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# Bulletin

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LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

December 1, 1986

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## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Scheduled Events for the Week of December 1, 1986

Day	Event	Time	Room
Monday	LAST DAY FOR MONDAY DAY AND EVENING CLASSES. LAST CLASS DAY. NO WITHDRAWAL PERMITTED AFTER THIS DATE.		
	Board of Governors-Reception for New Students	4:00 - 8:00	Stu. Lounge
	Mr. Gillingham-Drug Abuse Class	8:00 - 10:00p	Room 6
Tuesday	READING PERIOD THRU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th		
	Silver Circle Reunion	6:00 - 8:00	Fac. Lounge
	Ms. Goldberg-Community Property. Review and Make-Up	7:00 - 9:00p	SH
Wednesday	Mr. Ryan-Proctor Orientation	11:00 - 1:00	Room 1
Thursday	Mr. May-Civil Pro. Review	9:00 - 12:00	H'70
	Mr. Johnson-Operations Meeting	11:00 - 12:00	DCR
	Mr. May-Con. Law Review	1:00 - 4:00	H'70
	Western Law Center-Board Meeting	6:00 - 8:00	Casassa Rm.
Friday	Mr. Josephson-Institute for Advancement of Ethics	3:00 - 6:00	MH
Saturday	Development-Planned Giving Seminar	8:30 - 12:00	MH
	Mr. Zavos-Torts Review	10:00 - 12:00	SH
	Mr. Natali-Admin. of Criminal Justice Review	12:00 - 2:00	H'70
Sunday	None		
Monday	EXAMS THRU SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th		

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR THE SBA BULLETIN HAS BEEN MOVED TO NOON EACH WEDNESDAY. ALL ITEMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO RHONDA TARTAGLIO IN ROOM 226 OF THE BURNS BUILDING FOR EDITING AND WORD PROCESSING BY COMMUNICATIONS. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE FULL NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL FRAN PULLARA AT EXT. 1043 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SBA BULLETIN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER. PUBLICATION OF THE SBA BULLETIN WILL RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12TH.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES IS TODAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st. THIS IS THE LAST DAY FOR ALL MONDAY DAY AND EVENING CLASSES.

## COUNSELING PROGRAM

If you are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, depressed... and need a safe place to talk about personal and/or school issues, please call Stephanie Tainsky at (213) 736-1122. Counseling services will be available throughout the reading and exam period and will resume after the semester break.

## PARKING DURING FINALS

The gates in the main lot will be up and the lot accessible to all during reading week and finals except for Monday, December 8th and Monday, December 15th. All male students can get into the Union Street lot on those two days by showing their Loyola Law School ID card. Parking cards are not necessary.

## NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL TEAM ANNOUNCED

Prof. Natali announces the winners of the intramural Trial Advocacy Competition for the National Mock Trial Team. They are: 1) Wendy Forward 2) Neil Donovan 3) Marcia Alessi and 4) John Goodman. The Competition was judged by Loyola graduates who were former team members. Congratulations to all who competed.

## MESSAGE FROM SCOTT MOOT COURT TEAM

The Loyola Scott Moot Court National Team consisting of Joseph Furman, Gregg Martin, & Bob Wilder competed last weekend in the regionals. After winning the first three rounds, the team was handed a narrow defeat in the semi-finals, placing them third out of 15 teams. The National Team extends its sincerest thanks to the following faculty members: Professors Collingsworth, Gold, Kanner, Macias, Manheim, May, Pillsbury, and Prof. Ruel Walker, the Moot Court Faculty Advisor. Special thanks for their help and substantial time commitments to Professors Goldman, Natali, and Dean Ides. Finally, we wish to extend thanks to our team coach, Gina Putkoski, for her countless hours (and countless Almond Joys), and to Dean Frakt for his encouragement and support, as well as to the many Loyola students who came to support us at the competition.

## U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR 9TH CIRCUIT SEEKS INTERNS

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is establishing an appellate pro bono panel to represent indigent appellate litigants in cases for which monetary compensation is unavailable. Students must have at least 2/3 of their graduation requirements completed, or be awaiting the result of a state bar exam. Applicants should have experience in the areas of federal law and procedure, appellate work, or any other relevant general background. Further information and applications are available from Susan Shepard in the Dean's Office.

## U.S. CONSTITUTION ESSAY CONTEST

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is co-sponsoring with West Publishing Co. an essay competition awarding \$10,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 to its top three winners. The question for the essay is: *Does the allocation of power between the federal and state governments and among the branches of the federal government contribute to the preservation of individual liberty and the functioning of our government?* Entries are due April 15, 1987. Details are available in the Dean's Office.

## FAMILY LAW ESSAY CONTEST

The Family Law Section of the ABA is sponsoring an essay contest open to second & third year students. Entrants may write on any aspect of family law. Cash prizes are awarded the top three entries, and will be reviewed for possible publication in the Family Law Quarterly. Entry blanks may be obtained by writing: The Family Law Section, American Bar Association, 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL 60611. The deadline for entries is April 10, 1987.

## NATURAL RESOURCE SYMPOSIUM IN PROVO, UT

J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young Univ. is soliciting papers in connection with their 1987 annual symposium, "Natural Resource Industries: Recession, Reorganization, and Recovery." The symposium will be on February 13th & 14th at the BYU campus in Utah. Susan Shepard, in the Dean's Office, has more details.

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TAX COUNSEL WRITING CONTEST

The American College of Tax Counsel is sponsoring their 6th annual writing contest,

covering any topic involving federal tax policy. Cash prizes are available, and winning papers will be considered for publication in the American Journal of Tax Policy. The deadline is **December 31, 1986**. Susan Shepard has further information.

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Have you filled out an application for degree? June '87 & July '87 candidates for graduation should do so immediately in the Registrar's Office!

Are you typing you exams? Sign up now!

## CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

A new resource has been added to the Placement library. The Environmental Law Careers Directory lists 150 private, government, and public interest offices which offer environmental careers. The Directory is available for reference during Placement Office hours.

Placement Office Hours: The office will be open 9 - 5 only on the following Tuesdays - December 16, December 23, and January 6. Tuesday night late hours will resume on January 13.

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Financial Aid Office hours are 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, closed on Fridays. Evening students may schedule an appointment for hours other than those noted (736-1140).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Students are reminded to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately of change of address. This record must be kept up-to-date when loan applications are pending. Please note: A lender will cancel a loan application if any correspondence sent to a student is returned "undeliverable".

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY DEC.1 - FRIDAY DEC.5 ----- 7:00 am - 2:00 am weekdays  
SATURDAY DEC.6 ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 am  
SUNDAY DEC.7 ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 am  
MONDAY DEC.8 - FRIDAY DEC.12 ---- 7:00 am - 2:00 am  
SATURDAY DEC. 13 ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 am  
SUNDAY DEC. 14 ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 am  
MONDAY DEC. 15 - FRIDAY DEC.19 ---- 7:00 am - 2:00 am  
SATURDAY DEC. 20 ----- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
SUNDAY DEC. 21 ----- C L O S E D  
MONDAY DEC. 22 ----- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
TUESDAY DEC. 23 ----- TO BE ANNOUNCED  
(probably 8am to 12noon)

CLOSED DECEMBER 24 THROUGH JANUARY 4

MONDAY JAN. 5 ----- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
TUESDAY JAN. 6 ----- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
WEDNESDAY JAN. 7 ----- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
THURSDAY JAN. 8 ----- 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
FRIDAY JAN. 9 ----- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
SATURDAY JAN.10 ----- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY JAN.11 ----- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
MONDAY JAN.12 ----- 7:00 am - 11:00 pm (regular  
schedule resumes)

December 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Students  
FROM: Dean Arthur N. Frakt  
RE: Scheduling of Classes on Fridays

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Dear Students:

Recently we have had a number of complaints concerning the scheduling of classes on Fridays. Some of these complaints resulted from the fact that an error in the registration materials last year indicated that a particular course would not meet on Friday in the Spring Semester. We have apologized for this error. Unfortunately it is almost inevitable that either through mistakes in compiling our very complex schedule or through exigencies brought about by changes in teachers, health problems or other matters not foreseeable at the time the schedule is put together classes may have to be shifted and may not always meet at the time when the original registration packet indicates that they will.

I recognize that this may involve a certain amount of inconvenience to students. We certainly will keep changes to a minimum.

It is obvious that there is something much deeper than mere irritation at schedule changes which is going on here. A large number of you, particularly after the first year, are heavily committed to outside work. Although even ten or fifteen years ago it would have been virtually inconceivable for full-time students to request changes in schedules to accommodate their working in law firms or other offices, it has become commonplace. I want to make it absolutely clear that we cannot and will not tailor the schedule for our Law School in the full-time program to the work requirements of full-time students. There are several reasons for this.

The first and most significant reason is simply that we are bound by ABA accreditation standards not to consider outside work in the creation of our schedule. Accreditation rules state flatly that "Full-time student" means a student who devotes substantially all of his/her working hours to the study of law. S305(a)(iii)] Regular and punctual class attendance is necessary to satisfy residence and class hours requirements. [305(c)]

Official interpretations of these rules are even more explicit. Interpretation 6 of S305(a) states "A week" as defined in S305(a) means a week in which classes are regularly scheduled to meet Monday through Friday. The rules go on to state that the only excuse for not having classes scheduled Monday through Friday would be if a holiday occurs during a week and classes are suspended for no more than one day. If classes are scheduled for less than five days a week "only proportional credit may be given under S305(a)."

Further, the interpretations state "The Law School has the burden to show that it has adopted and enforces policies relating to class scheduling, attendance requirements, and performance standards."

In short, the ABA has made it very clear that law schools which tailor schedules to accommodate substantial involvement in work by students outside of the Law School are in jeopardy and the possibility exists that students who graduate from such a law school will not be given the full attendance credit required for admission to the Bar.

It should be obvious from these rules that any official recognition by the administration of the Law School that students require a day off (preferably Friday) to devote their full time to outside work would be a direct violation of the ABA rules and could seriously jeopardize our standing.

Just as significant as the legal requirements is their validity for legal education. We have an outstanding and varied curriculum. We also offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities which can greatly enrich and enhance your legal education.

I know that there are a number of factors which impel students to seek employment with law firms or other law related employers during the academic year. Money, prestige, the possibility of employment after graduation, enhancement of resumes and references all play a role in a student's decision to devote a considerable amount of time to work. Probably most significant other than the simple need for money to meet expenses is a student's understandable desire to enter upon his or her career as early as possible.

I know that the practice of law and the escape from the life of a student is very appealing and seductive. I want to plead with you in the strongest possible manner that if you are placing your outside employment over your involvement in classes and programs at the Law School you are doing yourself a terrible disservice. The less time you spend involved in the study of law, the more it will become routine and, in fact, an annoyance and a barrier.

It is not enough to simply go to most classes and take sufficient notes to pass the courses or even to pass the Bar exam. Many of you will be in practice for 30-40 years. This is the last significant chance you may have to devote yourself totally to learning about the law and exploring and developing your own mind and character without the day to day pressures that employment in the legal profession will bring to bear upon you. Thus, if you can do so, you should avoid significant outside work during the school year. You should explore courses and programs which will expand your horizons, even when they may not appear to have direct pragmatic application to what you believe your ultimate career destiny will be. You are too smart and too valuable to settle for the superficial, to treat law school as simply a means to a vocational end. If you are not persuaded and insist on giving law school short shrift, do not expect that we in the administration or faculty will acknowledge and aid you in carrying out that determination.

Obviously, there are some among you who simply must work a significant number of hours in order to meet your financial obligations. I truly wish that we were able to supply enough financial aid to all of our students to eliminate concern about expenses and debt. We recognize the fact that for many students who begin as full-time, the financial burden may at some point in their law school career necessitate significant outside work during the school year; therefore, we shall make transfers to part-time study including part-time study during the day as painless as possible. A student who completes the first year as a full-time student and then switches to part-time status may still be able to graduate within three years if summer sessions are attended. Others may find that they may switch back to full-time during their senior year. In still other cases an extra semester of law school may be advisable. In any event, we promise to be as flexible as possible in understanding financial needs and exigencies.

It is much more constructive (as many of our part-time students have learned) to cut down on courses to the point at which a student is able to concentrate on a smaller number of subjects, participate in extra-curricular activities and engage in as much outside work as is necessary.

In conclusion I would simply like to ask each and every one of you to give yourself the greatest opportunity to gain the maximum from law school.