

10-14-1996

The Record - Vol. 30, Issue 10

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

Follow this and additional works at: http://scholarship.kentlaw.iit.edu/the_record



Part of the [Law Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, "The Record - Vol. 30, Issue 10" (1996). *The Record*. 333.
http://scholarship.kentlaw.iit.edu/the_record/333

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Publications at Scholarly Commons @ IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Record by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. For more information, please contact dginsberg@kentlaw.iit.edu.

File Copy

CHICAGO KENT

THE RECORD

Vol. No. XXX, No. 10

October 14, 1996

NOTE: If you would like to have a notice posted in *The Record*, please submit your information **by attaching (F6) a WordPerfect** document to an e-mail message sent to Linda Valentino (LVALENTI), or drop it by her office, room 530. All notices must include your name, your e-mail address and/or a telephone number where you can be reached during the day. If applicable, please include the name of your student organization. Student organizations: Please limit your advertisements to 1/3 of a single page; this way we can accommodate every group that needs to advertise. All information **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 pm.**

FROM DEAN DEUTSCH

Welcome to the middle of the semester. That's right--holidays and exams are looming on the horizon, believe it or not. (No snow yet in Chicago, but a definite chill has appeared in the air.) I know that the intensity of activity has increased in my office during the past couple of weeks, and I have the messy desk to prove it. I assume that many of you also are feeling somewhat mired in "stuff" right now. Take heart--while it may feel overwhelming right now, that's pretty normal, and most of us are experiencing it right along with you. Keep in mind, too, that there are resources for you if the burden seems too great. Ellen Berger and Victoria Bensley in the Dean of Students' office will be happy to talk with you about stress management, study tips, exam taking, or whatever concerns you. (Dean Julie Fenton, by the way, is the proud mom of a baby girl! Emma was born on October 7, and she, her mom, her dad, and her big brother all are doing great.)

On the P.R. front, recent commentaries by Professors Bart Brown and Martin Malin have appeared in "Election Forum," the *Chicago Sun-Times* series on issues likely to arise during this year's presidential campaigns. Prof. Malin wrote about the Family Leave Act and proposals to convert overtime pay into comp time for employees with family responsibilities. Prof. Brown wrote about the political implications of U.S. action in Iraq. Both commentaries will be reprinted in future issues of the *Record*.

Also, you may be interested to know that Professor Morton Horwitz of Harvard Law School referred to Chicago-Kent as "the current leader in computer-aided legal study" in the September 30 issue of *The National Law Journal*. The story was about Harvard's work on a first-year law program in digital format--something similar to what we've had students using since 1994.

More locally, an issue that has a number of you concerned relates to the application of a required grading curve to advanced courses. Some students have informed me that they feel that this change in the application of the curve happened very suddenly, without opportunity for student input, and that application of the curve will damage their grade point averages and hurt their chances for employment.

First, I want to assure you that this is not a change that was made suddenly, although many students may not have known that it was under consideration. The application of a required grade curve to advanced courses has been under consideration since the Spring, 1996, semester. Second, we don't anticipate that this will have any significantly negative effect on overall GPA's or class ranks. This use of the curve is intended to equalize grading standards among instructors, and significantly reduce the amount of "grade shopping" that takes place among courses and sections of courses. Finally, the proposal was discussed at several faculty meetings, worked and re-worked by the Academic Standards Committee, and finally presented for the faculty's approval in September. The faculty approved the application of the curve, and mandated that it be put into effect for the current semester. While there was student representation both at the Committee level and at faculty meetings last year, information about the proposal apparently didn't reach a significant proportion of the student body.

I know that there are people who are upset about this policy change, and who feel that it is unfair. The faculty certainly didn't adopt the change because they were seeking a way to "hurt" students, and there was considerable debate and discussion about the policy. As we do with all academic policies, we will live with this system for a while, and re-think it if there appear to be problems. In the meantime, continue to give us feedback, talk to members of the faculty, and make your opinions known to your SBA representatives.

* * * * *

I hope that many of you were able to attend last week's Morris Lecture, or to meet Professor Kötz in a class or on another occasion. Stay tuned for next month's Charles Green Lecture in Law and Technology, and the Kenneth Piper Lecture in Labor Law next semester!

FROM ASSOCIATE DEAN HOWARD CHAPMAN

Pass/Fail Election

You may elect to take an elective course on a pass/fail basis by submitting two copies of a pass/fail election form to the Registrar's office **by this Friday, October 18 at 5:00 pm**. The 6-hour maximum for elective pass/fail hours and other pass/fail restrictions will remain in effect; please refer to Handbook § 2.4. In addition to the restrictions in the Handbook, you may not make a pass/fail election for the following fall semester courses: Employment Litigation, Advanced Criminal Law, Estates and Trusts.

If a new election will put you over the 6-hour limit, you must submit a revocation of election form for a course you are currently taking under a pass/fail election. We already permit students to *revoke* a pass/fail election and elect to take a grade in a course up to the last day of the semester.

Required Curve - Judicial Externship

The announcement in last week's *Record* erroneously listed Judicial Externship as being subject to the mandatory curve for elective courses. Only the one-hour Judicial Externship class is subject to the mandatory curve; the fieldwork component is graded on a pass/fail basis.

Preliminary Spring Schedule

The preliminary Spring semester schedule will be distributed next week outside the third floor cafeteria.

Chicago-Kent Trial Advocacy Team

Tryouts for the 1997 Chicago-Kent Trial Advocacy Team will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 1996. An announcement with additional information is attached to this *Record*.

Academic Award Winners

If you were unable to attend the Student Awards luncheon, please pick up your award certificate in my office, Suite 320, or let Alice Curry know if you would prefer to have the certificate mailed.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

January 1997 Graduates

A revised list of January graduates is posted on the second floor bulletin board. Your name will appear on your diploma and in the June 1997 commencement program exactly as it appears on the list. If you want to make any changes or if your name does not appear on the list, please contact the Registrar by **Friday, October 25**.

Exams on computers

A list of instructors who permit students to use computers for their exams is posted on the second floor bulletin board. The list also indicates which instructors will permit the use of laptop computers. If you want to use a computer for your finals, you must sign up in the Registrar's office by **6:00 pm, Thursday, October 24**. There are two computer exam sign-up binders: one for students who want to use the school's computers and the other for students who will use their own laptop computers, when an instructor permits it. Be sure to sign up in the correct binder.

First Year Students - Undergraduate Transcripts

Registration for the spring semester will begin during the week of November 4. You will not be permitted to register unless a final official transcript from your undergraduate school is in your law school file. If your transcript has not arrived yet, you must request your undergraduate school to send a final official transcript directly to the Registrar's office as soon as possible.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS

Baby! Baby! Baby!

Congratulations to Dean Fenton and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Emma, on October 7. Mom and baby are doing well and we hope to display pictures of the adorable infant on the Student Services bulletin board very soon.

Mark Your Calendars! - Exam Preparation and Performance Program

Wednesday, November 13, from 3:00-4:00 pm and from 5:00-6:00 pm, room TBA

Coming soon to a law school near you -- *the Exam Preparation and Performance Program!* Learn how to reduce exam anxiety and prepare effectively for your upcoming finals at a program given by the Student Services staff and special guests. In addition to the segment on exam preparation, Associate Dean Howard Chapman will lead a discussion of the mechanics of successful exam-taking. The program will take place on Wednesday, November 13, from 3:00-4:00 pm and from 5:00-6:00 pm. The room number will be announced in next week's *Record*.

London Law Consortium Program

Spaces are still available in the London Law Consortium's Semester Study Abroad Program. The application deadline is November 1, 1996, and spots are filled on a first-to-apply basis. E-mail EBERGER or stop by room 546 for an application or additional details.

Study Tips Videos

Did you miss the Study Tips I or Study Tips II programs? You are in luck! E-mail VBENSLEY or drop by rooms 544/546 to check out a videotape of these terrific programs.

Can you carry a tune?

The Illinois Institute of Technology, the Center for Multicultural Programs, and Vandercook College of Music are sponsoring a new choir, "Voices of Hope: A Choir for Cultural Diversity." The choir sings gospel, jazz, spirituals and African folk songs. No audition is required to join and new members -- students, faculty or staff -- are always welcome. Rehearsals are held every Monday from 5:30-7:00 pm at Vandercook College on the IIT Main Campus. For more information, contact Irma Dobbins at 567-5249

Internet Site of the Week:

This week's topic is life as a law student. The following sites offer a plethora of law school-related information and resources that may be of interest to you:

<http://www.legal-pad.com> [The Legal Pad - an index of law related resources]

<http://www.ilrg.com/glasser.html> [The Incoming 1L List of Frequently Asked Questions]

http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ddunn/_schl.htm [Law Student Web]

Obiter Dictum /ó(w)bətər díktəm/. Lat. A remark in passing. See Dicta; Dictum.

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

- Will Rogers (1879-1935)

FROM CAREER SERVICES

Office News

New Staff Member!

The Career Services Office extends a warm welcome to Dana Beard, our new administrative manager. Dana is a 2L evening student and comes to our office from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Dana will be responsible for the day to day operation of the Career Services Office. Stop by the Career Services Office to welcome her to her new position!

Career Strategist Hours

On Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17, the office will remain open until 7:00 pm; however no counseling appointments will be taken on those two days after 5:00 pm.

Evening and Weekend Hours Reminder

The Career Services Office is open Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 7:00 pm, and two Saturdays each month from 8:30 am until noon.

Upcoming Programs

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Clerkships: An Informational Program--Special Attention to 1998 Graduates

A special program on the value of a judicial clerkship as an entry level career opportunity will take place on **Tuesday, October 22 at 5:00 pm in the auditorium**. Judicial clerkships are post-graduation full-time positions on the staff of a judge. Most federal judges hire clerks 12 to 18 months before employment starts; state judges hire clerks 1 to 12 months before employment starts.

Chicago-Kent Professors Susan Adams, Michele Baker Richardson and Richard Warner will discuss the responsibilities of clerks, the advantages of a judicial clerkship, and the application and selection process. Professor Vivien Gross will discuss the Faculty Judicial Clerkship Committee and its advisory role.

All students, including first year students, are invited to attend the program. However, our experience has shown that most clerkships are awarded to students in the top third of their class. Students graduating in 1998 are particularly urged to attend because applications to most federal and some state judges for 1998 clerkships need to be made in early spring of 1997.

Chicago-Kent Advanced Externship Program ***Spring 1997 Advanced Externship Program: 3L's***

Do you wish to develop your legal skills, gain practical legal experience in a specialized area of law with a corporation, firm or government agency, and make yourself more marketable to prospective employers upon graduation? If so, consider applying to the Advanced Externship Program for spring semester 1997.

The Advanced Externship Program is a **4 credit hour program** consisting of a 3 credit hour fieldwork and a 1 credit hour classroom component. The program is open to students in their last two semesters of law school. For the fieldwork component, an extern is placed in a private or public, civil or criminal practice and is required to work a minimum of 15 hours a week at his/her designated placement. Externs interested in civil law may select to work under the supervision of general counsel in major corporations or under the supervision of designated teaching lawyers in well-known firms or specific government agencies. Externs may specialize in such diverse legal areas as tax, commodities, securities, corporate, health care, medical malpractice, general corporate law, etc. Those interested in criminal law may select to work with designated supervising lawyers at the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, or the U.S. Attorney's Office. Many externships offer the externs opportunities to obtain a 711 license and appear in court.

The accompanying classroom component consists of a 1 credit hour weekly class, which focuses on the profession and practice of law today.

If you are interested in learning more about externship opportunities or in applying to the program, please see Professor Vivien Gross in room 617.

More information about the program and an accompanying application form will be available in the Law Offices Reception Area as of Monday, September 30, 1996. Applications must be turned in to Room 612 by **5:00 pm on Friday, October 18**. **All applicants must have scheduled and completed an interview with Professor Gross prior to turning in their applications.** Slots may be limited. Should extern applicants outnumber the number of students who can be accepted into the program, students with at least one semester of Law Offices or LADR (Litigation Alternative Disputes Resolution program) will receive preference.

Special Opportunities: Handouts Available in Career Services

Internships

ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project: 2Ls

The ACLU seeks applications for summer interns to work on active litigation regarding reproductive rights. Interns will work closely with Project staff and assist in all aspects of litigation. Interns are encouraged to pursue fellowships or other funding. Please see **Handout #28** for more information. Applications are due **January 15, 1997** and are being accepted now.

Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund: 2Ls

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in Seattle, Washington seeks applications for its summer 1997 Internship Program. The program pays a stipend of \$350/week. The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit, public interest environmental law firm that provides legal services to national and local environmental organizations. Interested 2Ls should see **Handout #29** for application instructions. Applications are due **December 31, 1996**.

Clerkships

United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia: 2Ls/3Ls

The six United States District Judges in Norfolk Virginia and the three United States Magistrate Judges in Norfolk and Newport News will accept applications from **December 1, 1996 until February 16, 1997** for one-year clerkships to begin in August 1998. Please see **Handout #27** for application instructions and further information.

PROFESSIONALISM DAY

Professionalism Day Student Committee

Professionalism Day is right around the corner and we'd like your help! The planning committee needs students to help plan the day's events, select and assemble articles for the Professionalism Day Binder, greet and escort speakers and provide additional support the day of the program. If you are interested in serving on the student committee please stop by the Career Services Office this week to pick up an application. Applications are due by **Monday, October 21 at 5:00 pm**. We will have a planning meeting on **Wednesday, October 23 at 3:00 pm** in the Career Services Office conference room. We look forward to having you help us plan this exciting program!

CHECK IT OUT... NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION CENTER

TUTORIAL

This week's tutorial is about doing legislative history research in Congressional Information Service, popularly known as CIS. The tutorials are being presented by the Reference Staff of the Information Center and the schedule is posted on the 9th floor bulletin board. You don't have to sign up for them; just show up by the Reference Desk at the scheduled times. If you have any comments about the times or the topics being offered, we will be happy to have them. Send them to Lenore Glanz (e-mail: LGLANZ).

STUDY BREAK

If you would like to see two Internet sites that offer food for thought, try visiting:

<http://www.chicagohs.org>

This is a Chicago Historical Society presentation of pictures from the current CHS exhibit on the 125th Anniversary of the great Chicago Fire of 1871. The panoramic views of the burnt out city taken by avid cameramen after the fire are especially interesting.

<http://rs6.loc.gov/papr/mpixhome.html>

This is a Library of Congress site showing early motion pictures made at the turn of the century from 1897-1915. Among the early films are some made of San Francisco and of New York City. One nice touch provided is that this website gives viewers instructions on how to download the films and pictures for more convenient use.

MORRIS LECTURE TAPE AVAILABLE

A videotape of Professor Hein D. Kötz' lecture is available for viewing in the Information Center's media room. Professor Kötz discussed the process of "Europeanizing" law and called for encouraging a common European legal culture and literature and for creating European law schools. Ask for it at the 9th floor Library Service Desk.

MISS THE DEBATES?

If you missed the first Presidential candidates' debate, don't worry! The October 8 issue of the *New York Times* contains a transcript of the 10/6 debate. The *New York Times* is available on LEXIS in the News library (NYT file) and on Westlaw (NYT database). Daily issues of the Times are also available on the 6th floor of the Info Center in the Leisure Reading area.

EVENTS FROM THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

The U.S. Supreme Court formally opened the new term last Monday. Some interesting occurrences from that first day: the calendar was cleared of appeals that had piled up since the last term ended on July 1 as the Justices denied review in more than 1,500 cases, including that of Unabomb suspect, Ted Kaczynski; they also declined to review the challenges of Whitewater defendant former Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker to the authority of the special prosecutor; Justice Scalia returned from the recess with a beard, becoming the first bearded member of the Court since Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes (who retired in 1941).

FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNAE/I & STUDENT RELATIONS

Alumnae/i and Student Roundtables

Our annual Alumnae/i & Student Roundtables have been a big hit this fall! Good seats are still available for our last couple of luncheons.

Susan Fox Gillis, '88

Wednesday, October 16, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Ms. Gillis is an insurance defense lawyer at Schoen & Smith. While at Chicago-Kent, Ms. Gillis was involved with the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and eventually became president of the organization. Ms. Gillis has devoted much time to the needs of children, having organized the Our Children and the Courts Foundation, which operates a drop-in center at the Daley Center for the children of litigants and witnesses.

Esther R. Rothstein, '49

Monday, October 21, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Ms. Rothstein is a partner at McCarthy & Levin. She served as the first woman chair of the Chicago Bar Association and has also served as president of the Illinois Women's Bar Association. Ms. Rothstein currently leads the Woman's Bar Foundation. In 1993, Ms. Rothstein received recognition from the ABA in the form of the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.

Don't miss these unique opportunities to get to know some of our most successful alumnae/i in wide and varied fields. Attendance is open to all Chicago-Kent students, but space is limited to

10 students per Roundtable. Sign up sheets will be posted in Suite 310. If you have any questions, see Lauren Lockwood or John Fogarty in Suite 310.

FROM PROFESSOR VIVIEN GROSS, FACULTY ADVISOR OF SERVING OUR SOCIETY (SOS), AND SOS STUDENT COUNSELORS, MR. STEVE MCKENZIE (3L) AND MS. ANN CELINE O'HALLAREN (2L)

Please stop by and see us. We can counsel you generally about **legal** and **non-legal interest** opportunities, and specifically help you locate a volunteer experience in a public interest area. Here is a sample of one of our many new and interesting listings:

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO, the primary public interest legal service agency that serves the poor of Chicago, is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Volunteers are needed for the neighborhood intake offices and special projects, including those that protect the rights of children, victims of domestic violence, and victims of housing discrimination. 711 students would have the opportunity to appear in court on behalf of tenants facing eviction and to help obtain orders of protection and divorces for victims of domestic violence.

If you are interested in the Legal Assistance Foundation or in any other possible volunteer opportunity, please stop by the SOS office in room 686.

SOS OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	2:45 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm and 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday	4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

If you are unable to visit SOS during these times, please e-mail either Steve (SMCKENZI) or Ann Celine (AOHALLAR) to schedule an appointment.

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR LAW AND COMPUTERS (CLC)

This Week's Tutorials: Saving Time with your Word Processor

Microsoft Word and WordPerfect are excellent ways to write a paper, but you can save time by knowing a few simple shortcuts. This week's sessions cover time-saving key combinations and how to skip boring, repetitive work by using macros. There are separate sessions on WordPerfect 6.1 and Word 6.0. Each session lasts an hour.

Saving Time With Microsoft Word 6.0
Tuesday, October 15, 12:30
Friday October 18, 3:00

Saving Time With WordPerfect 6.1
Tuesday, October 15, 12:30
Friday October 18, 3:00

Sign-up sheets and locations for each session are in room 703.

E-mail Tip: Exporting Messages to a File

Sometimes you might want to save a message or use the text in a document you're working on. ExpressIT! (KENTNET's e-mail package) allows you to save any message to a file that you can open later with a word processor, Folio VIEWS, or any other document-management program.

In DOS

- Open the message you want to save.
- Press **F9** for File Utilities.
- Choose option **4**, Export/Save to ASCII File.
- In the dialog box that opens, type the directory where you want to save the message and the filename of the message.
- Press **F10** to save the message to the file.

In Windows

- Open the message you want to save.
- Click the **Export** button. In the dialog box that opens, type the directory and file names. The scroll bars and mouse can also be used to select the directory.
- Click OK to save the message.

ExpressIT! will save the message as ASCII text, also called plain text or DOS text. The message will remain in your mailbox even after you have saved it to a file. More information about e-mail is available in the HelpDocs in Lab 700 and the CLC offices on the seventh floor.

Connect your Notebook to the Network

The CLC can help you configure your notebook computer for connection to KENTNET. To connect your notebook, you will need a 10Base-T Ethernet adapter and cable. If you want to connect your notebook computer to the network while at school or if you have other notebook computing problems, please see Melissa Mooney in Lab 700. If she is not there, sign up for an open appointment slot. Sign-up sheets are on the wall next to Melissa's desk.

LEXIS/NEXIS

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 10/15	9:00 am -10:30 am
Tuesday, 10/15	11:30 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday, 10/17	9:30 am - 11:30 am
Thursday, 10/17	3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

* During office hours, the LEXIS Rep., Karin Kiyabu, is located in room 700 (the large 7th floor computer lab inside the Information Center) or at the tables directly outside the lab. If you have any LEXIS/NEXIS questions, e-mail LEXISQ or call 1-800-45-LEXIS.

THIS WEEK'S LEXIS QUICK TIP: Downloading documents onto disk (v. 4.0)

1. Click on the Print/Download Current Document button at the top of the screen (Make sure that the document is in FULL FORMAT)
2. Type "1" <enter> to select the Copy to Disk option
3. Type "Y" <enter> to confirm your document order

4. Click on the ON/OFF button at the top left of the screen
5. Type "Y" <enter> to save your research
6. Type "Y" <enter> to start document delivery
7. Click on the FILE option
8. Name the file to which the document will be saved to
(e.g. a:\filename)
9. Type <enter> to start the document delivery

WESTLAW

Westlaw representative lab hours for the week of October 14th are as follows:

Monday:	3:00-5:30	Michael Ambroziak	Thursday: 4:00-7:00	Michael Ambroziak
Tuesday:	6:00-9:00	Michael Ambroziak	Sunday: 6:00-10:00	Michael Ambroziak
Wednesday:	3:00-5:30	Michael Ambroziak		

During lab hours, Westlaw Student Representatives can be found in lab 700 or at the tables just outside of lab 700. Please feel free to e-mail us at CBROWN, MAMBROZI or WESTQ if you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment. Remember, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week you can reach a WESTLAW Reference Attorney at 1-800-850-WEST.

Westmate 6.1 Problems?

A number of students have had problems with the 6.1 version of Westmate on the network. Although West is doing everything possible to correct the problem (hopefully before this is published), we'd like to apologize for any inconvenience and remind you that the above help is available. Additionally, if Westmate 6.1 has stopped in the middle of printing, inadvertently causing heart trouble, you can always call West and have them pull up your research and re-send it to the Printer.

Saving "Projects" versus Downloading or Printing in Westmate 6.1

These are not the same. Saving a project will store, in a file of your choosing, the history of your research session. This will include all queries/ find documents / Shepard's etc. that you performed during your research session. Instead of saving every document you retrieved, it saves all of your search commands and summaries of their results, displays them in a list in the "open project" window and allows you to pick and choose which ones to re-run later.

If you prefer to save specific documents to disk, use the print/download button on the tool bar and choose the file location and type. This will store a copy of the particular document on your floppy disk or laptop hard drive.

Also, try e-mailing documents to yourself or research partner instead of printing or downloading. In the download/print window, choose "e-mail" instead of a printer or file location and type in the internet address.

FACULTY NEWS

On October 2, 1996, the three-member Federal Labor Relations Authority, sitting in Washington, D.C., unanimously affirmed the rulings made by **Professor Howard Eglit** last year in an arbitration involving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2107.

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

- ▶ The Roscoe Pound Foundation continues to administer the *Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest*. Authors of winning essays on the crucial topics of *International Trade Treaties* (such as GATT and NAFTA) and *Environmental Law* will win \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Deadline to submit your intent-to-enter is December 13, 1996 for fall entrants and February 14, 1997 for spring .
- ▶ The University of Oklahoma's AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW has announced its annual writing competition. First place \$1,000, second place \$500, and third place \$250. Entry deadline is January 31, 1997.
- ▶ The Federal Circuit Bar Association announces its 1997 *George Hutchinson Writing Competition*. Two thousand dollars will be awarded to the entry deemed by the judges to be the best entry and to merit the award. In addition, the winner will receive significant favorable publicity to the over 2,000 nationwide members of the Association. Submissions must be postmarked no later than June 1, 1997.
- ▶ The American College of Legal Medicine is pleased to announce its 1996-1997 Student Writing Competition. The College will be offering three \$1,000 awards for outstanding original papers on Legal Medicine. All submissions will be considered for publication in the JOURNAL OF LEGAL MEDICINE and other ACLM or medical legal publications. Papers must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1997.
- ▶ Announcing the *Stephen G. Thompson Memorial Writing Competition* in communications law. Second and third year law students are eligible to compete for prizes of \$1,000 and \$300. Papers are to be submitted no later than February 15, 1997.
- ▶ The *Sixteenth Annual Law Student Tax Policy Writing Contest* is now being conducted. First prize \$1,000, second \$600, and third \$400. Entry deadline is June 30, 1997.
- ▶ The American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants (AAA-CPA) announces its *1996-97 Essay Contest*. The topic is "Confidentiality and Privilege as Applied to Information Obtained by Attorneys and CPAs." Grand Prize is \$2,500 and an expense-paid trip to receive the prize at a meeting of the AAA-CPA. The runner-up will receive \$1,000. Six regional prizes of \$500 each also will be awarded. Essays must be received no later than March 10, 1997.
- ▶ The American Bar Association Section of Business Law is sponsoring its annual contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. First Place: \$2,500 and an expense-paid trip to San Francisco to accept

the prize. Second and third place winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. Deadline: January 31, 1997.

- ▶ FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL is sponsoring a nationwide essay contest open to all registered law students. This year's essay topic is "Unique Challenges Facing Urban Centers in the 21st Century." Cash prizes of \$350, \$200 and \$150 will be awarded to the top three entries respectively. Submissions must be postmarked by January 15, 1997.
- ▶ Announcing the *Commercial Law League's Sugarman Memorial Writing Contest*. The award is given for a previously unpublished article which demonstrates original, creative and useful thought into the relevant law. Grand prize is \$1,500. Deadline February 10, 1997.

For more information, stop by the office of the Associate Dean, room 320D.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE COMMENTATOR

The Commentator will hold its October organizational meeting on **Wednesday, October 16, from 11:45 am -12:45 pm in room 155**. We will be discussing story ideas for the next issue. Bring your lunch, and we will supply dessert and drinks. Even if you are unable to attend, we look forward to receiving an article from any interested students, staff or faculty. Evening Students, I realize this time is inconvenient, but if you are interested I will be more than happy to arrange a time to meet with you. Any organization interested in submitting information for the upcoming events calendar should observe the following requirements. The deadline for the October issue is **Friday, October 18**. Please submit all articles as a WordPerfect or MSWord file on a 3.5 inch floppy disc or attached to an e-mail.

1977 ELAINE OSBORNE JACOBSON AWARD FOR WOMEN WORKING IN HEALTH CARE LAW

Each nominee must qualify under the following criteria: The candidate shall be a woman currently enrolled in an accredited American law school on a full or part-time basis who through her law school academic and clinical work and other related activities demonstrates her aptitude for and a long-term commitment to a legal career of advocacy on behalf of the health care needs of children, women, the elderly or the disabled. First place receives \$2,000, second place \$1,000. Nominations must be received by January 17, 1997.

For more information, stop by the office of the Associate Dean, room 320D.

LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION STUDIES: What is LADR???

This is a program to which first-year students may apply and is different from anything at any other law school! The first-year students who are accepted begin the program during their second year of law school.

Becoming a lawyer takes more than sitting through three years of law school lectures. It involves more than learning how to cross-examine hostile witnesses, write persuasive briefs, and talk to clients. Reading about subjects such as legal ethics or law practice management is not the same as learning about them from experience.

Throughout the LADR program, you will learn legal doctrine, lawyering skills, and professional values, and work in Chicago-Kent's teaching law firm, supervised by clinical professors who are expert practitioners and mentors. You will learn the art of lawyering through two years of intensive skills and clinical training. Your experience will teach you how to become a competent, ethical, socially responsible lawyer.

There will be informational meetings and brochures available soon. WATCH THE *RECORD* FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WHAT'S GOING ON AT IIT?

The Institute of Psychology at IIT invites you to LIKE CLOCKWORK: SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER, by Michael A. Young, Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Training. The lecture takes place on Tuesday, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the Hermann Union Building on IIT's main campus. Such questions as: Is winter depression different from holiday blues or cabin fever? Does getting winter depression depend on where you live? When in the year do people start getting symptoms? Does light treatment really work? will be addressed. Please RSVP to 312-567-3029. There will be a reception following the lecture. See you there!

ORGANIZATIONS

FROM MARK SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

We are pleased with the number of Chicago-Kent students who participated in the worthwhile Race Ipsa Loquitur. In the end, we had twenty-three students, more than any other law school. In addition, a special **Congratulations** goes out to the *modest* Chicago-Kent student who finished *second in her division*. Chicago-Kent was an event sponsor and the only school {other than Loyola, where the event organizer attends} to appear on the official race shirt, along with several law firms. The event illustrates the significant role Chicago-Kent students play in a variety of community outreach activities.

Old Business:

1. **Polls:** We tabulated the polls that were completed during the Fall 1996 Election. As you recall, the SBA administered two polls during the election. The results below reflect a synopsis of each poll. Detailed reports are available outside the SBA office, C88. Attached to the detailed report is a breakdown of all the written comments expressed. Be advised that the poll results have been forwarded to the administration and faculty for their consideration. Please address inquiries to **SBAQ.** {*due to rounding, the totals range 99.98 - 100%*}

Poll #1 : Weekend Exams

Overall : Day and Evening Divisions [348 completed polls]

Saturday Evening	Object: 53.48%	Do Not Object: 31.97%	No Prefrnce: 14.53%
Sunday	Object: 48.38%	Do Not Object: 37.53%	No Prefrnce: 14.07%

Day Division [222 completed polls]

Saturday Evening	Object: 53.18%	Do Not Object: 28.36%	No Prefrnce: 18.18%
Sunday	Object: 47.25%	Do Not Object: 35.78%	No Prefrnce: 16.97%

Evening Division [126 completed polls]

Saturday Evening	Object: 54.03%	Do Not Object: 37.90%	No Prefrnce: 8.06%
Sunday	Object: 50.40%	Do Not Object: 40.65%	No Prefrnce: 8.94%

Poll #2 : Financial Aid Office

[366 completed polls, rated on a 1-5 scale with {1} poor and {5} excellent]

<u>Issue:</u>	<u>Overall Mean [#]</u>	<u>Day Mean [#]</u>	<u>Evening Mean [#]</u>
Response Time	3.125 [344]	2.983 [248]	3.489 [96]
Adequacy of Answers	2.951 [347]	2.812 [250]	3.309 [97]
Friendliness	3.258 [348]	3.112 [250]	3.632 [98]
Office Hours	3.333 [336]	3.426 [239]	3.103 [97]
Overall Rating	3.040 [345]	2.931 [247]	3.316 [98]

<u>Received Money</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>
1st Week or Before	12.80% [42]	12.01% [28]	14.72% [14]
2nd-5th Week	57.32% [188]	56.22% [131]	60.00% [57]
Not Yet	29.88% [98]	31.76% [74]	25.26% [24]

2. **October Social:** We hope your daytimer has *Conviser Bash* written on Thursday, October 17. You deserve a break from the law school routine. Take the time. Make sure your calendar is blocked on Thursday, October 17. The *Fall Conviser Bash* will begin at 7:00 pm. The event will be held at Off-Track Betting, located at 223 West Jackson. Please be advised that student concerns (i.e. food and beverages) about previous events at the OTB have been addressed.

3. **Fall Lecture Series:** Please be advised that the SBA's Fall Lecture Series will take place during the first week of November. The theme for the lecture series is "EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY." On November 4-7, the SBA will host several speakers that are expected to deliver riveting perspectives on a wide variety of topics. A pamphlet detailing the speakers and topics will be available before the beginning of the events. We will begin announcing details of the series in next week's *Record*. If you are interested in participating in the development of this very important event, please e-mail Jenni Henley, Chair of the Speakers Program Committee.

4. **Travel/Conference Budget Line Item:** Please be advised that the Finance Committee is proposing a new policy to the Board of Governors during the October 15 meeting. Please make sure that you have forwarded your arguments and positions to a BOG member. Direct inquiries to **SBAQ**.

New Business:

1. **Pass/Fail Election Window:** We are pleased to announce that the faculty voted to allow a re-opening of the pass/fail election window. The SBA, on behalf of several students, requested the faculty to revisit the issue in light of the length of notice given to the student population and the overall implications of the grading curve application to upperclass electives. We would like to thank Beth Freemal (3L) for her active role in this effort. In addition, we would like to thank the faculty and administration for their collective understanding of the student community's dilemma in this matter.

2. **Budget Expenditures:** Please be advised that the Policy and Procedures Manual details the processes that must be followed when using allocated SBA financial reserves. Included in the Manual are the appropriate forms that need to be completed. Should your student organization need forms or have budget questions, please contact Kim Jessum.

3. **Lobby and Concourse Student Organization Signage:** After reviewing the signs located in the lobby and concourse areas, the SBA decided to purchase signage that reflects the current locations of the student organizations. Any student organization that has been assigned office space will have a sign indicating the such. In addition, the spelling errors will also be corrected. Direct inquiries to **SBAQ**.

Student Organization Committee (SOC)

Our first meeting this past Wednesday was very productive. Thank you to all of the organizations that sent a representative. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, at 11:45 am in C90 (again I apologize to all night students). This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. On Tuesday we will be finalizing for presentation to the SBA BOG: the New Organization Formation Procedure; the SBA Finance Committee Guidelines for approving Student Organization Budgets; a Request for Office Space form; and a boilerplate student organization constitution. We will also be discussing further how this committee can work with the student organizations to better collect and disseminate event information as well as increase student involvement in the organization and attendance at the event. Hope to see you Tuesday.

ANIMAL RIGHTS LAW SOCIETY

Jacque Lewis from Illinois Animal Action and SPEAK (Supplementing and Promoting Ethics in the Animal Kingdom) will be speaking at Chicago-Kent on October 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm in room 590. Ms. Lewis will be speaking on "Living without Cruelty: The First Step Towards Legal Rights for Animals." There will be both a slide and video presentation, and food and beverages will be served. In addition, anyone interested in helping out with the November speaking event can e-mail RVANDERV or YKATO.

THE BREHON SOCIETY OF IRISH-AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS

The Brehon Society will have a couple of general meetings this Thursday, October 17 at 12 noon in room 325, and at 5:00 pm in room 355. We will discuss upcoming events, including a bake sale and a possible group trip to "Riverdance," a show from London that features Irish music and dance. Riverdance was recently featured on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.

This Thursday, October 17 at 7:30 pm, the annual Comhaltas Concert Tour will make a stop at the Irish American Heritage Center. This tour features traditional Irish music, song and dance and is well-renowned in Irish circles. There will be a reception beforehand in conjunction with the Young Irish Fellowship. For more information, e-mail JFOGARTY.

CHICAGO KENT TAX SOCIETY

Chicago-Kent Tax Society (CKTS) will host a social event on Monday, October 21, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the lobby. Refreshments will be served. All interested students, including LL.M. students, are invited to stop by and meet us. This is a perfect opportunity to learn about our organization and our project. We have a Career Services project for which we can use some volunteers. If you need further information, you may e-mail Margareth Smid at MSMID.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

CLS invites everyone to its weekly Bible Study. We meet every Tuesday from 11:45 am -12:30 pm in room C15 on the concourse. Topics for study are usually related to law (since we are law students, after all). Questions? Contact Cynthia Cooper (CCOOPER).

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

We haven't yet set a room or date for the panel we intend to host on the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. Please watch the Federalist Society bulletin board and your e-mail for breaking news.

Mr. Roger Pilon of the CATO Institute will speak on "Federalism, Unfunded Mandates, and the 104th Congress," among other things, on November 7 in room 580 from 4-5:30 pm. We intend to have a reception afterwards. The event should prove especially interesting to 2-Ls in Constitutional Law, as we hope to engage a few of your professors in the discussion.

Professor Paul Cassell of the University of Utah will discuss the 30th Anniversary of the *Miranda* decision with famous defense attorney and esteemed Professor Richard Kling. This event will take place on November 18 from 4-6 pm in room 570.

Questions, donations, insults, or a desire to be included on our mailing list? E-mail CHAGE, CBENTLEY, CPOULSON, or JMRAZ.

"Good intention will always be pleaded for every assumption of power [T]he Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters."

Daniel Webster

"Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best stage, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one."

Thomas Paine
Common Sense (1776)

GayLaw

GayLaw, KJF, Women in Law, and the Criminal Justice Society will present a panel discussion on "Same-Gender Domestic Violence" on Wednesday, October 23 at 3 pm in the Auditorium. Panelists include Ellen Meyers and Vernita Gray from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Pam Paziotopoulos (Chicago-Kent Class of 1990) of the American Prosecutor's Research Institute, and Jerry Lynn Fields of Chicago's Horizon's Anti-Violence Project. Food and drink to follow, so mark your calendars now!!

MEETING: There will be a general meeting this Wednesday, October 16 at 3 pm in room C15. Please plan to attend - we will be finalizing our plans for events for the semester.

HEALTH LAW SOCIETY

Please join us for our first speaker event on October 16 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Vincent Headington, a Chicago-Kent graduate, will speak on a variety of managed care topics, including Antitrust, Fraud and Abuse, and the Corporate Practice of Medicine. There will also be a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (HLSA)

MEETING: Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15 at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm (room will be announced via e-mail). Pizza will be served and we will discuss what occurred at the HNBA Convention and the March in Washington, D.C.

Please visit our website at http://www.kentlaw.edu/student_orgs/hlsa

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY

IPLS will have a Halloween Bake Sale on October 31, 1996. Look for us in the 3rd floor Spak! Also, the October newsletter has just been released. Pick up your copy, hot off the presses, from the IPLS bulletin board on the concourse.

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Have you ever danced with the devil in the pale moonlight? If not, you can at the Mount Sinai Medical Council Second Annual Halloween Bash which will take place at the Drink located at 541 W. Fulton. It is on Thursday, October 31 (of course!) from 7:00 pm till dawn. There is no requirement that you get dressed up. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Included in the price is noshes, 2 drinks and live music by the Afrodisiacs. All proceeds go to the Mount Sinai Trauma Center. Please contact Stacey Caplan (SCAPLAN) if you would like to purchase tickets or want more details.

The Party for Unity is this week! It will take place Thursday, October 17 from 8-10 pm at Whiskey River located at 1997 N. Clybourn. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Price of admission includes FREE BEER, WINE and SODA. There will be a live band as well.

JLSA will be selling tickets for The Party for Unity during the week. However, we need volunteers to work the tables! If you want to volunteer please contact Nicole Feder (NFEDER) or Steve Fagan (SFAGAN).

KENT JUSTICE FOUNDATION

Next General Meeting: No meeting until October 30 when we'll get the whole scoop on Auction Committee responsibilities. More details to come. If you still need to join an Auction Committee, e-mail Ann Celine at AOHALLAR. **Boxers are definitely on for the Fall Fundraiser in early November.**

Domestic Violence Panel: Don't forget to attend the October 23 Panel Session co-hosted from 3-5 pm by GayLaw, Women in Law, and KJF. Contact Dana at DKURTZ to help out or for more info.

PHI ALPHA DELTA

Committees

PAD would like to thank all those who attended our recent Committee Meeting. It's nice to know that so many people want to get involved. Anyone who is still interested in participating on a committee, but couldn't make the meeting, should contact (AWEISS). We are still looking for both committee chairs and members. The time commitment is very flexible and the experience looks good on a resume. The available committees are:

Philanthropy	Alumni Liaisons
Wine & Cheese	Project Coordinators
LRE	Speaker Events
Academic Resources	Social Chair Members
PR Representatives	Fundraising

OUTLINES

If you were supposed to get an outline but didn't, contact Melissa (MSMEJKAL). She'll help you out. Also, to all those 2Ls and 3Ls, Melissa has some outlines available for your classes, too. Instead of sending her a barrage of e-mails, though, I think I'll just e-mail a list of the classes that she has outlines for. Stay tuned...

The upcoming events are still:

Oct. 23 (Wed.) - JUDGES NIGHT -- This event gives everyone an opportunity to meet practicing attorneys and judges. It will be held at DePaul (1 E. Jackson, 11th Floor) from 5 pm -7:30 pm. It costs \$7.50 for PAD members (non-members are not invited).

Oct. 26 (Sat.) from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm - INTERNET SEMINAR -- Again, this is at DePaul and will show you how to do legal research over the Net. The cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members who RSVP, and \$25 for non-members who don't RSVP.

Oct. 29 (Tues.) - BAKE SALE -- We are having a Bake Sale, for fundraising purposes, of course. Anyone who is interested in bringing baked goods or sitting at the fundraising table should contact Pegg (MZILLIGE)

Oct. 31 (Thurs.) - HALLOWEEN PARTY -- There is a district-wide Halloween Party at Jack Sullivans. There is no cover and will be \$400 worth of FREE food and \$400 worth of FREE drinks. After that, there will be drink specials all night.

Oct. 31 (Thurs.) - SCHOLARSHIPS -- Applications for \$500 scholarships are due. The winners are chosen by PAD Nationals.

Dec. 12 (Tues.) at 5:30 pm - FORMAL DINNER -- This is a PAD formal at LaRosetta (3 First National Plaza). It is black tie optional and will cost between \$35 and \$40.

Contact Adam (AWEISS) or (PADQ) with any questions.

WOMEN IN LAW

Professor JC Smith of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, who will deliver the Green Lecture in Law and Technology at noon on Tuesday, November 5, is also the co-author, with Carla J. Ferstman, of a book recently published by New York University Press, entitled THE CASTRATION OF OEDIPUS: FEMINISM, PSYCHOANALYSIS, AND THE WILL TO POWER. The book draws from the work of Nietzsche, Freud, Lacan and Derrida, and ends up with a challenging reversal-of-power thesis. Professor Smith would be very interested in discussing the book with interested faculty and students when he is here, Monday, November 4 through Wednesday morning November 6. Time with Prof. Smith is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 4. This is a great opportunity to meet a scholar of feminism in a relaxed informal forum. Please contact TPETRUSO if you think you would be interested in attending.

Look for announcements on upcoming panels that WIL is co-sponsoring, such as the one on domestic violence within homosexual relationships which is being sponsored with GayLaw.

Committee meeting should be scheduled this week. Look for e-mail stating where and when meetings will be held.

Any 2L, 3L or 4L WIL members interested in being a mentor to 1L members should contact TPETRUSO or RDONEGAN. This is a great chance to pass on your wisdom and experience!

The National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA)
and
The Chicago-Kent Institute for Law and the Workplace
will host a

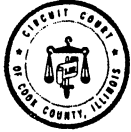
Brown Bag Lunch

When: Tuesday, October 15
Time: 12 noon
Where: Room 170

Why Should You Attend?

- 1) **Lori Ecker**, President of the Chicago Chapter of NELA and partner with **Kahan & Ecker**, will be there to answer questions and speak about current case law development impacting employment law.
- 2) Faculty for Chicago-Kent's Institute for Law and the Workplace will be there to answer questions regarding the new Labor and Employment Law Certificate Program and to announce a new, soon-to-be-published employment law journal.
- 3) **Most importantly, this event is specifically designed to let Chicago-Kent students meet and talk with potential employer and future colleagues.** This is a great opportunity to network with attorneys practicing in the field of employment law AND to meet faculty members of the Institute for Law and the Workplace!! So bring your lunch; we will provide beverages.

Co-sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Society



CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

DAVID A. ERICKSON
ASSOCIATE JUDGE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

To: All Chicago-Kent Students

From: Trial Advocacy Team Coaching Staff

Re: Team Tryouts

Tryouts for the 1997 Chicago-Kent Trial Advocacy Team will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 1996. All interested persons should meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Courtroom at the school. The only requirement is that you are a full-time Kent student.

The Regional Competition will be held in the second week of February, 1997. Winners of that round will go to Texas for the final round in the first week in April. This is the major national trial competition for law schools. It begins with more than 200 teams throughout the country. For the past two years, Chicago-Kent has been the Regional Champion and has gone on to participate in the national competition.

There are five team positions open. We plan to choose six students at the open tryouts and from these six, four will become team members. Those who are chosen will begin practicing almost immediately. Please do not try out unless you are willing to commit a substantial part of your life to preparing for the Competition. Our purpose is to turn you into trial lawyers.

During the tryouts you will be asked to present up to five minutes of an opening statement, closing argument, and direct and cross-examination. We will be using *State v. Fletcher & Morris*, case file #8.11. The witnesses will be Richard Edwards and Samuel Green. Please prepare an opening and a closing for one side, not both. Prepare a direct for one of the witnesses and a cross for the other. We expect to announce the winners on the night of the tryouts, so please be prepared to wait until the decisions have been made by the coaching staff.

If you have any questions, please call Judge David Erickson at (312)890-7425.