

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE

**Resolution Urging Publication of the Final
Examination Schedule Before the First Day of Classes**

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5 **WHEREAS** the timing of law school final examinations, papers and projects strongly influences performance thereon and significantly impacts students' quality of life, causing their careful consideration of both weekly and finals schedules during course selection;

Students' ability to plan their academic schedules depends on the early and complete availability of information concerning these assessments;

10 Such information is often unavailable until several weeks into the semester, after the Change of Academic Program ("Add/Drop") period closes, compelling students to make their course selections without complete information;

The Office of Registration Services requires some time after receiving such information to produce a comprehensive schedule for distribution to the student body.

15 **RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE** that the faculty should submit complete information regarding final examinations, papers and projects for their courses as early as possible and before the Add/Drop period opens;

That the Office of Registration Services should remind the faculty of the importance of its timely submission of information needed to complete the final examination schedule and that that Office should publish the same as early as possible and before the first day of classes;

20 That the Student Senate President shall transmit a copy of this resolution, with the Senate's endorsement, to the Deans of Faculty, Students, and Registration Services, and shall raise this issue at the next Faculty Meeting after passage of this resolution.

This resolution expires at the end of the 2008-09 academic year.