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## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Scheduled Events for the Week of February 29th:

Day	Event	Time	Room
Monday	PISCES-Public Interest Law Panel	5:00 - 6:00	Stu. Lounge
	Dean Frakt-Discussion with First Year Evening Students	7:30 - 8:30p	SH
Tuesday	Library-LEXIS Training	8:30 - 9:30a	FCR
	Ms. Kuehl-Family Court Services Committee	9:30 - 11:30	FCR
Wednesday	Women Law Assoc.-Guest Speaker, Judge Valerie Baker	9:30 - 12:30	Room 6
	Faculty Meeting	3:15 - 5:30	Fac. Lounge
	Mr. Randolph-Property Make-Up	3:30 - 5:30	H'70
	Day SBA-Alumni Panel Discussion	5:00 - 6:00	Stu. Lounge
Thursday	None		
Friday	Fr. Merrifield-First Friday Mass	7:30 - 8:00a	Chapel &
	and Breakfast Forum	8:00 - 9:30a	Fac. Lounge
	Library-LEXIS Training	9:00 - 10:00a	FCR, Room 4
	Mr. Vogel-Torts	12:20 - 1:20	SH
Saturday	None		
Sunday	None		
Monday	SPRING BREAK. NO CLASSES.		

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR THE SBA BULLETIN IS NOON EACH WEDNESDAY. ALL ITEMS MUST BE TYPED DOUBLE-SPACED AND TURNED IN TO RHONDA TARTAGLIO IN THE INFORMATION/RECEPTION CENTER OF THE BURNS BUILDING FOR EDITING AND WORD PROCESSING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE FULL NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL FRAN PULLARA AT EXT. 1043 OR LILY KUO AT EXT. 1029 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Cuisine hours during the spring break from March 7-11 are:  
 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Friday: Closed

Facility usage schedule for Friday, March 11 is:  
 Burns Building: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Administrative Offices are closed.  
 Rains Building and Law Library:  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Faculty and staff may use their Honeywell Cards after the facilities are closed.)

## CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

The Christian Legal Society's weekly Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office. All interested students are invited to attend. Feel free to bring your lunch.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A videotape is available on reserve in the library by the International Law Society which concerns International Law/Lawyers and is entitled "Conversations with International Lawyers". Please feel free to check it.

There will be an International Arbitration Symposium on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. Please mark your calendar NOW! There's rumor that they will have a Roman feast afterwards.

## PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PANEL

A panel of attorneys will discuss Public Interest Law in the Student Lounge on Monday, February 29 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Featured speakers will include Dan Stormer, Mary Lou Villar of Legal Aid, Federal Public Defender Dennis Landin, and Rebecca Jurado of the A.C.L.U. The panel is presented by the Public Interest Support Community of Enterprising Students (P.I.S.C.E.S.) along with Loyola Law School. Free munchies and drinks will be served following the discussion.

## P.I.S.C.E.S.

A meeting of the Public Interest Service Community of Enterprising Students will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 6. The subject of the meeting will be "What Next?" Anyone interested in joining the organization which raises money for public interest law firms are welcome.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY

All students and faculty interested in joining the Federalist Society are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, February 31 at 12 noon in Classroom 3.

## SBA TURF CLUB

Everyone is welcome to beer or soda on Wednesday, March 2 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Frakt Field.

## CLINICS

PROFESSOR HOBBS' CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY INTERVIEWS FOR FALL 1988: Interviews for Hobbs' Fall 1988 CTA course will be held from 2-5 PM on the following Wednesdays: March 23, March 30 and April 6. Please see John Luk to sign up for an interview time.

This course is the prerequisite for placements with the L.A. District Attorney's office during the spring 1988 semester. Please remember that if you want to extern in the L.A. District Attorney's office, you MUST take this course.

NOTICE TO PROFESSOR HOBBS' CURRENT CTA STUDENTS: Mike Yglecias, of the L.A. District Attorney's office will be interviewing for summer/fall placements on Monday, March 21. Please read the memo which was passed out in Prof. Hobbs' class, and sign-up for an interview time in the Clinics Office.

AND ... NOTICE TO ALL CURRENT L.A.D.A. PLACEMENTS: Your seminar assignments are now available in the Clinics Office. Please pick up the memorandum of instruction and select your topic at your earliest convenience. These assignments will be the subject of evening seminars on March 22 (6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Casassa Room) and March 24 (6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge).

## CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### GOVERNMENT CAREERS INFORMATION DAY

Loyola will host the first annual Government Careers Information Day for ABA Southern California Law Schools on Saturday, April 16. Any students interested in working with Placement Center staff in developing and coordinating the program should contact Carol Ross-Burnett at (213) 736-1150 or stop by the Center.

## PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER DAY

The Third Annual Southern California Regional Public Interest Career Day will be held at UCLA School of Law on Saturday, March 12, 1988 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Legal services, other public interest organizations and law firms along with public defender offices and other appropriate government agencies will be available to speak with students. A number of speakers and panels will also be scheduled throughout the day. See the Career Planning & Placement Center bulletin board for a list of confirmed participants, or stop in the Center for more information. Students may also contact the Loyola student representative, Sharon Krauss, via student mailbox #650. Interested students from all Southern California ABA law schools are invited to attend.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO. is collecting resumes through the Career Planning and Placement Center from 3rd year day/4th year evening and December 1988 graduates for permanent positions. These positions require an accounting background or degree. Interested students may submit resumes in the Center now through Friday, March 11.

## SPRING ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Spring On-Campus Interviews will be held March 15-31.

Students who submitted resumes should now be checking interview lists, posted by social security number on the board outside the Placement Center. Day students are responsible for checking the board; evening students will be called. Students should come into the center to sign-up if their number appears. Please sign-up prior to leaving for winter break. If you do not wish to take the interview, simply do not sign up. 48-hour notice is required for cancellation of any interview.

Procedures for the program are outlined in a memo to all eligible students (first-year day/second-year evening, second-year day/third-year evening, third-year day/fourth-year evening). CHECK YOUR STUDENT MAILBOX FOR THE MEMO.

## GUIDE TO LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The 1988 Guide, now available in the Placement Center, informs students about the range of summer and temporary internships available with Jewish organizations and links qualified students with potential employers. Interested students may request it at the front desk.

## BET TZEDEK PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP

Bet Tzedek Legal Services, a Los Angeles-based public interest law center, has established a public interest law fellowship program for June 1988 law school graduates. Funding will be for a one-year position, based at the principal San Fernando Valley office (the Valley Rights Project). The Fellow will represent clients in a range of matters including substantial client contact. Applicants must take the California Bar before September 1988. To apply, send a resume and brief (no more than five pages) writing sample to: Robin Sommerstein, Director of Personnel, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, 145 South Fairfax, Suite # 200, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

## PLACEMENT CENTER HOURS FOR SPRING 1988

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday -  
10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday - 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## FINANCIAL AID

### PERKINS LOANS (formerly NDSL)

Promissory Notes for those students who were awarded Perkins Loans for Spring 1988 will be available for signature in the Financial Aid Office during regular office hours on Monday through Thursday, February 29-March 3.

### 1988-1989 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

Students who have notified the Financial Aid Office, in writing, of their plans to request funding for Summer Session or to apply for the State Graduate Fellowship may pick-up their application packets in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for submitting the SAAC (and the Graduate Supplement, if applicable) for these students is March 2, 1988.

Fall/Spring financial aid application packets will be available for pick-up beginning Tuesday, March 1, 1988. The deadline for submitting the SAAC for Fall/Spring applicants is April 15, 1988.

### EMERGENCY STUDENT LOANS

All Emergency Student Loan applications are on hold until further notice.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Women's University Club is granting seven \$1,000 merit scholarships to graduate students for the 1988 summer and fall sessions. The application, transcripts, proof

of current enrollment, letters of recommendation and current vita must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 15, 1988. Eligibility information and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

The Atlantic County Bar Association (New Jersey) is accepting applications for the Haneman-Perskie Memorial Foundation Scholarship Award for the academic year 1988-89. Please see the Financial Aid bulletin board for details.

Fifteen interest-free, 10-year maturity LOANS of \$2,000 are being made available by the Jake Gimbel Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be male, residents of the United States, and enrolled at a graduate school in California. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Please see the Financial Aid bulletin board for information regarding the following scholarships:

ITALIAN AMERICAN LAWYERS  
ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND  
LAWYERS

#### WORK-PROGRAM ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Spring 1988 work program contracts are available for pick-up in the Financial Aid Office. Work Program students must have signed contracts valid for the period January 1 - May 20, 1988 in order to be paid for any hours worked during the spring semester.

The Admissions Office is in need of a work-program eligible student.

Professor Pat Randolph is in need of a research assistant.

Professor Therese Maynard is in need of a reserach assistant.

The Placement Office needs work-program eligible students to assist with clerical duties (first year students OK).

Please see the Financial Aid bulletin board for details regarding the following off-campus work-study positions:

CONSUMERS UNION'S WEST COAST  
REGIONAL OFFICE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRUSTEE

STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IN  
LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL  
ASSISTANCE (C.R.L.A.)

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMISSION  
ON DISABILITY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday:  
10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday:  
10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday:  
CLOSED



# LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

OFFICE of the DEAN

February 24, 1988

## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Body

FROM: Arthur N. Frakt, Dean

RE: July 1987 Bar Results

Here are the July 1987 Bar results for first-time takers for California A.B.A. schools:

	<u># TOOK</u>	<u># PASS</u>	<u>% PASS</u>
U.C. San Francisco (Hastings)	397	346	87.2
U.C. Berkeley (Boalt)	222	191	86.0
Stanford University	79	67	84.8
U.C.L.A.	246	196	79.7
U.C. Davis	174	138	79.3
U.S.C.	170	130	76.5
Loyola Law School	314	225	71.7
University of the Pacific (McGeorge)	283	202	71.4
University of San Diego	194	131	67.5
University of San Francisco	159	104	65.4
Southwestern University	176	114	64.8
University of Santa Clara	213	136	63.8
Pepperdine University	132	82	62.1
California Western	46	25	54.3
Golden Gate University	97	51	52.6
Whittier University	66	26	39.4
TOTALS	2968	2164	72.9

Based upon a statistical undergraduate GPA/LSAT profile of our students, we did very well on a comparative basis. There is a correlation between LSAT scores and bar performance. The passing rate for our students whose LSAT scores are in the Stanford/U.C. range is extraordinarily high.

The most encouraging aspect of this bar exam to me is the very high level of performance of our graduates in the B (80-84.99) range of grades:

### First-Time Takers

<u>LAW SCHOOL GPA</u>	<u>PASSED</u>	<u>FAILED</u>	<u>% PASSED</u>
90.00 and up	2	0	100%
85.00 to 89.99	37	1	98%
80.00 to 84.99	116	14	89%
78.00 to 79.99	47	27	64%
76.00 to 77.99	17	31	37%
74.50 to 75.99	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8%</u>
	220	85	73%

[N.B. There is a slight discrepancy between these figures and those supplied to us by the State Bar. As of the time this memorandum was published, the Registrar had not been able to account for five failures included in the State Bar statistics, but they have only a slight effect on the results.]

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Further, students in the 78-79.99 range performed significantly better than they have in recent years. Although clearly there was some amelioration of the bar exam grading standard due to scaling, our mandatory mean and standard deviation played a role in providing a more realistic picture of student performance by limiting grade inflation and grade-shopping.

It is only at the lowest level of academic performance that bar results are very discouraging.

Statistically, bar pass rates for repeaters is dismal for all takers (A.B.A. and non-A.B.A. included) -- only 27.9% of second time takers passed, while 19.8% of those with more than two attempts succeeded. Loyola's repeaters passed at a 29% rate compared to the state A.B.A. average of 28.5%. Most of the repeaters who passed fell into the B- to B+ grade range. There are some success stories. Those who come close to passing the first time, those whose grades are near the B level, and those with very high LSATs will pass within a reasonable time, and there are always a few who defy the odds.

The Student Bar Association has recently completed a study on bar passage and the subjective opinions of Loyola graduates and students. They have made some interesting and constructive suggestions which I have forwarded to the Committee on Scholastic Standing chaired by Professor Fred Lower. The principal emphasis of the comments among graduates seem to be a need for more writing, feedback on essay questions and the value of active student participation in class and in such activities which stress writing and the development of critical skills as the Law Journals, Moot Court, etc.

In my view, as valuable as these suggestions may be, the greatest responsibility and opportunity for increasing the likelihood of bar passage is with you, the students. Marginal grades afford you fair warning that you are at risk. If you take these warnings seriously and make every effort to increase your skills and improve your performance, you will greatly enhance your prospects. Remedial programs, exam and writing workshops, increased faculty feedback on exams and papers may all be helpful in your efforts.

I know that some students find these memoranda stressful. I would hope that most of you find the information encouraging. I am obliged by the California Bar to share this information with you. A mere recitation of percentages with no explanation of the meaning of those percentages only creates excess anxiety in everyone. Although obviously, the majority of our students who are performing well cannot afford to treat the bar examination casually, you should be relieved to know that if you continue to perform well at Loyola, you have every reason to be confident about your admission to the bar. For those of you who have been stumbling academically, the faculty and the administration will work with you to improve your level of performance. That is all we can do.