the newsletter column.

Thanks in advance for your input – I look forward to hearing from you!

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Abbie



SEVENTH CIRCUIT LAW STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Carter Alleman who was elected to the American Bar Association Law Student Division nation board as Vice Chair – Student Bar Association! Carter is a rising 3L at Valparaiso University.

Congratulations to Christine Chen who was awarded a scholarship from the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area on July 28, 2010. Christine Chen is a rising 3L at DePaul University.

Congratulations to Serafin Tagarao who wed Maria Thompson on July 17, 2010. Serafin is a rising 2L at DePaul University.

We want to hear your good news. To send in your announcement, follow the link below to the 7th Circuit website and send us a message through the Suggestion Box.

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<http://www.abanet.org/lsd/7thcircuit/home.html>

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MONTHLY FEATURES



Lucky Seventh Circuit Law School Events and News

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: The Milwaukee Bar Association is hosting a battle of the bands on September 23, 2010. To compete in the Battle of the Barristers Competition 2010, bands must have at least one attorney licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin, Judge, or Marquette law student. The competition will run from 7:00-10:30 p.m. at The Rave (2401 West Wisconsin Avenue) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Admittance for law students is \$10. Advance registrants will pay the law student rate, otherwise the entrance fee is \$15 at the door. Contact Andrew Clinnin with any questions and to register in advance. You can reach Andrew at aclinnin@milwbar.org or (414) 276.5937.

ABA Membership Benefit of the Month



With your \$25 annual membership fee to the ABA Law Student Division, you receive a subscription to Student Lawyer Magazine. This publication is issued monthly September-May.

To join the ABA Law Student Division, visit the membership site at https://www.abanet.org/join/lzd_enroll/lzd_enroll.cfm or call the Service Center at 800-285-2221.

Health Tip of the Month – Staying Safe in the Heat

With the Midwest facing one of the hottest summers on record, it is important to remember to stay safe in the heat. Here are a few tips to help you beat the heat!

- **Wear sun block**
- **Stay hydrated**
- **Avoid prolonged exposure to the heat**
- **Keep strenuous exercise in the heat to a minimum**



Seventh Circuit Question of the Month



What is your most embarrassing memory from a law school class?

Think you've got it??? Email your answer to 5schuenemana@law.jmls.edu and we post the best answer in next month's newsletter!!!