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Good News

Chapman Law sent three teams to two competitions this weekend. Congratulations to Lindsay Johnson (3L) and Chris Hossellman (3L) who made it to the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition quarterfinal round at the national finals in Washington D.C.

Chapman also attended a regional round of the ABA Arbitration Competition in Jackson, MS. Chapman had two teams, Nick Evans (3L), Kristin Aoun (3L), Melissa Bohl (3L), and Noel Rayo (3L) and Jason Armbruster (3L), Zach Begle (2L), Randy Schram (3L), and Craig Williams (3L). A hearty congratulations goes out to the team of Nick Evans, Kristin Aoun, Melissa Bohl, and Noel Rayo for winning the regional competition. They will advance to the finals in Chicago in January 2013.

Please congratulate these students when you see them this week.

July 2012 Preliminary Bar Results

Chapman Law’s preliminary bar pass rate from the July 2012 General Bar Exam (GBX) is 80% for those taking the exam for the first time. We will receive confirmation from the California State Bar soon. Please note that this is a preliminary pass rate and the final number may change slightly in the coming days. The California ABA approved law school first time pass rate was 77% and the overall pass rate for the July 2012 GBX was 55.3%. Chapman Law has surpassed the California ABA average three times in the past four years. We are very proud of all our students who sat for the bar this summer, regardless of the result.
Degree Conferral Application Required for Graduating 3L and LL.M. Students

If you intend to graduate in May 2013, you must complete an online Degree Conferral Application on WebAdvisor. This is a mandatory process that all eligible students must complete in order to graduate. This process must be completed no later than January 25, 2012. If you intend to complete all degree requirements in December 2012 at the conclusion of this Fall 2012 semester, your Degree Conferral Application must be completed as soon as possible and no later than Friday, November 30, 2012.

To complete the application log in to WebAdvisor and choose the "Apply for Degree or Certificate Conferral" link on the right-hand side of your student menu screen. This link will take you through the brief Degree Conferral Application process. Be sure to choose the correct Fall or Spring Law School term on the application. Please contact the Office of the Law Registrar with any questions.

2013-2014 Tuition

Chapman University has announced that the full time JD tuition rate for the 2013-2014 academic year will be $44,414, an increase of 3% over this year’s rate. For a historical perspective, last year’s tuition increase was 4%.

In terms of the JD per credit rate and LLM tuition, the per credit cost will be $1,475 for the 2013-2014 academic year which is an increase of about 3.12%. The percentage increase is slightly higher for the per credit rate simply due to rounding up the cost to equal a number that ends in a zero or a five. The per credit rate was $1,375 per credit for the 2011-2012 academic year, which was an increase of 4% over the 2011-2012 cost.

Reading Period: Extended Library Hours

The Rinker Law Library will expand its operating hours during the Reading Period, starting November 29 through December 12, 2012. The law library will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. On Sunday’s, the library opens at 10:00 a.m. If you are going to be in the library late at night, remember to be aware of your surroundings. If you are going to be walking to the parking structure, be sure to walk in groups of two or more is possible. If you are alone, remember to walk on the north side (the side closest to Sycamore Ave.). Public Safety is always available to provide an escort to anyone who requests one. For an escort, call Public Safety at (714) 997-6763. Good luck with your finals.

Habeas Korkus Super Storm Sandy Relief Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund. Habeas Korkus raised over $250 for the victims of Super Storm Sandy.


The Application Period is now open for Destination: Africa 2013, going to Uganda on a Full Scholarship to create short documentaries about NGOs there. The focus of the program is to draw attention to the work of human rights and social justice NGO’s in Africa. This is an interdisciplinary Chapman University program that each year includes one or two Chapman law students. Law school participants are required to audit the Pre-Production class in Dodge College next semester (Spring 2013). Approximate shooting dates in Uganda are May 19 – 31, 2013. To participate, law students must be in good academic standing and, at the final discretion of Dean Campbell, be deemed able to fully participate in the program without jeopardizing their legal studies. The law student(s) chosen to participate will have all travel, lodging and food costs associated with the trip paid for by the program. Only 1L and 2L students are eligible to apply.
Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19th**. Applicants should send an email to Professor John Hall (jhall@chapman.edu) stating the following: name, year in school, GPA if applicable, any film production, human rights, social justice or travel experience, why you are well-suited to go on this program, and why you want to go. Please also send a CV. Successful applicants will go to the Second Round, which involves a short interview with the Program Director, Professor Jeff Swimmer from Dodge College in the week of November 26. Final Notifications should be made shortly thereafter.

**Fall Judicial Clerkship Informational Meeting**

The CSO has rescheduled the Fall Judicial Clerkship Informational Meeting. The meeting will now be held on **Wednesday, November 28 at 11:45 a.m. in Room 237A**. Professor Eastman and the CSO will explain the application process and what you should be doing now to prepare. Students will also hear from a successful alum who clerked for a federal judge.

**RSVP**

**Toys for Tots**

You can brighten the spirits of a child in need this holiday season by **donating a new toy**! Drop off a new, unwrapped toy in the lobby between **now** and **December 17** to support the United States Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots program and **children of all ages** in our community! Last year we collected **over 100 toys** thanks to the generosity of our faculty and students--this year we're aiming **even higher**! Be a part of this wonderful tradition and donate today! If you are interested in learning more about this charitable organization, please visit [http://www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).
Monday, November 19th

“The Other Bar” Meeting

Chapman Law now has a student chapter of The Other Bar. Any student who is in recovery, has had a DUI or other substance-related criminal charge, or is simply questioning whether they have a healthy relationship with alcohol is welcome to attend. Also, anyone who needs their court card signed to show that they have attended a meeting can do so by participating in The Other Bar. The group will meet every Monday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at a location outside the law school. Rest assured that your identity will remain anonymous. Those involved take confidentiality very seriously. For meeting location information, please email otherbar@chapman.edu.

Panel Discussion: America Has Chosen . . . But What Have We Chosen?

What will America’s choices in the 2012 Election mean for our futures, our freedoms, and our lives as attorneys? Join the Federalist Society on Monday, November 19th at 11:45 a.m. in Room 142 as our very own Professor John Eastman joins author, attorney and constitutional law expert Ken Klukowski for a panel discussion on what we can expect from Washington over the next four years and beyond. Copious amounts of awesome food will be served, and all are invited to bring their toughest questions.

Thursday, November 22nd

Happy Thanksgiving!

Law Library and Law Building Closed

Friday, November 23rd

No Classes
Monday, November 26th

Do You Knit Or Crochet? Want To Learn?

Chapman Law’s “Close Knit Group” will meet every other Monday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Services Conference Room, Room 339. This group is open to everyone—students, faculty and staff—regardless of skill level. Those who have been knitting and/or crocheting for a while will be happy to work with those who want to learn. So, we will have treats and conversation as well as relaxation as we knit/crochet. Bring the project on which you are working or the materials necessary to start something you would like to make.

Immunity Pets are Back!

Phi Delta Phi and Health Law Society are announcing the return of our popular charity fundraiser. Buy an immunity pet and become immune from being called on in participating classes for that day. Pets will be available for $5 per day and all proceeds are going to Coalition of Orange County Community Health Clinics, an organization that provides quality healthcare for vulnerable, underserved communities. November 26-29, 9:15am - 1:15pm, in the lobby. Subject to certain restrictions. For more information, please contact pdpchapman@gmail.com.