Calling All Students: A Program to Promote Diversity in the Legal Profession

This is a notice we received from UNC-CH about a program we are co-sponsoring on Feb. 22:

We need your help in changing the face of the legal profession. We are enlisting your help in encouraging, informing, and supporting the next cadre of young lawyers.

The law schools of North Carolina Central and UNC-Chapel Hill have partnered with the National Association of Black Lawyers, and the North Carolina and American Bar Associations in a program to encourage students of color to pursue their interest in a legal career. We would like students to share their experiences, their successes, their disappointments, and their triumphs over disappointment and adversity.

The program will be held on the main campus of the University of North Carolina on February 22, 2003. The daylong workshop will be held in Toy Lounge in Dey Hall, beginning at 10:00 am and ending around 3:00 pm. Students, attorneys, law school administrators, test preparation experts and many others will be present to answer questions and offer perspective to students. This program will feature students with a wide range of racial, ethnic, professional, religious, and socio-economic diversity.

All students are encouraged to attend! If you want to get involved in the conference, call Tasha Downey at 843-9871.

More information: On the agenda are Law School Deans Gene Nichol of UNC and Janice Mills of NCCU, NCBA President-Elect Allyson Duncan, and NCABL representative Charles Daye. The President of the American Bar Association, Alfred P. Carlton, will give the keynote address.

From the Academic Support Office: Thanks to all the 1L students who completed the Office of Academic Support Questionnaire in January on our Fall 2002 workshops and your wish list for Spring 2003. We appreciate your input! We are using your comments to develop workshops for this semester. The most popular requests were for more on Essay Writing (61 out of 82 surveys returned, or 74%), Exam Preparation (54 responses, or 66%), and answering Multiple Choice questions (41 responses, 50%). Only 14 (17%) requested a program addressing Stress Management (you must be handling stress well!) and 13 (16%) wanted a program on time management. We are planning two exam preparation workshops with your substantive professors for later this month (before midterms), so stay tuned! If you have any additional suggestions please feel free to stop by and see us. N. Perry and P. Potter.
Email news for The Weekly to Carol Stanley, Editor, at cstanley@wpo.nccu.edu.

**Announcements for Graduating 3Ls and 4LEs!**

1. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided for family members attending this year's graduation if needed. If needed, arrangements need to made as soon as possible. Please contact Mike Navarro or email me.navarro@hotmail.com by March 1.

2. Graduation Pictures will be taken Monday, February 17, 2003 and Tuesday, February 18, 2002. The photographer will be here from 3:00 - 6:30 pm on both days. The sitting fee is $12.95. This cost includes up to four poses and one 11X14 color print of the entire class. All delivered within 65 days! Packages may be purchased from the proofs. There will be a sign-up sheet passed around during Statutory Interpretation.

**STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Student Leaders:* You should each see Dean Lavelle about your budget requests which the SBA Executive Board reviewed last week so that you can properly plan for this semester.

*Students:* The SBA Executive Board still needs a few more students to serve on faculty committees which require student representation. If interested, please see Dean Lavelle as soon as possible.

*Symposium:* The North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation (ILJ) will be hosting its annual symposium on Saturday, February 15, 2003, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. The daylong event will begin at 9:00 A.M. This year's symposium entitled International Accounting Standards in the Wake of Enron, will examine and contrast U.S. and international accounting standards and their influence on corporate governance. Admission is free for students and lunch will be provided, however, pre-registration is required. To register or additional information, please visit our website at www.unc.edu/ncilj/ or email Lisa Brown (Symposium Editor) at lmbrown@email.unc.edu.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

What follows is a statement which is the result of a report submitted at the last NCCU Law School Faculty Meeting by the Law School Relations Committee. The statement is meant to address various concerns.

Lawyers are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professional behavior. The School of Law expects its students to adhere to high standards of behavior during their legal education and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Because law school is a student’s first step toward becoming a member of the bar, the Student Code of Professional Responsibility expressly prohibits unprofessional conduct.

Prohibited conduct includes arriving late for class, leaving class without the professor’s advance permission, talking or whispering to fellow students or using cell phones during class, eating or drinking (except in approved containers) in Classrooms 100, 102 and the Moot Courtroom, talking loudly in the Law School lobby, or in the hallways while class is in session, violating rules or circulation policies of the Law Library, and speaking disrespectfully to faculty, administrators, staff or fellow students. Persistent or flagrant instances of unprofessional conduct will be reported to the Law School Academic Disciplinary Committee and may result in suspension or expulsion.