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Important Dates and Deadlines

Final Exam Period

Tuesday, 7/24/2007 -
Friday, 8/3/2007

Fall Term Classes Begin

Tuesday, 9/4/2007

Course Adjustment Period for Fall Term (add/drop period)

Start: 8/27/2007
End: 9/7/2007

A Message from Dean Brooks: An Update on Co-op and Pro Bono Programs



I want to take this opportunity to let you know I am now officially at the law school, and also to update you briefly on the status of our Co-op and Pro Bono Programs. As of this week, all of our Co-op faculty have arrived and are working together to finalize the curriculum. The other

members of our team include Reena Parambath, Tracye Edwards, and Pat Daly. As many of you know Professor Parambath, who has been with us since April, is a former partner at the law firm of Rawl & Henderson. In addition to teaching as a Co-op Professor, she is our Co-op Coordinator, and handles much of the day-to-day administration of the program. Professor Edwards comes to us directly from the Aramark Corporation, where she was an Assistant General Counsel for seven years. Professor Daly has worked for many years as a judicial clerk, most recently in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and before that in the Pennsylvania Superior Court. She has also been an adjunct professor for several years at Temple and at Widener law schools teaching legal methods, and will be teaching Appellate Advocacy here this spring.

Together, our team represents a breadth of experience that mirrors the wide range of legal settings in which our Co-op students will be working this coming fall. Each of the three other Co-op professors and I will be teaching one section of the Lawyering Practice Seminar as well as working closely with the students in each of our sections and the supervising attorneys in their Co-op placements. Currently, well over 60 students have been matched to Co-op placements that will begin the first week of classes and continue through the Winter Quarter. These placements range from prestigious public interest and governmental positions, to large law firms, to in-house counsel positions at some of the most important corporations in Philadelphia and its surrounding areas.

We plan to offer orientation sessions for both field supervisors and students during the latter part of August and early September. Orientation sessions for students will be held during the second Orientation Week, as well as the first week of classes. Students enrolled in the Co-op Program this fall will be required to attend one of these orientation sessions.

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Enjoy Mentoring? Volunteer to be an Orientation Counselor!

2L student volunteers are needed to help 1Ls get to know the law school, the University, and the Philadelphia communities. Orientation counselors will be asked to attend social events during orientation (August 20-31), meet with his or her "mentee(s)" during the first week of orientation, and generally be available to answer questions during the first year.

Interested students should contact Dean Rosato (jennifer.l.rosato@drexel.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

Career Corner



News from the Career and Professional Development Office:

Most of you know that resume drop for OCI employers has begun this week. But you should also be turning your attention to your own individual job searches as well. The Career and Professional Development Office can help you figure out how to get the job you want for next summer! The CPDO is open for individual counseling sessions throughout the rest of the summer and fall – just drop an email to amymonte@drexel.edu. Also, the CPDO will be holding a workshop the first week of school entitled "Beyond OCI: Job Search Strategies for Summer 2008." The workshop will be podcast and put on the website. Look for more details on place and time coming shortly!

Student Advisory Board:

The Career and Professional Development Office has a new name and a broad vision! The office is currently seeking students interested in being members of a Student Advisory Board on career and professional development issues. These board members would share ideas with the CPDO about how the office can best serve law students' needs and interests. The Board will meet regularly (once or twice a month) with the CPDO and act as a liaison between the office and the students.

Interested students please send me an email at amymonte@drexel.edu.

-- Amy Montemarano,
Asst. Dean of Career and Professional Development

Submissions for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" are subject to the approval of Jennifer Rosato, Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professor of Law. Please forward all notices for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" to abridgett@drexel.edu.



A Message from Dean Brooks: An Update on Co-op and Pro Bono Programs (cont.)

With respect to the Pro Bono program, our Public Interest Law Coordinator, Karen Pearlman, has been very busy this summer working with key members of the public interest legal community to develop a wide array of exciting Pro Bono projects from which students will be able to choose. Students may also initiate their own Pro Bono projects, as long as they fall within the parameters approved by the faculty. One project worth highlighting is the Student Hurricane Network, in which students from law schools throughout the country are working under the supervision of local attorneys in New Orleans to advocate for individuals and families affected by Hurricane Katrina. Karen Pearlman (and Dean Albertson-Ploucha) will be heading to New Orleans for a week with fourteen (14) of our students and attorneys from two local firms to participate in this very meaningful project during the month of August. Additionally, the ever-growing list of projects we are developing includes the

Adopt a Shelter

Law students will help staff a soup kitchen or homeless shelter one time a month. Students will do intake and assist clients under the supervision of Homeless Advocacy Project attorneys.

Family Court Judges' Project

Teams of law students will assist the Family Court in processing legal matters pertaining to domestic violence and custody. Students will be trained and supervised by Family Court Judges and personnel and provide services in Family Court, such as taking intake interviews and form completion work for women who seek Protection from Abuse orders

Campaign for Working Families Tax Clinic – Tax Preparation

The Campaign for Working Families staff will train law students to prepare taxes. The students will then actually prepare the taxes for the clients.

PennCORD

The Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD) coordinates civics and constitutional law education in inner-city schools. PennCORD will work with groups of law student volunteers to develop a particular curriculum and then place the students and their legal curriculum in inner-city schools that need that particular program.

CASA

CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, will train law students to appear in court to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at (215) 571-4784 or by e-mail at susan.brooks@drexel.edu if you have any questions or concerns about any of experiential or public interest programs. I look forward to getting to know all of the students and to working with all of you in the coming months.

Inaugural Members of the Law Review and Moot Court Board



Thanks to all of the students who worked so hard throughout the year, and those who took extra time this summer writing for the Law Review competition. The Faculty of the College of Law has both noticed and appreciated the students' great community spirit and individual hard work over the entire year.

The Faculty is pleased to announce the membership of the inaugural members of the Law Review and Moot Court Board.

Law Review: Maureen Anachovich, Christopher Blaszkowski, Anthony Chwastyk, Rachel Colancecco, Earl Della Barca, Megan Feehan, Mark Gottesfeld, Kimberly Gray, Lindsey Hoban, Michael Hogan, Mara Jackel, Lauren Katz, Mai Le, Thomas Liley, Brion McGlenn, Sarah McKeown, Katherine Missimer, Mary Mitchell, Brian Scanlon, Brian Sumner, Joshua Voss, Lindsay Wagner, Raheem Watson.

Moot Court: Jerome Aquino, Andrew Albero, Tiffany Alford, Sean Corgan, Georgina Demattia, Charles Dooley, Kenneth Gardner, Maryellen Guinan, Allison Hedges, Jennifer Hermansky, Andrew Hodlofski, Danielle Jouenne, Shira Katz, Jeremy Kiehl, Perry Liss, Elizabeth Nicolas, David Oldham, Nicholas Pennington, Zoe Pierhoples, Thomas Rafferty, Katherine Robinson, Kristina Smith, Adam Szilagyi, Gini Varughese.

Final Exam Schedule

Advanced Legal Research - Tuesday, July 24, 2007

1:00:00 PM - 3:00:00 PM

Secureexam Room 240

Bluebook Room 250



Professional Responsibility - Thursday, July 26, 2007

1:00:00 PM - 4:00:00 PM

Secureexam Room 240

Room 250

Bluebook Room 230

Family Law 670 - Monday, July 30, 2007

1:00:00 PM - 4:00:00 PM

Secureexam Room 240

Bluebook Room 250

Patents - Thursday, August 2, 2007

1:00:00 PM - 4:00:00 PM

Secureexam Room 240

Bluebook Room 250