The CLS Black Letter

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WELCOME (BACK) TO COLUMBIA!

Whether you are entering your n\textsuperscript{th} year or your first semester, or are somewhere in between, the Student Senate welcomes you to the 149\textsuperscript{th} (or is it 214\textsuperscript{th}?!) year of the Columbia University School of Law. We are looking forward to a great year of fun, and if you’re not careful, you may learn something before it’s done—hey, hey, hey!

Regardless of how veteran a member of the CLS community you are, this newsletter is something new to you. This e-publication will be presented weekly by the Student Senate for your reading pleasure and as a handy reference to the week’s events—carrying around the back page of this document will help you to keep track of the plethora of events that are happening every day.

As in this premiere issue, we will pack The CLS Black Letter with the latest on what’s happening in the world of CLS and information to help you navigate your student life needs. In addition, we will spotlight some of the personalities who make our community so special. And we will count on you to help make this new endeavor as relevant as possible by contributing your news, questions, and ruminations.

Finally, look to The CLS Black Letter as the source for information on Senate affairs. It is crucial to the well-being of our community that everyone is able to stay informed about what we’re up to. Remember, we represent you, and we count on you to help guide our work on your behalf. Senate meetings are normally open to the entire CLS student body, and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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Official Senate Announcements

\(\rightarrow\) Congratulations to The Court Jesters! Racing frantically between Columbia and the Statue of Liberty, this plucky band of three LLMs and four 1Ls captured first place in the 2007 Amazing Race.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Senate, elected to represent the LLM/JSD students and JD Class of 2010! We look forward to getting to know you at the very first Senate meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 5\textsuperscript{th}. (See page 2 for the full roster of senators.)
Your 2007-2008 Student Senate

Please contact us with questions or concerns!
We are working hard to represent you.

E-mail us at senate@law.columbia.edu, and visit us at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/.

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Senate Business

The first Student Senate meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm, in JGH 105.

N.B. This will likely not be our regular meeting time.

Agenda
I. Call to Order.
II. Senator Introductions.
III. Budget Committee Elections.
IV. Officer Reports.
V. Adjourn.

And so it begins, once again...
News & Notes

Changes abound at Student Services! Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin, Dean of Students, is on parental leave through October. Gail Heatherly, until about a month ago our Director of Academic Counseling and Student Organizations, has left to become Bureau Chief of Criminal Prosecutions in the office of the New York State Attorney General. While Dean Greenberg-Kobrin is on leave, the activities of the Student Services office will be overseen by Carol Liebman, Clinical Professor, who will serve as Acting Dean of Students. Thankfully, in the face of these shifting sands, we students can also count on the rock-solid support of the rest of the Student Services A-Team: Elizabeth Grainger, Ilene Strauss, Teba Besada, Bernice Garcia, and Matt Rafalow. If you need their help, give them a call at 212-854-2395 or e-mail them at student_services@law.columbia.edu.

Sixth Annual Fun Run this Friday. President Bollinger will once again lead this 5K Run/Walk for students, faculty and staff the entire University community on Friday, September 7, 2007, rain or shine. Check-in will take place from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. on the South Lawn (south of College Walk, in front of Butler Library), and the Fun Run will start at 8:00 a.m. from College Walk (116th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam). Pre-registration is required, and can be done at https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=15938.

PILF Bookstore Open for Business. Every semester, CLS’s Public Interest Law Foundation sells inexpensive used casebooks and study aids that have been donated by previous generations of students. The proceeds go toward supporting public interest law through such avenues as the Guaranteed Summer Funding (GSF) program for CLS students pursuing public interest law summers. All casebooks sell for $20, while everything else goes for $10. The PILF bookstore will be open on Labor Day from 11 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m. This will be the last time the bookstore is open until late November, when it will re-open for study guide sales (just in time for finals!).

Workers of the world, unite! “Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day . . . is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation.” (Samuel Gompers) Today, we mark the 126th celebration of Labor Day in our nation. Let us be sure to remember the contributions of those who labor throughout this land, on this day and every day.

If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.
This Week at CLS
September 3 - 9, 2007

Monday
• *Happy Labor Day!*

Tuesday
• *Happy first day of classes!*

Wednesday
• Student Services: Health & Wellness – Counseling/Psych Services and Ombuds Office. 12:25 - 1:05 PM. JG 106.
• Jewish Law Students Association: Meet and Greet. 6 - 8 PM; Hillel – Kraft Center.
• Law Student for Choice: Dinner/Movie. 6 - 8 PM. JG room tba.

Thursday
• Student Services: Clerkship Interviews. 12 - 1 PM. JG 101.
• 1L Welcome Dinner. 6:00PM. Low Memorial Library.
• Bar Review. 10 PM. Parlour (86th St & Broadway).

Friday
• President’s Fun Run. Check-in from 6:45 - 7:30 AM; run starts at 8 AM. College Walk. *(Pre-registration required, see details in News & Notes above.)*
• Student Services: Academic Planning Panel for 2Ls and 3Ls. 12:15 PM. JG 104/106.
• Legal Clinic for the Homeless: Mandatory Training. 12:30 - 3:00 PM. Big Warren L107.
• NALSA: Ben & Jerry’s with NALSA. 3 PM. JG Lobby.
• Diversity Groups Mixer. 7 - 10 PM. Drapkin Lounge.

Saturday
• Student Animal Legal Defense Fund: Dinner. 7 - 9 PM. Massawa Restaurant.

Sunday
• Qanun: Trip to Little Egypt. 1 - 4 PM. Meet in Jerome Greene Hall.
• Christian Legal Society: Meet and Greet. 5 - 7 PM. Lenfest Hall Basement Lounge.

Event information is taken from the *Advisor*, a Student Services e-publication. To have your event listed, follow the link below and submit the on-line form. These must be submitted by 10am on Thursday, the week BEFORE your event. [http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform](http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform)