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# College of Law

## Weekly Newsletter



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### A Message from Dean Rosato



Dean Rosato

Dear Students:

It is hard to believe that our inaugural year is almost over and it is time for Dean Dennis to take over as our founding Dean.

This year has been full of so many memories and milestones: all of you checking into orientation at the National Constitution Center; advisee lunches in Chinatown; early morning classes in Pearlstein (before and after Starbucks opened); the opening of the law building and library; the student panel at accepted students day; "Conversations with the Profession" dinners; and our terrific celebrations (I regret missing the Chicken Dance at the holiday party).

Throughout the year, I have been guided by our collective goal to build a distinctive and stellar law school through the hard work of the faculty, staff, and—especially— the inaugural class. Wherever I go, I talk about how proud I am of the class and your patience, your initiative, and your commitment. We could not have accomplished all that we have this year without you, and I am profoundly grateful.

We plan to have a smooth transition from me to Dean Dennis. As Dean of Students, I will be taking over some of the work that Dean Wallace has been doing so well this year; especially, student counseling, leaves/withdrawals, and student organizations. Alanna Bridgett will be serving as my assistant as well. For the next few weeks, Dean Wallace will be administering exams, as she has for the last two quarters. Any honor code issues should be brought to my attention.

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### Meet Our New Dean



Dean Dennis

To mark his first official day as the Dean of the College of Law, Dean Roger Dennis will host a breakfast reception for all students on **Tuesday, May 1** from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the first floor lobby of the building.

**Stop by for breakfast and meet our new dean!**

### Law Library Extended Reading Hours (Reading and Exam Period)

**Saturday, May 5 through Wednesday, May 16**

<b>Monday thru Thursday:</b>	<b>7:30 am – 2:00 am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:30 am – Midnight</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – Midnight</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Noon – 2:00 am</b>

### CALI Exam Preparation Assistance

With finals fast approaching, don't forget that CALI lessons are a great way to help you prepare for them!

If you're unfamiliar, CALI lessons are interactive, computer-based tutorials provided by the non-profit Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction ([www.cali.org](http://www.cali.org)). There are over 600 CALI lessons available in 32 different legal subject areas. The lessons, written by law faculty/librarians, are available at no charge to all law students at Drexel Law because our law school is a CALI member.

If you are registering an account at [cali.org](http://cali.org) for the first time, note that you must use our school's authorization code to create a new account on [www.cali.org](http://www.cali.org). You can get the CALI authorization code by asking a librarian for a CALI code card, or you can email Drexel Reference at [law-ref@drexel.edu](mailto:law-ref@drexel.edu).

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**May 1:** Breakfast Reception w/ Dean Dennis  
**8:30-9:30 a.m., First Floor Lobby**

**May 1:** SBA Forum  
**12:45-2:00 p.m., Room 140**

**May 2:** Judges' Reception  
*Details can be found on page 3.*  
**5:00.-7:00 p.m., Second Floor**

**May 3:** SBA Elections

*Submissions for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" are subject to the approval of Teresa Wallace, Acting Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Dean for Academic Services. Submissions for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" should be forwarded to [abridgett@drexel.edu](mailto:abridgett@drexel.edu)*



## A Message from Dean Rosato (cont.)

We have much to look forward to next year:

- \*New courses, including foundation courses for every student and the core courses for the concentrations.
- \*The pro bono program, which will include collaborations with local public service organizations and the local courts.
- \*The Co-op program, which will begin in Fall 2007. Associate Dean Brooks will join us on July 1, along with two additional co-op professors who will guide you and teach the reflective seminar.
- \*The process for provisional ABA accreditation will proceed as planned, with a visit from the site team in early October and an anticipated decision by the ABA by Summer 2008.

Good luck in your last set of 1L exams, and I look forward to seeing you as 2Ls in the summer or fall. I'll be around most of the summer, so please stay in touch. —

## New Library Books: Student Study Aids



### New Library Books: Student Study Aids

The Law Library has added three titles from the *Siegel's Series*. Each title in this exam-prep series contains multiple choice questions and answers, as well as essay questions with model answers.

Each essay question comes with a model answer. Every multiple-choice question comes with an answer that tells you not only why the correct answer is correct, but why each of the other choices are wrong, so you can better understand why you're choosing the wrong answer.

These titles are Reserve Materials and circulate for 2 hour periods.

Siegel, Brian N. and Lazar Emanuel, Jason Tannenbaum  
**Siegel's Series: Criminal Law**  
Aspen/Wolters Kluwer, 2005

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Siegel, Brian N. and Lazar Emanuel  
**Siegel's Series: Property**  
Aspen/Wolters Kluwer, 2005

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Siegel, Brian N.  
**Siegel's Series: Constitutional Law**  
Aspen/Wolters Kluwer, 2005 —

## Legal Research Boot Camp

**Are you working this summer?**

**Need a basic legal research skills refresher?**

**Want some real world legal research tips?**

Attend **Legal Research Boot Camp** on **May 18** to sharpen your research skills and learn some new tricks too. This program is sponsored by Drexel University College of Law Library. Presenters include Law Firm Librarians and Drexel Law Library staff members. Gain practical skills you'll need to feel confident when presented with your first real world legal research project.

**See attachment for registration information.**

## Spring Final Exam Notices

### Exam IDs

Please pick up your anonymous IDs in the office of Student Affairs (Room 450) for the spring quarter final exams.



### Securexam Users

All students using their laptops to take their exam(s) must complete and submit the Securexam Verification Form to the Office of Student Affairs by **Friday, May 4, 2007**.

**First Time Securexam Users:** If you are using the software for the first time you must attend a training session, please contact Juanita Womack in the Office of Student Affairs at (215) 571-4709 or email: [jw348@drexel.edu](mailto:jw348@drexel.edu) to schedule a training session.

**Securexam for PC Users:** Students with the current version of Securexam 3.21a do not need to reinstall the software; you only need to activate your Securexam Student Key file using your Drexel University ID.

**MAC Users:** Must un-install the previous version of Securexam (2.01.12) and install the current version of Securexam (2.04.12). Download the Student User Guide for instructions on uninstalling/installing the software.

The Securexam Student User Guide and Verification form will be sent via email to all students; hard copies will also be available in the Office of Student Affairs. Please remember you must conduct a practice exam before using the software to take the final exam.

**Please note that if you had problems with your touchpad during an exam you should plan to use an external USB mouse during the final exams.**

## Student Bar Association Elections!

On **Tuesday, May 1**, there will be a **forum in room 140 from 12:45-2:00 p.m.** for students during which candidates will give brief speeches.



**Elections will be held on Thursday, May 3rd.**

If there are questions, please speak with your SBA representative.

## Lost and Found

Please remember that the College of Law Lost and Found is in the Office of Student Affairs, room 450. We have recently received several valuable items, including some SEPTA train tickets. Please stop by for either lost or found articles.

## Upcoming Events

### Reception for Oral Arguments Judges

The College of Law is hosting a reception for the judges of the Legal Methods oral arguments on Wednesday, **May 2, 2007**, from 5-7 p.m. on the second floor gallery of the College of Law. This will be a great opportunity to talk with the oral argument judges in a more informal setting (no black robes or time cards allowed!) and thank the judges for participating in the oral arguments.

### Panel Discussion featuring Professor Karl Okamoto

Professor Okamoto will be participating in a panel discussion entitled ***How to C.Y.A (Cover Your Assets) -- Using Hedge Funds in These Turbulent Times***. The discussion is part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of the Finance Department at the LeBow College of Business. The event will be taking place the evening of **Friday, May 4, 2007**. The one-hour program is scheduled to begin at **6:00 p.m. in Matheson Hall**. A reception will follow. Interested members of the College of Law community are welcome to attend.

## Drexel Law's First Annual Barristers' Ball

The First Annual Barristers' Ball is approaching rapidly and promises to be an amazing evening, with over 200 guests coming together to celebrate the culmination of Drexel Law's Inaugural Year. In addition to dinner, drinks and dancing, there will be a slide show featuring pictures of events from the past year as well as great door prizes!

### Barristers' Ball FAQ

#### Cost:

Final ticket prices have been set at \$50 per ticket. Previous payments will be applied to your total cost (i.e. if you've made a \$10 deposit, you will owe \$40 for one ticket).\*

This means \$50 for five hours of dinner, dessert, dancing, and an open bar!

\*Cash or Check - Checks may be made payable to Drexel University

#### Dress Code:

Semi-formal

For men, suits are appropriate.

For women, attire should be dressier than cocktail attire, but ball gowns are not necessary.

#### Food:

Dinner menu includes salad, beef, chicken, fish, potato, and vegetable dishes in addition to a delectable dessert spread.

#### Date & Time:

Friday, May 18

7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

#### Address:

Top of the Tower

1717 Arch St. (Bell Atlantic Tower), 51st Floor

For any additional questions, please e-mail Jackie Lowthert at [jml75@drexel.edu](mailto:jml75@drexel.edu)



# LEGAL RESEARCH BOOT CAMP



Friday, May 18, 2007  
9:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Drexel Law School

[Sign Up Here](#)  
([link to registration](#))

Need a legal research refresher or some real world legal research tips?

Attend this program to sharpen your research skills and learn some new tricks too. Join Drexel Law Librarians and trainers from LexisNexis® and Westlaw®. Gain practical skills you'll need to feel confident when presented with your first real world legal research project.

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## Training Schedule

<b>Basic Training</b>	<b>Statutes, case law, administrative law, &amp; directories</b>
<b>Advanced Training</b>	<b>Library resources including SFX, periodical indexes, LoisLaw™, and Pennsylvania resources</b>
<b>Combat Training</b>	<b>Research strategies</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Computer Assisted Legal Research Training</b>	<b>Advanced LexisNexis® and Westlaw® search techniques &amp; pricing</b>

Light Lunch Provided