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A Message from Dean Filler: Important Academic News



It is hard to believe that we are already past the midpoint of the Summer quarter. I want to update everyone on various matters involving academics at the law school and answer some recurring questions from students. With respect to Fall registration, we are working hard to meet the course preferences of students. We are acting on two different fronts to meet these needs. First, we are attempting to open additional seats and/or sections in several classes. We hope to take several students off the wait lists in Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Business Organizations, Appellate Advocacy, and Federal Income Tax. We also plan to add a section of Secured Transactions, a standard commercial law course that is tested on many state bar exams. This class will provide additional diversity in the curriculum and, hopefully, will spread students into more classes – opening up seats in some of the oversubscribed courses. Watch your email for more details on Secured Transactions. While early registration ends on July 8, you will again be able to add classes and change your schedule when the add/drop period begins on August 27 – before classes actually begin.

Some students who hope to be invited onto the Moot Court Board have expressed concern about the wait list in Appellate Advocacy. While students on Moot Court Board are required to take Appellate Advocacy, they need not take it during the Fall quarter. It will be offered again during Spring quarter. We are aware that the demand for the course currently exceeds available sections; we will make sure that those selected for Moot Court Board have an opportunity to take the class during their second year.

On a related matter, we are very pleased that a substantial number of you chose to request the Law Review competition packet. Those who obtained the materials on the last day must submit their Note by the end of this week. The faculty committee on Student Development (also known as the Law Review and Moot Court Board Committee) plans to read submissions as quickly as possible thereafter. We plan to issue invitations to join these organizations around noon on July 12. Students are only permitted to participate in one of these two organizations during their second year.

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Welcome to the College of Law!



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All Are Invited!

All 2Ls are invited to an end-of-summer classes reception on **July 23**, from **4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** located in the second –floor gallery. Catch-up with your classmates, faculty, and the administration before the end of summer! **Refreshments will be served!**



Important Dates and Deadlines

Registration for Fall Term

Start: 6/25/2007 End: 7/8/2007

University Holiday (Closed)

Wednesday, 7/4/2007-**Fourth** of July

Final Exam Period (Summer Term)

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



**July 4:
Classes
Cancelled**

**Have a Happy and Safe
4th of July!**

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 Filler: Important Academic News (cont.)

In order to quickly finalize membership lists, students offered positions on Law Review and Moot Court Board will be given 24 hours to accept or reject any offers they receive. Offers will be made via email and telephone. If you are participating in the Law Review competition, or believe you are eligible for Moot Court Board, you should check your email on the afternoon of July 12. In addition, please email Juanita Womack with a phone number at which you can be reached. Her email is jw348@drexel.edu.

In the next week or so, we will release information regarding class rank. All students in the top 25% of the class will be provided with their precise numerical rank. Students in the remainder of the Top 50% of the class will be told their rank within 5% groupings – that is, a student in the top 30% will be told she is in the top 30%, and so on, for all students in the top half of the class. We will not publish any rankings beyond that point. Students may choose how much – if any – ranking information to include on their resume or in conversations with prospective employers. **The law school will not share rankings with any person or organization other than the individual student.** Students who are not ranked may, of course, provide employers information about the law school's overall grade distribution policy (as described in the Student Handbook and in the handout prepared by the Career and Professional Development Office.) Please note that we will treat the misrepresentation of one's class rank to potential employers as a violation of the Law School Code of Conduct.

Finally, we are working to create two particular honors for students who have excelled during this first year. Students who submitted the best exam in any particular class (as well as the best brief and memo) will be given a "Best Paper" award for that class. We will also be creating an "Honors" list to recognize overall class performance in the first year. Students in the top 10% of the class will be designated as being on the Dean's "High Honors" list and students in the top 20% will be designated as being on the Dean's "Honors" list.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about these issues, please feel free to contact me.

--Dean Filler

Law Library Notices



Document Delivery Services:

Searching for an item you can't find in the Drexel Libraries?

Books, articles, audio/visual materials, and more can be requested using our Document Delivery Services, E-Z Borrow and ILLiad.

E-Z Borrow quickly fills requests for books. All other materials can be requested using ILLiad. Both can be found on our webpage at: <http://www.drexel.edu/law/library/interlibraryloan.htm>.

Questions regarding these systems can be directed to Heath Reynolds at hmr25@drexel.edu or (215) 571-4724.

Reminder:

The Law Library is not responsible for lost or stolen materials. Please keep an eye on your belongings. Laptop security cables are available for check out at the Circulation Desk.

Career Corner



News from the Career and Professional Development Office:

Fall OCI Program: Get your resumes in shape --

Drexel's Fall On-Campus Interviewing ("OCI") Program is growing! Currently, we have eighteen law firms and organizations visiting our campus in late August and early fall to interview students for 2L summer jobs.

Participating employers include:

Archer & Greiner; Ballard Spahr; Buchanan Ingersoll; Chmicles & Tikellis; City of Phila Law Dept; Conrad O'Brien; Dilworth Paxon; Federal Public Defender (NJ); Fox Rothschild; Lavin O'Neil; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox; McCarter & English (Newark, NJ); Montgomery McCracken (*collecting resumes only*); Phila DA's Office; Schnader Harrison; Skadden (DE); Stradley Ronon; and Woodcock Washburn.

The date to "drop" your resumes to apply for OCI interviews will be some time in the third week of July. More law firms will likely be added – don't forget to check Symplicity regularly for notices about the OCI program.

Also check Symplicity regularly for announcements about new job postings (for both summer and academic year jobs), programs, events, and networking opportunities which are important to your future careers as lawyers!

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

Orientation Announcement

Orientation for 1Ls begins on August 20, 2007 and extends through August 31. 2Ls are not required to participate in orientation, although we hope that some students will be around to serve as orientation counselors and participate in a student organization fair (more info to come in a few weeks). Enjoy the rest of the summer and let me know if you have any questions.

--Dean Rosato