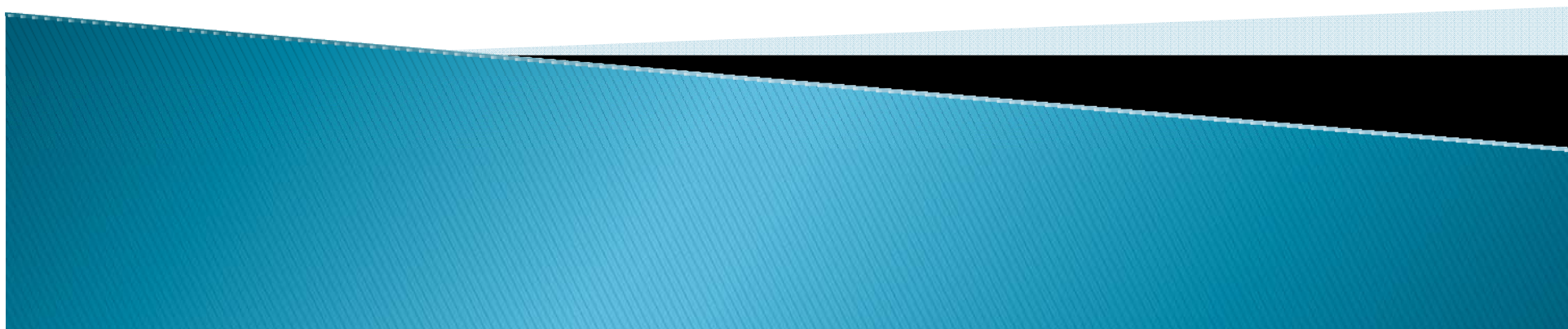




AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION

ABA REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING
Annual Meeting – San Francisco, CA
August 6, 2010



ABA MISSION

To serve equally our members, our profession and the public by defending liberty and delivering justice as the national representative of the legal profession.

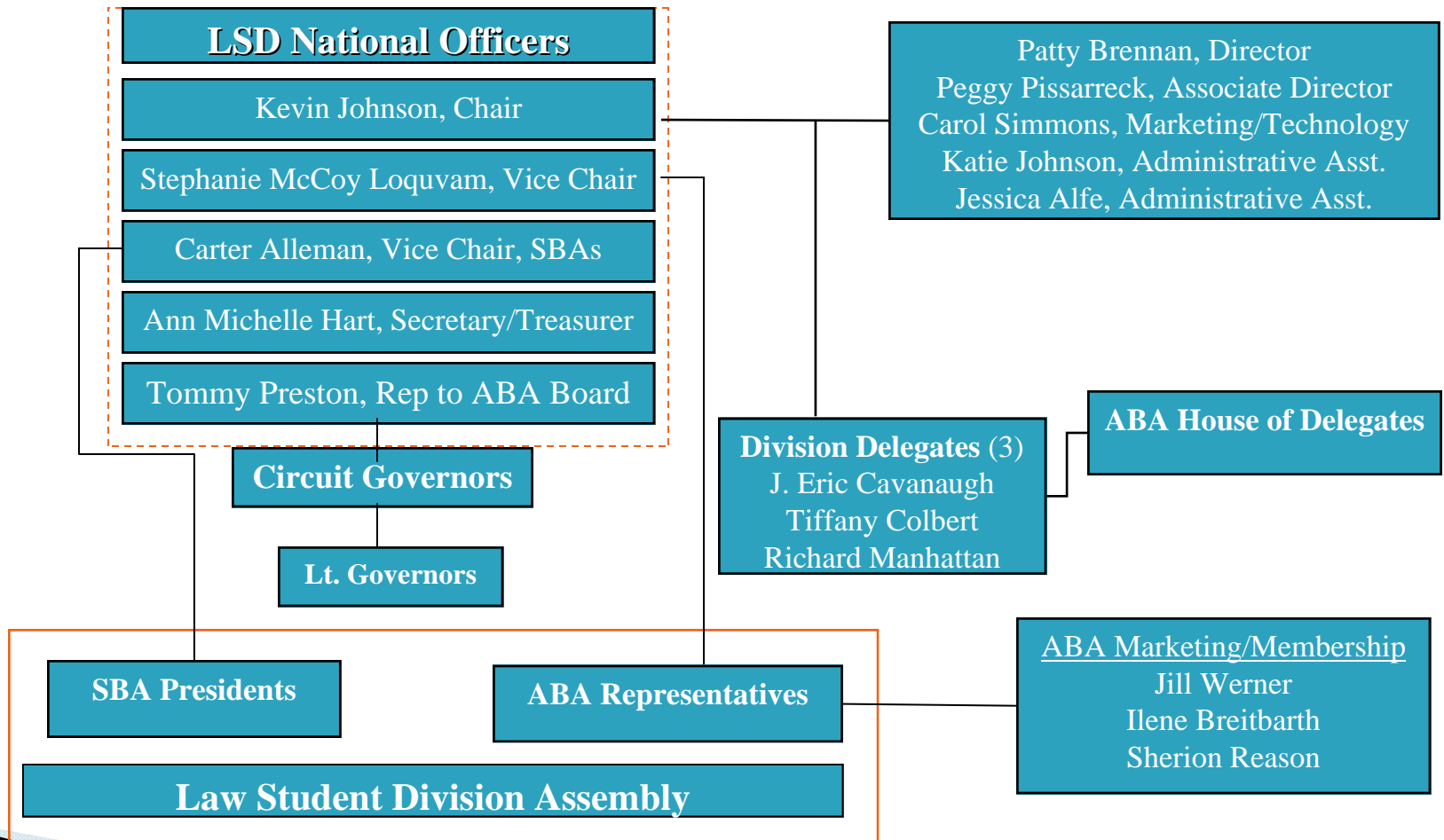


LAW STUDENT DIVISION MISSION

- ▶ To represent law students in the ABA and to represent the ABA to law students;
- ▶ To help shape the policies and priorities that affect legal education; and
- ▶ To create a deliberative forum for the exchange and expression of law student views and a voice to advocate those views.



LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2010-2011 GOVERNANCE



LAW STUDENT DIVISION ASSEMBLY

- ▶ The Assembly is the policymaking body of the Division.
- ▶ The Assembly convenes only once a year at the Division's portion of the ABA Annual Meeting.
- ▶ Assembly membership is comprised of two official voting delegates from each ABA-approved law school.
 - ABA Representative and
 - Student Bar Association President.
- ▶ During the Assembly, delegates debate and vote on resolutions and issues of concern to law students, legal education and the legal profession.



THE ROLE OF THE ABA REPRESENTATIVE

- ▶ LEADER
- ▶ Advocate
- ▶ Representative

THE ABA REPRESENTATIVE:

- ▶ Makes a difference to law students and law schools.
- ▶ Votes in the Assembly on resolutions of concern to law students/legal education
- ▶ Elects the Division's three (3) Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates
- ▶ Serves as a voice for law students to the Division and the ABA by
 - Bringing law student concerns /issues to the forefront on a local, regional, or national level.
 - Helping law students enhance their law school experience by communicating and disseminating information regarding the hundreds of law student opportunities and resources offered by the ABA



DIVISION PROGRAMMING

September through May

- Public Interest Initiatives
- Grant Program Applications Accepted

December through April

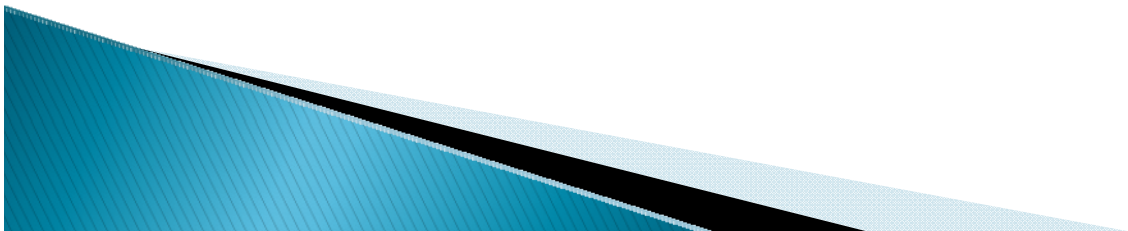
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

First 2 Weeks of October

Work-A-Day Community Service Programming and Activities

March

- Diversity Day (March 2)
- Law Student Mental Health Day (March 27)



OTHER DIVISION ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

- ▶ Fall Leadership Summits
- ▶ Spring Circuit Meetings
- ▶ Section Programs & Initiatives
- ▶ Local Programs and Interests
 - Use ABA resources to identify speakers and panelists for programs and events
 - Support student organizations and interests



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **Membership Funds**
 - \$100 per school

- ▶ **Representative Funds**
 - Membership activities and programming
 - Travel to Circuit Meetings (not annual meeting)

- ▶ **Grant Program**
 - Public Interest and Public Service
 - Diversity
 - Ethics and Professionalism



ONLINE INFORMATION: ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION HOME PAGE

Law Student Division Home:

www.abanet.org/lstd/

- Information Affecting Law Students
- Calendar of Events
- Links to:
 - Circuits
 - Programming
 - Networking Opportunities
 - *Student Lawyer* magazine
 - And much more

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ABA Law Student Division

WHAT'S NEW

- **2009-2010 Division Election:** SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives from each ABA-approved law school, who are in attendance at the 2009 ABA Annual Meeting, will elect the Division's three Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates. SBA Presidents will elect the Division's Division Vice Chair-Student Bar Associations. The nominations deadline for these positions was June 1. [Slate of Candidates - Election Information and Voting Eligibility](#)
- **ABA Economic Recovery Resources:** Find the latest information from the ABA on how to get through the economic downturn. Our Economic Recovery Resources portal contains resources and tips on a variety of topics from job searching, to practice management, to professional development and more. [Tell me more](#)
- **ABA Economic Recovery Teleconference Series:** The ABA announces **FREE** teleconference programming for lawyers and law students seeking professional guidance during the economic downturn. Offered May 19 - June 30, the series consists of four audio programs providing practical tips and strategies for success in today's career climate. [Tell me more](#)
- **Student Debt Relief Web-seminar Series:** Equal Justice Works is repeating its free web sessions on June 17 and June 24. [Tell me more](#)
- **Law Student Division Monthly eNewsletter:** [I am about](#)

Attention! 2009-2010 SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives

- **Report your law school leadership position today!** Take advantage of this opportunity to communicate with SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives from the other 199 ABA-approved law school from across the country. [Tell me more](#)
- **Making Your Case to Attend the Annual Meeting:** Due to the large expense involved in travel to the meeting, planning for the Annual Meeting must begin early. SBA Presidents and ABA Representatives should contact their deans and local bar associations early in order to ensure proper funding for the meeting.

2009-2010 Election Candidates

Now Available -- The slate of candidates to be elected during the August Annual Meeting for 2009-2010 Division Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates and Vice Chair-SBA are now available.

Election of the Division Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates and the Vice Chair-SBA:


- **Election Procedures**
 - [Guide to the Code of Election Regulations](#)
 - [Code of Election Regulations](#)
 - [Voting and Proxy Instructions](#)

ONLINE INFORMATION: ABA REPRESENTATIVES WEBSITE

ABA Rep Home Page:

www.abanet.org/Isd/schoolreps

Helpful Resources for ABA Reps to:

- ▶ Access to program toolkits and manuals
 - ▶ Find Sources for Funding Activities
 - ▶ Discover the power of ABA Benefits
 - ▶ Surf ABA Resources
 - ▶ Learn about Rep Rewards
 - ▶ Ask a Question
 - ▶ Contact the ABA
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ONLINE INFORMATION: INTRODUCING THE ABA

Law Student Division Microsite: www.abaforlawstudents.org

▶ **ADVANCEMENT**

Develop your skills and get ahead on your job search. earn more

▶ **NETWORKING**

Connect with professionals and other law students through the ABA.

▶ **BENEFITS**

Take advantage of all the value an ABA membership offers students.

▶ **SPECIALTY PRACTICE AREAS**

Choose from a variety of Sections, Divisions and Forums to join.



RESOURCES: COMMUNICATION

- ▶ **ABA to ABA REPS**
 - Division Email
 - “ABA Rep ACTION ITEM”
 - ABA Representatives List Serve
 - Newsletters
 - Publications and Newsletters

- ▶ **ABA REPS to ABA**
 - Division Board of Governors
 - Division Staff
 - Liaisons

ABA REPS to ABA REPS

- Electronic Bulletin Board:
<http://discussions.abanet.org/ababoard/board/index.cfm?forumid=942>
(password: repshare)
- ABA Representative List Serve



ABA REPRESENTATIVE CALENDAR



THE ABA
in the
LIFE OF A LAW
STUDENT



DISCOUNTS & FINANCIAL BENEFITS

- ▶ UnitedHealthcare Sickness/Injury Insurance including one year extension after graduation
- ▶ Liberty Mutual Auto, Renter/Homeowner Insurance
- ▶ BarBri bar exam review scholarship opportunity
- ▶ Kaplan-PMBR course discounts (\$50/\$100)
- ▶ Starwood Preferred Guest Rewards
- ▶ Hertz Rent-A-Car discounts
- ▶ Discounts on computers, cell phones and more
- ▶ Free and discounted Section memberships
- ▶ *Student Lawyer* magazine and the *ABA Journal*



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Annual Career Fair
- ▶ Competitions
- ▶ Online Member Directory
- ▶ Section Memberships
 - Leadership Opportunities
 - Mentors
- ▶ Meetings
 - Annual Meeting
 - Fall Leadership Summits
 - Spring Meetings
 - Local ABA Activities
 - Section, Divisions, and Forum Meetings
 - CLE Programs



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

▶ Law Student Division Competitions

- Arbitration
- Client Counseling
- National Appellate Advocacy
- Negotiation

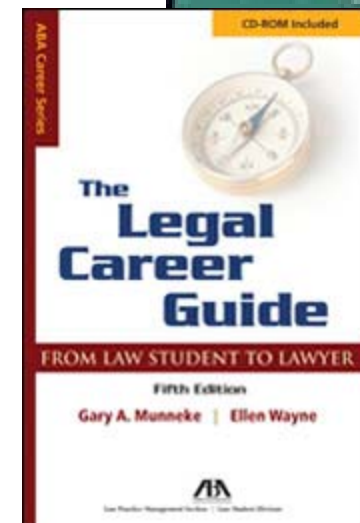
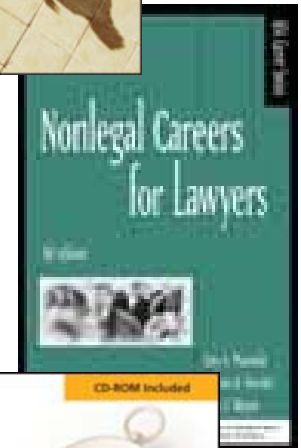
▶ ABA Writing Contests

- 29 law student writing contests per year!
- Prizes range from various monetary awards to be published or both



PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ *ABA Journal*
- ▶ *Student Lawyer* Magazine
 - Provides guidance on education and career
 - Opportunity for article and op-ed publication
 - <http://www.abanet.org/lcd/studentlawyer/>
- ▶ Specialty Practice Group Periodicals
- ▶ E-Newsletters
- ▶ Discounts on *Career Series* publications



CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Annual Career Fair & Resume Review
- ▶ Career Series publications
- ▶ Economic Recovery Resources to help you prepare to manage your law school debt
- ▶ Internships, externships, and clerkships
- ▶ NETWORKING, NETWORKING, NETWORKING



REP REWARDS PROGRAM

The success of the 2010–2011 ABA Law Student membership year depends on you!

<http://www.abanet.org/lsd/schoolreps/rep-rewards/>



DISCOUNTED DUES PROGRAM

- ▶ 3 years of membership for \$60.00 (20% discount)
- ▶ **Law School Volume Pricing**
 - Law school pays law student dues at special discounted rate
 - \$20 per student if 1 Ls only enrolled
 - \$17.50 per student if all students enrolled



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & AWARDS



Leadership Nominations

- ▶ **January 1**
 - Rep to the ABA Board of Governors
- ▶ **February 1**
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Circuit Governors
 - Student Editor
- February 15**
 - Entity Liaisons
 - National Student Directors
 - Project Directors

Leadership Nominations

- ▶ **June 1**
 - Vice Chair Student Bar Associations
 - Division Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates

Award Nominations

- ▶ **April 1**
 - Student Bar Associations
 - SBA President
 - Membership/Activity
 - Diversity
 - Public Service
 - School New Publications

THANK YOU!

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