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## HAVE NOWHERE TO BELONG? THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL

### THE UNEMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTER

#### LAW STUDENTS:

Do you want to

--have your own clients?

--represent them at hearings?

--learn how to deal with judges?

--hone your research and advocacy skills?

--have fun, get great experience, and help other people?

Then the UNEMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTER, (U.A.C.) is the place for you!

### WHO WE ARE

The Unemployment Action Center is a non-profit corporation which provides free representation to people claiming unemployment benefits.

Over the last 15 years, hundreds of law students have helped unemployed people through the UAC. Some UAC advocates want careers in public interest. Some want careers in law firms. Some handle one case a year. Some handle a dozen. All of us find it rewarding.

*"Representing unemployment benefit claimants was exiting and interesting. Interviewing claimants, preparing witnesses, and appearing as a representative before Administrative Law Judges made me feel like an advocate rather than a law student. Helping eligible claimants win their benefits was also an extremely rewarding experience."*

- Nancy Tainiter  
1990 UAC Summer  
Advocate Cardozo  
Class of '92

### WHAT WE DO

Under the unemployment insurance law, New York must provide benefits to workers who lose their jobs through no cause of their own.

When workers (claimants) seek unemployment benefits, the state makes an initial determination whether their situation entitles them to benefits. If benefits are awarded, the employer may protest; if benefits are denied, the claimant may protest. An administrative law hearing is held before a judge to resolve the issue.

UAC advocates represent the claimant at the hearing: researching the law, conducting direct and cross-examination, and arguing the claimant's case to the judge.

An average case takes 10-15 hours, usually spread out over two weeks. As an advocate, you can take as many or as few cases as you like, to fit your own schedule.

### HOW THE UAC HELPS YOU

There is only so much you can learn about legal advocacy from casebooks--the rest you must learn through "on the job" experience. The UAC gives you that experience: a rare opportunity to learn trial advocacy by arguing actual cases in front of judges.

Your involvement also demonstrates self-confidence and litigation skills that will make you stand out in job interviews with legal employers.

*"The UAC provides great litigation experience. It's by far the most worthwhile thing I've done to learn how law is actually practiced"*

Peter Gallagher  
1990 UAC Summer  
Advocate  
Columbia Class of '92

### HOW THE UAC HELPS OTHERS

Each year, over 25,000 unemployment hearings take place in New York City. The problem is that in most hearings, the claimants cannot afford a lawyer, and go to the hearings alone. Usually, these claimants cannot argue their cases as well as their employers, and thus many claimants who should be entitled to benefits nevertheless lose their hearings.

The UAC seeks to turn this situation around. We know the law, and we even the odds. We train you to protect your client's rights.

*"UAC-represented claimants win in 60 percent of their hearings, double the success rate of unrepresented claimants."*

Newsday, March 23, 1987.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The UAC always needs new advocates to represent claimants at hearings. We also welcome individuals interested in fund-raising or programming to help us raise money and organize events.

If the UAC sounds like an organization for you, pass by the Public Interest Resource Center or call The Fordham UAC Chapter at 636-7149.

Do you have too much time on your hands?  
Do you have no consideration for contracts?  
Do you feel like abandoning Civil Procedure for failure to state a claim for which relief can be granted?  
Do you simply own no property and therefore see no reason for studying it?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, The Advocate can use you. If you are interested in writing for the Official Student Newspaper of Fordham Law School, please contact us at 636-6964.

### LATIN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

The Fordham Latin American Law Student's Association (LALSA) is a student-run organization designed to provide academic support and guidance, cultural awareness and social interaction to Latino Law students and the entire Fordham Law Community. To this end, LALSA has planned a series of events throughout the school year. These events include panel discussions on topics affecting both the Latino and the greater legal communities (Tentative topics: "The Latin King/Queen Nation: Street Gang or Social Activist Organization?"; Symposium: "Welfare Rights and the New Welfare Bill"), cultural outings centering on raising awareness

of Latin culture (Trips to El Museo Del Barrio and the Repertorio Espanol Playhouse are planned) and social gatherings. In the spirit of building a better and stronger organization, LALSA extends an open invitation to all Fordham law students to participate in our events. A detailed monthly calendar of LALSA events is available by dialing the LALSA Info Line at 636-7988.

Please join LALSA on Tuesday October 1, at 6:00 in the Platt Atrium for our kickoff event in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. After a brief reception we will be heading to the Copa Cabana to celebrate. Admission to the Copa is \$2.00 with a free buffet available until 8:00 p.m.

Haydee Correa  
"La Presidenta"

## BOTTLE AND GLASS

By Jarnes C. Maroulis

How about a nice glass of Zinfandel? Such a question is likely to provoke at least three responses. People unfamiliar with this wine may be confused. People who know something about wine but don't know me personally will assume that I have no business writing a wine column. Finally, those who know me and know wine may think that I have finally gone off the deep end. Over the past year, I tasted a score of California red Zinfandels. Several of my friends thought I had lost it--until they tasted the stuff.

Although no one is exactly sure where Zinfandel came from, it is generally believed that it is an indigenous American grape. As far as I know, America is the only country that makes Zinfandel--California makes the vast majority of this. In California, a wine made from at

least 75% of this grape can be called a "Zinfandel." As you may know, Zinfandel has a terrible reputation. America's most respected wine critic referred to it as "the perennial whipping boy of the wine press." Yet, this reputation is only half deserved. Although Zinfandel is a single grape variety, two types of wine are made from it: white and red. White Zinfandel is a pink, slightly fizzy wine. It usually has a simple, slightly sweet flavor. Normally, it is an insipid wine that is only slightly better than the dread wine cooler. Although my sister, who has a very refined palate, assures me that there are a few good white Zinfandels, I've never found one.

Red Zinfandel, on the other hand, can be a tasty California wine. It can be rich

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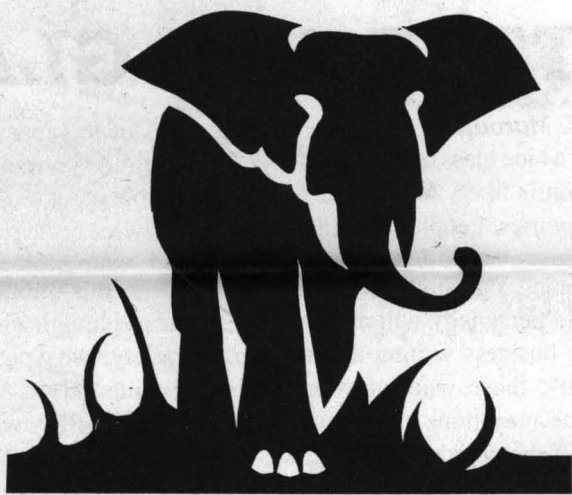
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# COME ONE, COME ALL, to the First Fordham Law Republicans meeting of 1996!

Where? The Atrium  
When? Friday, September 20, 1996  
4:00p.m.  
Why? It's an election year,  
need I say more?



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## THE SBA COLUMN, Number 1

By: Allan Urgent, SBA President

This is the first of what we intend to be a year-long series of articles summarizing conversations with the heads of administrative and faculty bodies at Fordham Law School. It is our hope that by informing students of what they should expect to accomplish in their interactions with each body, that they will then be more able to effectively utilize their time, as well as the time and resources of the people working at the school.

### Office of the Dean

We start at the top with a sketch of the responsibilities of the Dean of the law school, John Feerick. I had a conversation with Dean Feerick on July 25, 1996, at which I asked him to tell me about what he does on a day to day basis for the law school. I found what he revealed to me very illuminating.

Dean Feerick summarized his position as quite varied. He maintains a highly active schedule spending an estimated 80 hours a week doing law-school related activities. He represents the law school at every conceivable function related to Fordham Law. Attending more than 300 events per year, the Dean attends some function nearly every night of the week during the school year. He helps to establish public service programs, sits on panels, attends and speaks at outside conferences, and participates in the events coordinated by faculty and students here at the law school. Some of the Dean's external not-for-profit commitments include chairing: the Fund for Modern Courts; the Academic Standards Committee of the ABA's Legal Education Section; and the New York State Committee to Develop a Policy with respect to cameras in New York Courts. Furthermore, in the past year, Dean Feerick has made five trips to Ireland working with a Mediation Project on behalf of the school.

In addition to the above activities, another one of the Dean's primary responsibilities is fund-raising for the law school. The Dean

lamented that unfortunately, most of this work takes him away from the school's students and faculty. He travels throughout the year and across the country to speak with alumni encouraging them to make donations to the school. For example, the Dean was able to prompt thirteen alumni to give one million dollars to establish a public service endowment fund at the school. A major part of each year's fund-raising is to obtain support of the school's financial aid program.

The Dean also represented the law school at about a dozen funeral services in the past year, sadly two of which were for students of the law school. In addition to spending time with the families, he was asked to give the eulogies in some instances.

### Interaction With Students

As you might expect, the Dean makes time to meet with students to discuss personal issues in a limited number of instances. He is widely revered by students of the law school for his many accomplishments in the legal profession, and for the person that he is — down to earth, caring, and responsive to the needs of faculty and students. The Dean was instrumental in the forthcoming expansion of the law school's clinical programs, and with addressing physical plant needs such as expanding faculty office space, improving the cleaning service, and installing a new lighting system in the law school cafeteria.

It appears that the Dean has taken the law school's motto "in the service of others" to heart. He gives generous support to the *Fordham Student Sponsored Fellowship* each year, which has grown to be the most successful program of its kind in the country. He has also tried to serve as a model of the advice that he gives at the orientation of every entering class of the law school, which is to attend to the four "H"s—honesty, hard work, harmony, and helping others.

In the next issue the SBA speaks with Dean Nitza Escalera of the **Office of Student Affairs**.

Oh, yummy toothbrush,  
bed of my tasty paste,  
Bristle on enamel,  
cleans my mouth's pasty taste.

Sooth my gums,  
your manner; soft and serene,  
caress my teeth,  
delectable dental machine.

Oh, yummy toothbrush,  
my oral hygiene lover,  
so rough the brush with time,  
in six months I need another.

Timothy Dockery ('97)

# HUMOR

## Fighting the Monkey

by Yongae Han, Staff Writer

You may have noticed that finding the perfect apartment in Manhattan is virtually impossible. But once in a while, you get slapped with an unlikely turn of luck, and when you least expected it, you're standing in a eighth floor apartment with three bay windows facing nothing but the sunny sky, hardwood floors so shiny you could eat off of them, two large walk-in closets, and a bedroom that's actually not inside your living room. And all for the incredibly affordable price of only \$1600 a month. You think you've died and gone to apartment heaven, but, of course, there's a catch.

"So, how bad can it be?" you ask yourself, "what, there're no laundry facilities? There's only one elevator? There's no heating or air-conditioning? I can deal with all that." But as it turns out, all those fears are unfounded. The place comes complete with central air and heating, two shiny mirror-laden elevators, and convenient laundry facilities located right in the basement.

So you lick the end of your pen and get ready to sign on the magical dotted line. And then, the landlord tells you, "Oh, by the way, every morning before you leave the building, you gotta do something."

"Yes? What?" you say.

"You have to fight the monkey." He points to the monkey sitting complacently by the front doors. He's four feet high and looks friendly enough, but still, you think, "This is a bogus deal."

Time to move on. So you consult your favorite brokers, your various apartment guides, and spend a considerable amount of time walking around the lovely dog-urine-smelling streets of Manhattan. You see a couple of other interesting places. The second apartment is a bit smaller than the first, a bit more expensive, and a bit more inconvenient to the fine restaurants you love so much. And, oh, it's got only one window, which happens to overlook a favorite hang-out joint of local crack dealers. But you think to yourself, "Okay, I can deal with this." So you get your pen out again.

As you're about to sign, this new landlord asks you, "Did I mention the monkey?"

"Oh no," you think, "not another monkey." But you sigh in a comforting way and you say, "Okay. Let's see it."

The landlord takes out a rather small monkey, about two feet in height. "Why, it's just a baby," you say, "I can fight this monkey every morning."

"Oh no," says the landlord, "You have to fight him not only every morning, but every time you leave the building. Also, you must fight him if you don't put all the recyclables in the right bins, if you make any loud noises in your apartment, and if you bring any guests over to your apartment."

You decide to think about this whole fighting the monkey thing. How many times a week would you have to fight him? That'd be five times just for

leaving your place for school. Add a couple more for miscellaneous departures, in case you want to go out in the evenings or wanted to get groceries, and then a couple more for any of these forbidden apartment sins you might accidentally commit. That's an estimated nine bouts with the little monkey. You'd have hardly any time left for studying for your classes. And on days when you didn't feel up to fighting the monkey, you might not even go to class at all. You tell the landlord you're going to get back to him.

The following week, you see an ad in paper for an "intimate pre-war alcove studio; no monkey." No monkey? You look a bit more closely, and you find the reason why there's no monkey. "No bathroom, \$1600/

month." So you read on, and find another ad, for a "sunny, large, furnished one-bedroom with separate kitchen in an elevator building, newly renovated, in mint condition" for only \$600 a month. You immediately call the broker that comes along with the apartment, and go see the place. It's stunning. "I'll take it!" you say, and begin signing the check for the deposit. "Did you see the monkey outside?" the broker asks.

"You know what?" you say, as you try to worm yourself out of this, "I don't think I can afford a pet just now. Maybe in a few months, when I've settled down."

The broker immediately understands that you're familiar with the monkey system, and flashes a sly smile. "It's not really that much work," he says, and leads you out to the front, where there's a twelve-foot monkey looking menacingly at you. "Uh," you stammer, tearing your deposit check into little pieces, "I'll let you know tomorrow."

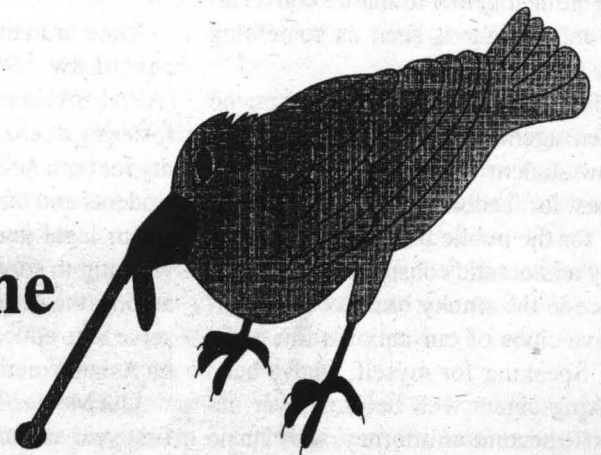
As you go back to your dormitory, you begin to wonder, "What would the

world be like if every time you wanted something, you had to first fight the monkey? What if every time you refused to do something you were supposed to do, you had to fight the monkey as your punishment?" And then an idea flashes across your brain, and you rush back to the first apartment you saw, and sign the lease.

The night you move in, you secretly tip-toe down the stairs and sneak up behind the monkey and strangle him. With a peaceful smile, you go to bed, and wake up in your beautiful sun-filled, high-ceilinged new apartment. But you go down to the lobby, and you stop dead in your tracks. The monkey is back. Above the reclining monkey, there's a new sign posted on the wall, reading "Kill the monkey, and it only comes back, like Sisyphus' rock."

So after all those weeks of apartment hunting, you couldn't escape having to fight the monkey. But it's really not so bad, because, as you learn, everyone else has to fight the monkey too.

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## YEARBOOK

The Fordham law school yearbook summation '97 is looking for interested students in each class to take pictures, attend events, help layout the book, assist administratively, and generally have fun while preserving the joys and pains of law school in one handy reference guide. (the yearbook of course). All those interested should contact:

Melba Feliberty  
Editor

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**FORDHAM LAW  
CIGAR LOUNGE**

It has come to my attention that a few students are opposed to my idea to implement a cigar club here at Fordham Law School, namely, the Fordham Law Cigar Lounge. I would like to address these concerns and convey my goals in forming this organization, as I am troubled that getting together to share a conversation and a cigar is seen as something more than simply that.

There are no secret handshakes, no hidden agendas, no "conspiracies." A fellow student wrote in response to my request for feedback, "this will do wonders for the public image of lawyers as stogy aristocratic conspirators who find justice in the smoky back rooms of exclusive clubs of our nation's finest cities." Speaking for myself, I have been smoking cigars well before I ever decided to become an attorney, and I am no aristocrat. I am sure this speaks true for the more than thirty students who expressed interest in the Fordham Law Cigar Lounge. These ignorant remarks perpetuate these kind of stereotypes. People who smoke cigars are ostracized wherever they go. I am not asking anyone to approve of my habit; all I am doing is creating a place where we can be accepted and enjoy each other's company. Unlike the majority of places that exclude us, we are not excluding anyone.

Another student expressed a concern that this would be an "all white boy's club." While statistically most cigar smokers are white males, how are we ever going to change this by just choosing to accept it? We have a responsibility as future lawyers to act out against these images and ensure that a cigar lounge is just a cigar lounge, nothing else. At Fordham, we have many organizations that in one way or another do not appeal to everyone, but that does not make them wrong. I do not know what the gender and racial make-up of other organizations are, however, I can proudly tell you the initial response I received to the Fordham law cigar lounge was over 40% female! Furthermore, students of many ethnic and racial backgrounds have informed me of their interest in joining the club.

Please come to our first meeting, and if you still have concerns, together we will address them. I think this will be a fun project to launch, and the events will be a great place to relax and meet interesting people. As a second year student who just completed early interview week, I know first hand how formal, and at times uncomfortable it

can be to meet people and strike up a conversation. I think that this club will help integrate students with the legal community and at the same time it will send a message that smoking a cigar or just being a part of a cigar club does not mean that you are a white male aristocratic conspirator.

Keith Markel

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**ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN  
LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

The Fordham Asian / Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) is an organization devoted to fostering a sense of community and identity for both Asian/Pacific American law students and other students interested in Asian legal and social issues. Besides working to forge stronger ties with and among the Asian community, we also serve as to educate the university at large on Asian American issues and concerns.

Our Mentor/Mentee Program matches first year students with upper-class students who are available to answer questions and alleviate the anxiety which comes from being a first year law student. In addition, APALSA devotes time to advising students on areas such as outlining, bluebooking, and searching for summer employment.

APALSA also participates in national conferences that address relevant Asian American issues. We seat active members on the Law School's Minority Affairs Committee and attend student leadership meetings with Dean Féerick. Our members also provide pro bono services to various Asian American communities within New York City. Our community service projects this year include a minority voter registration drive in conjunction with the Asian/Pacific American Bar Association, as well as work with the Asian-American Education and Legal Defense Fund. We are also members of the National Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association and will be attending their annual conference in Washington, D.C. in October.

Our association also publishes a newsletter to inform members of current and future activities. Some of our social events include a Dim Sum brunch in the fall and a Lunar New Year celebration and Annual Dinner in the Spring. We will also be hosting seminars and panels later in the year. Our meetings are held on a monthly basis and our calendar is posted on the APALSA bulletin board. This year's officers are Emma Lee, Julie Y. Min, Chad Sjoquist, Dina C. Lee, and Thomas Yih. All students are welcome to attend our activities. Anyone interested in APALSA may contact any of its officers or leave a message at (212) 636-6947.

# STUDENT OR WHAT TO GET AT FORDHAM SCHOOL

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**FAMILY COURT  
MEDIATION PROJECT**

The Family Court Mediation Project ("FCMDP") is an organization dedicated to facilitating and providing free mediation services for custody and visitation issues at the Manhattan Family Court. The program serves as an alternative to the frequently destructive adversarial process used to adjudicate these issues. Its sole objective is to offer to parents the opportunity to mediate and resolve their differences with an experienced, neutral third party.

The project is the first of its kind in any Family Court across the country. Alternative dispute resolution is a growing practice area and if the Project is successful, it will serve as the prototype for other Family Court mediation projects across the country. Fordham Law would be heavily involved in the development of such projects.

For the past three years, the FCMDP has worked with the Society for the Prevention of Abuse to Children to establish an on-going presence in the Family Court. The FCMDP maintains an information window at Family Court which is staffed by Fordham Law Students. Currently, the window hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These are the busiest hours at the courthouse. Starting next semester, we hope to extend these hours to five days a week.

We have scheduled a tentative training date for Friday, September 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Because this time conflicts with Legal Writing, we are scheduling a second training for first years.

This year's officers are: Alysa Mendelson, Senior Director; Heidi Balk, Associate Director; and, Andrea Rinaldi, Associate Director. For more information, please come by our office in the Public Interest Resource Center or leave a message on our voicemail (636-7901).

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**DEATH PENALTY DEFENSE  
PROJECT**

The Death Penalty Defense Project ("DPDP") is a student-run public interest organization at Fordham founded to provide a mechanism by which law students in the New York City area may gain experience in capital defense representation. The DPDP seeks to place law

students in internships with capital defense attorneys, to conduct research on the death penalty in New York and to provide a forum for the discussion of issues surrounding the death penalty and criminal law.

The DPDP places law students interested in gaining experience in capital representation in internships with death penalty defense attorneys in the New York City area. In its first year, the DPDP placed over ten Fordham law students in semester-long internships with the New York Capital Defender's Office and the New York Legal Aid Society Capital Defense Unit. The DPDP has also developed a system by which students are available on a short term basis to help capital defense attorneys with emergency projects.

As part of this placement system, the DPDP has organized a training program by which law students are introduced to issues in capital representation before they are placed in internships. In its first year, the DPDP training program was attended by more than twenty students and practitioners interested in capital representation. Among the speakers at the training program were Kevin Doyle, New York Capital Defender, and Russell Neufeld, Director of the New York Legal Aid Society Capital Defense Unit. The DPDP will host two such training programs this year. These training programs are open to all law students and practitioners in the New York area.

The DPDP is, in conjunction with the Fordham University School of Social Work and other New York area schools, developing a database for the accumulation of data on the death penalty in New York. This database will be used to document arbitrariness and racial disparities in the institution of the death penalty in New York. The DPDP also hosts symposia, panel discussions, and lectures on the death penalty and the criminal justice system. In its first year, the DPDP hosted a four-part panel discussion on the impact of the criminal justice system on urban communities.

For more information on the DPDP, please call (212) 636-7154.

# ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN UNIVERSITY OF LAW

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that has been committed to eliminating poverty housing since 1976. Through the use of volunteer labor and donated materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of homeowners. The houses are sold at no profit to families, who receive no-interest mortgage's.

The Habitat for Humanity group at Fordham has operated as a part of the Community service Project since 1990 and is currently the newest full member of the Public Interest Resource Center. In December of 1995, Fordham became the second law school in the United States to become an official chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Since 1990, over 100 students, faculty and administrators, at Fordham Law School, have participated in over 10 projects in six states. During the 1995-96 school year Fordham Law School - Habitat for Humanity supported 35 volunteers on four work trips in three states. This year, the response Habitat for Humanity has received from interested students has been excellent, with 60 sign-ups at the Student Club Fair and 20 attending the first meeting!

Typically, there are two weekend day trips in the fall and a week-long trip over spring break. Last spring, 14 students and faculty spent their spring break at a site on Johns Island, South Carolina. This year, Fordham Law - Habitat for Humanity has planned 5 trips, 4 weekend day trips and a first ever international spring break trip to Jamaica. Habitat for Humanity volunteers perform actual construction work including carpentry, dry wall installation, painting and roofing - under the supervision of volunteer tradespeople.

Not only has student participation in Habitat for Humanity furthered the good name of Fordham Law School, but students have developed new relationships with other participants and a sense of community with homeowner families. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity provides a great pro-bono experience to students who are interested in property law.

## SPORTS LAW SOCIETY

The Sports Law Society was founded in 1995 to operate and maintain an association exclusively for the education, entertainment and recreation of its members, particularly as it relates to sports law. In addition to providing for the student body, the Society also seeks to fill a niche in New York city's legal and academic communities by providing and sponsoring current discourse on sports law and sports-law-related issues.

To that end, the Society will publish two newsletters and sponsor two panel discussions this year, among its other activities such as fund-raisers and social events. The first panel discussion, on constitutional issues in sports, is slated for October 16, 1996. The publication of the first newsletter is scheduled for November 4, 1996, with articles being due for editing a week or two prior to publication. Specific information will be available shortly to those students interested in writing a newsletter article. Participation in the Society and its activities is open to all Fordham Law students.

The Society is also working with Career Planning on a Sports and Entertainment Law Career Dinner, which has not yet been scheduled. Last year's event, hosted by Career Planning and independent of the Society, was extremely successful. A joint effort this year promises attendance by players in the sports law industry, many of them Fordham graduates, and networking opportunities at both the preceding reception and the following dinner.

The success and positive reception of the Society last year gave rise to the development of the Sports Law Symposium. Although separate entities, the Society and the Symposium share Loth common goals and members to some degree. However, the Symposium is a one-day event which will be held on February 6, 1997. It will feature debates and panel discussions, culminating with the publication of the Symposium itself. The Society looks forward to having this first Symposium viewed not only as Fordham Law School's ongoing commitment to the sports law community, but also as a player within it. Participation in the Symposium is open to all Fordham Law students except for first-year students.

Parties interested in receiving more

information on or participating in the Society can contact Courtney Lynch at (212) 447-9109. Those parties interested in the Symposium can contact Mike Cote at (212) 636-7735 for further information.

## JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

In the fall of 1990, a small group formed the Jewish Law Students Association in order to meet the needs of Fordham's growing Jewish student population. The JLSA's first goals were to record classes held over the high holidays and to organize social events.

Today, JLSA is one of the largest organizations at Fordham Law School. We have continued to record classes, conduct afternoon *Mincha* services, and have expanded our social events to attract students of diverse backgrounds culminating with city-wide student event scheduled for the end of September. Further, we have organized an outline bank and a mentormentee program to augment students' academic experiences. We are active members in the Jewish community-at-large, involving ourselves in *Dorot's* package delivery to the homebound elderly, the U.J.A., and the New Israel Fund. In addition, we have observed numerous Jewish holidays by scheduling events for the entire school in order to promote understanding throughout the Fordham community. In particular, we provided Kosher for *Passover* lunches last Passover which included an all-you-can-eat buffet with all the trimmings and a candle lighting ceremony and memorial service to commemorate *Yom HaShoah*. Finally, our bagel bashes have put smiles on the faces of many hungry law students.

This year promises to be one of immense growth and improvement for the Association. We continue to expand our membership and remain committed to our dual religious and social missions. In addition to last year's events, we plan to organize additional holiday celebrations. We plan to sponsor a number of guest lectures as well as an event with the Catholic Law Students Association. Finally, we hope to schedule a Friday Night *Shabat* dinner for the entire community.

The JLSA has come a long way since its inception. The Executive Board is looking forward to a great year. It is our hope that the JLSA will continue to act as a motivator not only for the Jewish student population, but for the entire Fordham Law School community. If you are interested in getting involved please contact a member of the Board which includes Mark Salzberg, Ezra Holczer, Lavi Greenspan, Mark Sherman, Tara Goldsmith and Jason Schaeffer.

## THE ADVOCATE

What's *The Advocate*? Isn't it that national gay magazine? Well, that's true, but it's also the name of the newspaper you're reading at this very moment. Yes, the fruits of our work is sitting in your hands right now. "What a RAG!" you may be thinking. Geez, I could probably do a better job with my hands tied behind my back. Well, my challenge to you is "go for it."

The *Advocate* may not be the best looking paper you've ever seen before, but you're reading it, and so does pretty much everyone else in the law school. If you have a gripe, *The Advocate* is here for you to vent. If something makes you happy beyond imagination (In law school... yeah, whatever.) but if something really does, *The Advocate* will help you share your joy. And when you've been working you fanny off to put your symposium, conference, club meeting, etc. together, and you have to do everything you can to make it a success; *The Advocate*, once again, will fulfill your needs, and spread the word throughout the Fordham Law School community.

"How much time does it take?" asks the whiney nasal voice. Well to answer that question, it takes as much time as your willing to give us. When you're busy, we won't push you, and when you have something you need to say... well, we're here to tell everyone. Yep, can't beat that.

If your interested in writing, photography, layout, or interviewing, *The Advocate* can use your help. Please contact us at 636-6964 for more information. Remember, it is our job to serve you, always keep that in mind.

Kenneth P. Persing  
Editor-in-Chief

## FORDHAM LAW REPUBLICANS

The Fordham Law Republicans is Fordham University's forum for political discussion. Even if you're a "Pinko Commy Liberal" you still have a place with the Fordham Republicans. While specifically catering to the Republicans here at Fordham, we try, at every meeting, to have an open discussion on current political issues, and appreciate all different viewpoints. After all, what type of discussion would it be if we all agreed?

Furthermore, the Republicans hope to help (as much as possible) in the 1996 campaign. Remember, it's an election year. We, as Republicans, have a duty to our party, and to our conscience, to help the GOP in any way we can. It's going to be an exciting election, the more you're involved, the better you'll think it is.

As a final note, we will be attempting to bring speakers here to Fordham to discuss going into politics, the relation between law and politics, current political issues, and more. We will be holding a short, 15-20 minute, meeting on Friday, September 20, 1996. I hope to see you there.

Kenneth P. Persing  
President

## WINE

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and strong or light and fruity. I prefer the strong-flavored Zinfandels. On the palate, red Zinfandel can taste of redcurrants, blackcurrants, raspberries, or cherries. Further, red

Zinfandel usually has a very distinctive, spicy flavor. When you taste it, you will immediately know you are not drinking Cabernet Sauvignon.

Red Zinfandels are a bargain for several reasons. First, because red Zinfandel's reputation has been dragged through the mud by its white sibling, there is very little demand for this wine. Second, although the stuff doesn't sell very well, the vintner's can't pull the Zinfandel vines out of the ground and replant with the more profitable Cabernet. It takes more than ten years before a Cabernet vine begins to produce quality grapes. Thus vintners have to continue growing Zinfandel even though it is not a big money-maker. Third, vintners who have invested money to buy the best equipment to grow and harvest their Cabernet use this equipment to make Zinfandel. Thus you can get the care, skill, and attention of some of California's finest makers at a discount price. Many vineyards that produce \$30 Cabernet Sauvignons make very nice \$10 Zinfandels. Finally, Zinfandel is a good buy because it is easy to grow. Unlike tricky grapes, such as the Pinot Noir, the Zinfandel is a hearty plant that thrives in California. Commonly, Zinfandels have very high alcohol levels sometimes over 14%. This indicates that the grapes reached peak ripeness.

Here is a list of some of the wines I tasted over the past year. I attempted to include all of the relevant information from my tasting notes. I hope you enjoy them. All are from California.

**Burgess Zinfandel**  
1988 (Napa)  
\$7.99 at Gotham Wine (94th and Bway)

Deep red color. Full, rich, smokey, fruit aroma (not hot). Very full, strong, rich, smokey, spicy, fruity with a strong tannic pull. Will be great in a few years and is surprisingly young-tasting considering its age. A fantastic bargain.

**Burgess Zinfandel**  
1989 (Napa)  
\$7.99 at Gotham Wine (94th and Bway)

Deep red color, purple edge. Fruity, cherry, redcurrant nose with moderately noticeable alcohol. This is a tannic wine with solid grip on the palate and on the middle of the tongue. It has strong, heavy, fruity, spicy, leathery flavors with slight chalkiness. There is a little vanilla oak. The balance is very nice and, because there are a variety of tastes, this wine has some complexity. Although it will be better in a few years, it is very tasty right now and a remarkable buy.

**Louis M. Martini Zinfandel**  
1986 (Sonoma)

Medium red, just starting to show hints of amber. Very fragrant bouquet of raspberries and lilacs. Medium body, a

lighter Zinfandel. Almost no tannin. Decent balance, medium length.

**Ravenswood Zinfandel**  
Vintner's Blend  
1991 (North Coast)  
\$8.00 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus).

I've had great luck recently by purchasing Zinfandels made by fancy California makers. In this context, the Ravenswood is a disappointment. It has a lightish red color and less body than would normally be expected from this grape. In strength, it is closer to a Pinot Noir than a Cabernet. It has a fruity, cinnamon aroma that has some alcohol. It has a nice flavor of fruit with a hint of cinnamon. But there simply isn't enough here. Where is the strong, brooding Zinfandel style? Then I read the bottle more closely and discovered that this is a negotiant wine. That means that many of the grapes used to make it were bought from other vineyards. That explains it. I hate the negotiant system. It is used by the world's most unscrupulous winemakers: Burgundians.

**Cline Zinfandel**  
1990 (Contra Coast County)  
\$8.00 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus)

This is a decent, unsophisticated, medium-bodied Zin. It had nice flavors of raspberry fruit, decent acidity and is a little hot. It isn't great, but it is a nice wine for the price.

**Storybrook Mountain Vineyard Zinfandel**  
Estate Reserve  
1984 (Napa)  
\$8.00 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus).

Brownish edge. It has a strong pepper nose, but the fruit seems to be fading. On the palate, this is a smooth, spicy, juicy wine but the fruit is gone. It must have been very nice in its day; however, its day has passed. Most Zinfandels are at their best four or five years after they are made. This one is no exception.

**Caymus Vineyards Zinfandel**  
1989 (Napa)  
\$11 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus).

Full, spicy, peppery aroma. Strong, full, brawny, leathery, spicy wine with a nice tinge of oak. Moderate amount of fruit, soft tannins. Deep red color. Good balance. Can stand up to spicy food. Every wine I have tasted from Caymus has been a winner—this one is no exception.

**Clos Du Val Zinfandel**  
1988 (Napa, Stag's Leap District)  
\$12 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus).

Deep red color, red edge. Strong, rich, sweet, tarry, raspberry nose. Big, strong, heavy, rich, briary flavor. Tannins have faded. The flavor is a little hot, reflecting its stupendous alcohol level. A nice job.

**Topolos Zinfandel**  
1990 (Sonoma, Russian River Vine-

yards)  
\$12 at Nancy's Wines for Food (Amsterdam and 75th)

Medium red, purple edge. Not much nose: alcohol, some spice, a little vegetal. A smooth, moderately dry, medium body Zinfandel with decent fruit and smokey, leathery flavors and some nice oak. There is a slightly vegetal taste. The wine has decent balance, and a medium finish, but there is a hint of bitterness at the very end. Surprising little tannin. Overall, this is a nice bottle of wine, but \$12 is a couple of dollars too high. The Caymus is cheaper and much better.

**Frog's Leap Zinfandel**  
1990 (Napa)  
\$14 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus)  
Very dark red color, purple edge. Sweet, juicy, fruity, caramel nose. Medium-full body, very soft and lush. Not much tannin, not hot. Good balance. Only a hint of spice. A very good job.

**Ridge Zinfandel**  
Howell Mountain  
1990 (Napa)  
\$15 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus)

Deep red color with a purple edge. Strong, fruity, spicy nose. On the palate this is a smooth, strong, earthy Zinfandel. There is a touch of tannin and a hint of oak. The wine has a good finish and nice balance. A very good bottle.

**Ravenswood Zinfandel**  
1990 (Sonoma)  
1990  
\$16.99 at 67 Wines (68th and Columbus).

Deep red color. A great nose of fruit, spice, and oak. Excellent fruity body with classic balance. More like a Bordeaux- in style than a California Zin. Excellent balance and good oak with a solid finish. The best Zinfandel I've ever

tasted. Make sure you get Ravenswood's regular Zinfandel, not the mediocre Vintner's Blend.

**Sky Zinfandel**  
Mt. Veeder  
1989 (Napa)  
Available at Crossroads (14th Street between 5th and 6th).

Purple, red color. Nice, fruity, sweet nose. A smooth, very peppery-flavored Zinfandel. Fruity and mellow, medium body with faded tannins. This is very nice.

I tried several other Zinfandels but did not take notes. This is what I recall. The Grgich Zinfandel is a strong, well-balanced, excellent wine. I would love to try it next to the Ravenswood. The regular Ridge Zinfandel sells for about \$10 and is an excellent buy. It was a strong, redcurrant flavor. It was not as earthy as the Ridge's Howell Mountain Zinfandel. The Lalonis Zinfandel sells for about \$12 and is strong, rich, and spicy. The Kendall-Jackson Zinfandel was a surprising disappointment. I have had great luck with the wines from this vineyard, but I found their Zin to be a hot, acidic, one-dimensional wine.

**Pretentious Tasting of the Month**

Every Labor Day, several friends and I roast a pig over a large outdoor fire. As the spited beast slowly turns, we sit in lawn chairs and sip a variety of specially selected red wines. One of my two favorites from this year's pig roastery was a 1989 Chateau La Dominique (Grand Cru Classe') from St. Emillion in Bordeaux, France. This wine has a purple edge, and a surprisingly weak nose. Yet, on the palate, it has explosive flavors of rich blackcurrants. Further, the wine has excellent balance, nice acidity, mellow tannins, and a finish that lasts and lasts. This is a real blockbuster, and is very highly recommended for special occasions.

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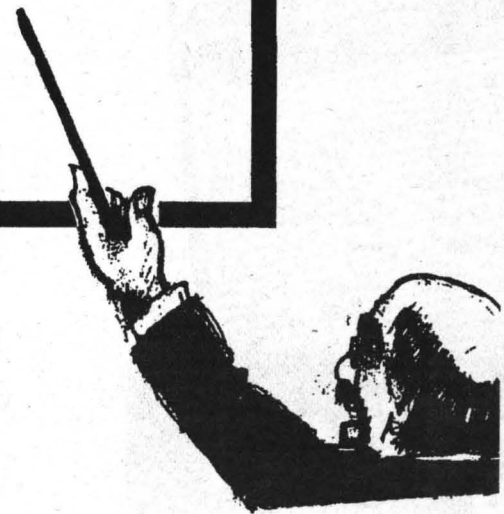
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