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# CAVEAT

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## First-Year Survival Tip - Find and Use Your Resources!!

by Caren Jenkins  
Special to the *Caveat*

Hindsight. The benefit of experience. If I knew then what I know now.

Now that my first year of law school is over, and I have the distinct pleasure of watching the new 1Ls struggle through their first semester, I realize that there are many things I wish someone had told me in my first year of law school. Heck, maybe someone did, but I was so baffled by the sheer volume of information whirling about that I wouldn't have noticed. I hadn't a clue what advice might be valuable, and what might set me on the wrong path.

Here are a few tidbits I wish I had: 1. PULL BACK TO CONSIDER THE "BIG PICTURE" OFTEN. I got so freaked out about being called on and making a fool of myself, I became entrenched in preparing for class. I read all the cases, and wrote that black letter law clearly in my notes. Still, I felt stupid when I had to speak in class.

Then, I realized that the challenge was to USE the rules in different fact patterns—just like in exams! I hadn't spent enough time practicing how the new rule fit with the last few cases, or wondering how it might work in a different fact situation.

My outlining provided a good format for "pulling back". Each weekend, I spent a few hours translating my reading and class notes into course outlines. I rotated through one of the 4 substantive classes each weekend, so I never had more than 3 weeks of material to assimilate. Outlining on a regular basis allowed me to create a big picture into  
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## Sixth-Annual Homeless Dinner a Huge Success

by Laura D. Ziegler  
*Caveat* Staff Writer

An estimated 10,000-15,000 homeless people live on the streets of San Francisco. These people lack the basic shelter, food, and clothing that most of us take for granted.

On Saturday, January 28, Golden Gate law students did their part to help some of these people in need. As part of the nationwide American Bar Association-Law School Division Work-A-Day charity drive, the Student Bar Association sponsored the sixth-annual dinner for the homeless at the downtown YMCA on Leavenworth Street.

Chairperson Nancy Shepard estimates that between 700-750 people were fed at the dinner. Although this is an impressive number, it is only a fraction of the total population of hungry and homeless people in the city. Local social service agencies discouraged Nancy from openly advertising the event, fearing an unruly mob. Those who came heard of the event that night only by word-of-mouth. The dinner began at six and continued until nine p.m. when all the food was finally gone. No one was turned away.

Despite complex logistics, the entire event ran smoothly and was a magnificent success. Shepard and Co-Chair/Site Planner Marie Davidson began planning the event before Thanksgiving. The committee included Kevin Allen (security leader), Barbara Doherty (food leader), Young Lee (volunteer coordinator), Leslie Leone (food donations and publicity), Monique Rutter (hotel donations), Joanna Edelstein (grocery store donations), and SBA President Stacey Camillo.

Approximately 100 enthusiastic law students along with friends and family

volunteered at the YMCA to help prepare, serve, and clean-up. Shepard's mother, who travelled all the way from Southern California, donated food and hygiene products, and helped out tremendously at the dinner. Dean Pagano was in attendance, sporting an apron and working with the rest of the volunteers.

The committee obtained generous food donations and cooking services from local restaurants and supermarkets. Additionally, the SBA, numerous student organizations, and individual students also donated food and prepared dishes.

In addition to the dinner, volunteers distributed donations of used clothing and toys. Also, the Santa Maria Hospital (Santa Maria, CA.) along with several local hotels donated individual-sized hygiene products, including 1,000 bars of soap and 1,600 shaving kits.

In the high-stress, self-contained world of law school, it is easy to forget the people out there who have real problems. That night, one homeless man told me he once hoped to go to law school himself. We are lucky to be here, and our problems trifle by comparison. Hopefully the generosity and humanity exhibited on that night and will carry it into our daily lives.

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# S.B.A. BEAT

by Tim Carter  
Caveat Staff Writer

The SBA will co-sponsor a self-defense class that will be coordinated by the Latin American Law Student's Association (LALSA). Although no date has been set, there will be two sessions for up to 30 students each. The course will focus primarily on the use of mace as a defensive tool. Students who complete the class will receive a can of mace and a license to carry it. The course will be open to all GGU law students, family members, and significant others, although students will have priority. The fee for the class will be \$40, with a subsidy for students only. The size of the subsidy will depend on the number of students attending.

LALSA became interested in sponsoring such a class last semester after one of its officers was robbed at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery BART station. Originally, they planned to hold a class only open to LALSA members, and requested that the SBA re-allocate an unused \$200 in the LALSA budget to subsidize the class. The \$200 was originally allocated for a convention which passed with no LALSA members attending. The Board of Governors felt that the class is a worthwhile project that should be open to law students, and should be adequately funded as such. Timothy Critzer, SBA Treasurer, explained at the last two SBA meetings that the unused \$200 is not technically LALSA's money. It is SBA money that the SBA set aside to allow LALSA to use for a particular project. (As are all line-items in all club budgets.) As the convention was not attended, that money is "dead" until the SBA reallocates it, or it reverts back to the general SBA fund at the end of the year. At the February 2nd meeting, the SBA decided not to re-allocate any funds, but voted 5 to 3, with 2 abstentions, to spend \$400 from the SBA contingency fund to subsidize law students to attend the class.

In his Report for the February 2nd meeting, Critzer announced that the accounting for all of the spending that the SBA has been doing is getting rather tight, even though the SBA is likely to end the year with a surplus. As of that meeting, the SBA had allocated \$1,000 to Spring Events (primarily expected to be the Homeless Dinner), and had \$1,800 in a Contingency Fee account. Monies currently to be paid out include reimbursing expenses for the Homeless Dinner, which is already known to exceed \$1,100 and is expected to reach about \$1,400, the \$400 just allocated from the Contingency Fee account to pay for the self-defense class, and reimbursing the \$150 spent in January for the reception for the Mid-Year Admits. More money will be available later in the semester when the spring Student Fees come in, which Critzer described as "higher than expected." Also, Critzer expects that at the end of the year, there will be a significant amount of unused money from the club budgets.

Many members of the Board of Governors announced their goals for the semester. Katie Hansen and Joanna Edelstein will be organizing a law school parent's group, with the eventual goal of establishing a child care center in the new law school building. Mark Figueiredo and David Roth will be bring student's concerns about the Law School's G.P.A. averages to the administration. Critzer will try to automate the SBA's accounting system. Adam Ryan will work on the book sales. Andrew Spett will continue organizing receptions. Laurence Kaldor will ensure that the law students have a newspaper by joining the *Caveat* staff. Sean Saulsbury and Robert Katz will report on their goal to the SBA on February 16.

Congratulations: Nicholas Anthony elected as Mid-Year Representative.

**Is your Student Organization planning a big event? If so, publicize the event in the *Caveat*! Its free advertising!**

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PROVIDES VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

by Valerie Vandenplas  
Special to the *Caveat*

Campus clubs and professional organizations are a great way for law school students to gain insights into future careers and make contacts. Volunteer service is another way to benefit while directly helping the community.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program assigns a volunteer as guardian ad litem to advocate for a child who is in foster care. A child removed from the home because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment enters an elaborate social service system whose goal is the child's best interests.

The advocate remains assigned to the child's case for the entire period, during which a parent may petition to regain custody. A juvenile or family court judge must decide whether the child stays in a foster home, can be adopted, or may return to the parent's care.

For the child, the up to seven court appearances, involving social workers and attorneys for all parties, can be confusing and intimidating. The CASA volunteer is often the only familiar face the child will see. A social worker or attorney rarely has time to get to know the

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## THE CAVEAT

Published by the students at Golden Gate School of Law, the *Caveat* mission is to provide a forum for the law school community. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor and in by-lined articles are those of their authors, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editorial staff, the Student Bar Association, or the School of Law.

**Submit to the *Caveat*!** The submissions envelope is on the door of room 223. The deadline is the 15th of every month. Submissions to the *Caveat* are subject to editing for grammar, punctuation, and space considerations.

## International Law Society

by Glen Belovsky  
Special to the *Caveat*

The goal of the International Law Society (ILS) is to introduce students to the growing field of international law. International law covers the whole of international relations. Through ILS, interested students can discuss legal issues and career opportunities in environmental law, trade and commerce, international organizations, human rights, and immigration policies.

The ILS Speaker Series provides an excellent forum for members to educate themselves and to communicate directly with local practicing attorneys concerning a variety of international topics. Last semester, ILS hosted a human rights discussion with Ann Ginger of the Berkeley-based Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute. Ginger gave insights as to how lawyers can advocate and influence a local court to incorporate human rights documents into controlling law, especially in light of the expected litigation over Proposition 187. This year, ILS will continue to host speaker events, and we urge everyone to suggest topics of discussion for future speakers.

Another important area of for ILS students is Golden Gate's Study Abroad Programs in Bangkok and Bologna. Through the club, students can receive important information about summer school admission requirements, courses offered, costs, expenses, housing information, and cultural experiences shared by former students.

ILS is actively involved in the preparation of the Golden Gate Jessup Moot Court team, and informs club members as to all aspects of the Jessup Court Competition. Executive members of the ILS have the right of first refusal concerning the composition of the Jessup Court team, so students interested in participating should take the initiative to become officers in 1995-96.

ILS warmly invites all students to attend our meetings and speaker events, and we hope to get to meet you soon.

## OPINION: The G.O.P.'s Contract with America - Good politics, or Reaganomics revisited?

by Paul Addis  
Special to the *Caveat*

Heads off to the Republican Party! Their regurgitated campaign strategy and monumental effort this election will no doubt serve as a sad commentary on the political attention of the average American for generations to come. Graduates of the Joseph Paul Goebbels School for Media Manipulation created the illusion of new bait on the Republican hook. Election results show just how hard the hook set.

Republican control of Congress means that death-dealing corporate whores will be in control, pushing their Contract With America with the biggest booster rocket that hard-earned tax and special interest money can construct. The Contract features several ideas that have been soundly trounced by Congress before: term limits, line item veto, and am veto, and a pledge of no new taxes. The G.O.P. has been screaming about these issues for years. Now the time has come to put the money where the mouth is or in the case of the G.O.P., put your mouth where your money is.

One provision of the Contract calls for term limits as a solution to the alleged problem of professional politicians. A law limiting Congressional service would be the Federal government telling voters how to vote by denying them the option of re-electing effective representatives. Conspicuously, the term limit proposal also has a grandfather clause that would exempt the professional politicians who wrote it from the law's effects.

A balanced budget Amendment, another facet of the Contract, is a fantastic idea that would force the Federal government to do what millions of other Americans have to do every day: operate within a budget. The problem comes in trying to decide where to spend the money. In the Eighties, Uncle Ronnie made several areas of the nation dependent on the military by beefing up our forces to near apocalyptic levels. These same communities have been barking the loudest since Clinton took office due to the Clinton administration's cuts in the military largess. Republicans responded by calling for increased military spending. Evidently, the G.O.P. plans to spend even more money within a reduced budget to keep the war machine moving. This sad repeat of a popular Republican tune demonstrates just how little Republicans have learned over the last decade, and how limited their thinking really is.

There is no doubt that a large military creates new jobs and a wide variety of them. Engineers and other high-tech geniuses are employed in research and development departments to create even niftier toys that kill more people with less effort. Congressional authorization of new ship construction is a boon to Naval shipyards. A bulging military also needs food, housing, and entertainment, which means job creation and financial windfall in all of those areas. All this job creation is well and good, but throwing money at the military in order to create such jobs is the last thing this country needs.

What this country needs is more direct development of the private sector instead of the trickle-down effect of Reaganomics. The military should be dependent upon private-sector developments, instead of the private sector being dependent upon the military. Republicans scoff at innovative projects like alternative energy resources, the Infobahn, and space exploration, but without any of these things, our society would not be nearly as advanced as it is today. Encouragement of such private sector industries would create the same opportunities that are created by military investment. The difference is that the economy would grow without being tied to the harmful byproduct of military megadeath toys.

Certain Hawks out there would have voters believe that lower defense spending will leave America defenseless; nothing could be further from the truth. Despite

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## ABA/LSD OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

by Justin Tuttle  
Special to the *Caveat*

The American Bar Association-Law Student Division focuses on the transition between student and lawyer. Members receive the ABA Journal and Student Lawyer each month. Addition, students may join various sections, such as Tort and Insurance Law, Litigation, Bankruptcy, and Criminal Law.

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## Interested in a socially progressive law career? Then the Public Interest Law Foundation can help you find one!

by Eva Pappadopoulos  
Special to the *Caveat*

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is a student organization dedicated to advancing the public interest through law. It was formed at Golden Gate University School of Law in 1984 in order to promote public interest legal employment and involvement opportunities. PILF focuses on helping students get jobs in public interest law, providing members opportunities to meet and hear from faculty and other attorneys practicing public interest law, giving students a forum in which to discuss their aspirations, concerns, and questions regarding public interest law, and raising funds to help GGU students and alumni work in public interest jobs.

Last spring, PILF awarded summer grants to six dedicated Golden Gate University Law School students. The students received the grants based on their past accomplishments in public interest work and on their dedication to working in public interest law over the summer and in the future. Applications for PILF summer grants will be available in March.

This fall, three GGU Law School graduates, all from the class of 1993, received grants from the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). PILRAP is a program started by PILF in 1991 that gives grants to alumni working in low-paying, but important public interest law jobs. PILRAP funds come from an endowment established by the law school (\$200,000 and growing), student fees, and contributions from students and faculty during PILF's annual spring fundraiser. Graduates can contact Dean Hughes for PILRAP applications.

PILF is proud to announce its second annual Auction and Raffle, the proceeds of which will go to support both the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program and summer internships for students who take low-paying summer law jobs. Our Kick-Off Party and Auction will be held in the Plaza Level of 536 Mission on Tuesday, February 28, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Professor Oppenheimer will auction off exciting and valuable prizes, including several bar review courses, Warriors' tickets, and opportunities to have your favorite professor take you and a friend out for lunch, dinner, or drinks. Fabulous food and drinks will be served, and all students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

Raffle tickets for other great items such as free massages, movie passes, free lunches at great local restaurants and more will go on sale at the Kick-Off Party and Auction. These tickets will be on sale until the drawing, which will be done by Professor Rechtschaffen at the 3rd floor tables at noon on Thursday, March 16. Even if you are not planning to go into public interest law after graduation, PILF hopes you will take this opportunity to help make sure that this important work gets done, and to salute your fellow students who are striving to provide legal support to those in need!

## Phi Alpha Delta: Law Fraternity International

by Marie Davidson  
Special to the *Caveat*

This spring the Dirksen chapter of Phi Alpha Delta is planning a bay area student/alumni gathering. Yes, one of those famous networking opportunities everyone is always talking about.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International (PAD) was founded in 1902 in South Haven Michigan. Since that time PAD has grown to 173 Law School Chapters and 90 Alumni Chapters throughout North America. PAD is the only legal fraternity with a pre-law division which helps its members with the law school application process.

The Dirksen chapter at Golden Gate University was chartered soon after the school gained ABA accreditation, and has been active ever since. PAD has active chapters at many Bay Area law schools including Hastings and University of San Francisco. Our proximity to other chapters allows us to meet and get to know Fraternity members from other schools on a regular basis.

Benefits of membership include a quarterly newsletter, car rental discounts, credit card offers, and local and international conferences.

Some of our more famous members include Bill and Hillary Clinton, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Warren Christopher. In fact one out of six lawyers in the United States is a member of PAD.

The past few years Dirksen Chapter has put on a Halloween party for homeless children at the Hamilton Homeless shelter in the Haight. Watch the law school news for upcoming meeting times and dates.

If you would like more information about PAD please call chapter Justice Marie Davidson at (415) 665-1770. Membership applications are available on the PAD board on the third floor, and we also have a club mailbox in the law student lounge on the second floor.

**HAVE A GREAT SPRING SEMESTER!**

# Latin American Law Students Association

by Sylvia Perez

Special to the *Caveat*

Established four years ago, the Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA) is a source of academic support for its members. It provides both networking opportunities and serves as a social outlet.

Building a network with the Hispanic Bar Association, La Raza Lawyers Association, and other organizations dedicated to serving the Latino community provides LALSA members with many employment opportunities. LALSA facilitates members to make friends and to communicate their difficulties with law school.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and participate in upcoming events. Look for the next scheduled meeting in the Law School News. For more information, please contact Frine Eger, LALSA President, at (510) 671-3886.

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which to plug the new rules. I know - it seems a bit structured, but it worked for me. **2. ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE IS A GIFT.** Never before law school had I encountered a system which offered no benchmark for my performance. I felt lost without any idea of how I was doing, whether I was keeping up, did I "get it", could I do this law school thing or not? My cocky "I can BS my way through anything" attitude didn't get me far when it came to Civil Procedure.

One of the best resources I found for feedback regarding my first year progress was the academic assistance program. By studying for and TAKING EVERY PRACTICE EXAM, I learned quickly how to rattle off the material in the IRAC format the instructor wanted. The academic assistance program showed me that there was a formula to writing exams, and that my substantive knowledge of the law was useless unless I could spew it out in the accepted format.

**3. THERE IS STILL TIME.** It's not too late to study for exams. Repeat this mantra morning, noon and night until 2 weeks before each exam. That's not to say that you can slide until then, but know that worrying is a non-productive waste of energy. Remember to keep your perspective, breathe, sleep, eat, study, exercise. Keep your brain clear and your body healthy.

**4. GET TO KNOW YOUR CAMPUS RESOURCES.** There are so many sources of help and comfort available, but very few students use them regularly. Grab a nap in the SBA Lounge on the 2nd floor. Visit your Westlaw or Lexis student representative during office hours for a personalized refresher. Snag a 2L or 3L and introduce yourself. Let your fingers do the walking through the Career Services Center's summer job binders. Ask the law library reference desk to offer a suggestion for your next research project. Attend an SBA meeting. Browse through instructors' old exams in the Reserve Room. Grab a cookie on the 14th floor of 49 Stevenson (Whoever the cookie fairy is, thanks a lot! You've made my day a number of times!). Join a campus organization and meet someone who's NOT in your section.

**5. LISTEN TO YOURSELF.** There are plenty of commercial sources offering advice about how to succeed in law school. You can always find a 2L or 3L willing to share a story about an instructor's favorite things on exams. There's even this column giving you tips about something you already know!

Take it all with a grain of salt, because YOU ARE THE EXPERT ON YOUR LEARNING PATTERNS AND HABITS. You know what you need to do to do well. Your diligence and motivation will pay off. Go for it. GOOD LUCK!

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child, and could be reassigned before the case is finished.

Trust is crucial for the child to speak freely about the foster home, treatment in school, medical or psychological problems, and feelings about a reunion with parents. The advocate's report goes directly to the judge for consideration. Judges repeatedly stress how much more responsive they can be when they have this information.

Advocates do not take the place of attorneys, although they may meet with the judge and make court appearances. Carol Carillo, Program Coordinator of San Francisco CASA, notes that many law students, attorneys in all areas of law, and judges have volunteered. "The hardest thing for them has occasionally been remembering which hat they're wearing," says Carillo.

As an advocate, your task is to speak for the child. A court order gives access to view any records or to meet with any service-provider. This means the advocate can respond personally and quickly when, for instance, the child is denied special education classes at school.

The program stresses a pragmatic approach to addressing children's needs. Practicing these skills now can help you be more creative, resourceful, and effective in your future career. Advocates are encouraged to meet often with involved professionals and each other to share strategies and insights, which can be a valuable source of contacts and advice.

Finally, you will be in the unique position of helping the child understand how the law can work to protect his or her interests. As an attorney, you will not always have the luxury of time or candor to explain the intricacies of the legal process to our clients. But by your mere presence as the child's advocate, you will leave the child with a lasting sense of self-respect.

CASA welcomes new advocates several times during the year. Contact San Francisco CASA at (415) 398-8001 to discuss volunteering, or for a referral to your local CASA program.

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## Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

by Young Lee  
Special to the *Caveat*

Delta theta Phi is an international law fraternity dedicated to advocating legal ideals, causes, and career networking.

The fraternity had a very successful year with a variety of events, such as the First Annual Boat Bash where over one-hundred friends and families of Golden Gate University School of Law partied for hours while cruising around the Bay. Other events included: first year survival workshops; mid-year admit orientation; distribution of course outlines; practice examinations; and first year review tapes and lectures.

This year promises to be as exciting with many of the same events. Additionally, the fraternity would like to place a greater emphasis on philanthropy programs such as helping to feed the homeless, and working with economically challenged youths around the Bay area.

All are welcome to join, so read the Law School News to find out when the next meeting will be held. Please contact Young Lee at (415) 474-4948.

### *GreenTips*

**FACT:** Chloroflourocarbons (CFC's) are emitted in the manufacturing of styrofoam products. These CFC's break down the protective ozone layer which may lead to increased ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer.

**TIP:** Patronize only those busniesses that do not use styrofoam products.

## Association for Communication, Sports, and Entertainment Law

by Lorie Komlyn  
Special to the *Caveat*

The Association for Communication, Sports, and Entertainment Law (ACSEL) is one of the newest organizations at Golden Gate University School of Law. ACSEL is an organization designed to expose GGU students to the legal and non-legal aspects of the communications, sports, and entertainment industries.

ACSEL sponsors a myriad of events, offering those interested the opportunity to meet with various guest speakers to discuss careers in their areas of expertise. This past semester, ACSEL has sponsored Mark Greenberg, a partner with the Bay Area law firm Nelsen & Greenberg, who spoke with students about the growing field of multimedia law.

ACSEL also brought together Ray Ratto of the Chronicle, Eric J. Farber of the San Francisco firm French & Farber, and Richard Nichols to discuss the situation facing the National Hockey League. Additionally, ACSEL co-sponsored George Coombe, who presented his comprehensive Alternative Dispute Resolution paper, before revealing it to Congress.

On Thursday, November 3, 1994, our guest speaker series reached its pinnacle. ACSEL proudly sponsored, Special Guest Speaker, Leigh Steinberg, one of, if not THE, most prominent sports agent and lawyer practicing today. Steinberg represents the U.S. Soccer team, Olympic boxer Oscar de la Hoya, the NFL's Troy Aikman, Thurman Thomas, and the San Francisco 49ers' quarterback Steve

Young, just to name a few. Steinberg has represented the number one overall draft pick in five of the last NFL drafts. He also has had three of the last four Heisman Trophy winners.

Additionally, Steinberg was the co-chair of the Save the Rams group that tried to keep the Los Angeles Rams in Anaheim. ACSEL was honored to have had Steinberg speak, and extends thanks everyone that attended the standing-room only event.

ACSEL members have also participated in outside events. Members attended the ABA's annual meeting on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, and also attended the local Multimedia Law Conference. GGU's ACSEL is in conjunction with that at Hastings Law School, so our members were also able to attend a lecture on the baseball strike that was conducted at Hastings.

On the lighter, non-legal side, ACSEL helped sponsor the recent Bar/Bri auction. ACSEL has also created an extracurricular Tennis League, with matches played on the courts at Golden Gate Park. This proved so successful that it will be conducted again this semester.

You don't need to be a future sports agent or film producer to join ACSEL or to participate in the events. All we ask is that you have an interest in any of the above areas and want to have a little fun in law school. We hope you will choose to be a part of ACSEL.

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### **EXTRA! EXTRA !! CAVEAT DEADLINE!!**

Submit to the Caveat! Get yourself published! The staff encourages anyone who likes to write on matters concerning current legal issues, current law school events, or any other topics to submit articles.

The next Caveat deadline is Wednesday, February 15th. Submissions should be brought to the Caveat office in the Student Lounge, Room 223-B.

# California Lawyers for the Arts: two advocates present views

by Ken Devore

**Caveat Entertainment Editor**

Interested in Entertainment Law? Membership and an internship with California Lawyers for the Arts (CLFA) is a great place to start your career path. CLFA provides legal assistance to artists and art organizations throughout California. Programs such as the Lawyer Referral Service, Education Seminars, and Arts and Arbitration and Mediation, help implement this assistance. CLFA offices are located in San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

An intern at CLFA works for the Lawyer Referral Service or the Arts and Mediation program. Working for the Lawyer Referral Service involves listening to artists' problems, summarizing and recording them on an intake sheet, and relating them to the appropriate attorney.

This job is more demanding than it sounds because it requires the intern to understand the basics of the client's problem and coherently convey it to a qualified attorney.

In addition, the nature of this job requires the intern to talk to dozens of Bay Area attorneys each shift. As a result, making those valuable contacts are almost inevitable.

An internship with the Arts and Mediation program provides one with valuable mediation training. Effectively helping two parties solve their legal problems without litigation is an art unto itself. As mediation is increasingly being used, many attorneys need this skill.

To find out more about what CLFA has to offer, call the San Francisco office at (415)775-7200, or Adrienne Crew at the Oakland office at (510) 444-6351.

by Meg Dixit

**Special to the Caveat**

What's life like in the real cut-throat world of law? The hardships of being a law student are only the beginning. Many law students are exploring the realities of the legal community by interning or volunteering at law firms in the Bay Area. But there is another organization in town, the California Lawyers for the Arts (CLFA).

CLFA is a non-profit organization at Fort Mason, in San Francisco. It provides lawyer referrals, dispute resolutions services, educational programs, workshops, publications, and a resource library.

CLFA was founded in 1974, when a group of concerned lawyers and artists decided there should be a service to respond to the legal needs of the California arts community. Today, other major cities such as Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Seattle have similar organizations, although there is no affiliation.

Victoria Parks, a second-year law student at Golden Gate University who interned at CLFA last summer, says that the experience she gained gave her good insight into the business.

"I matched artists with lawyers that fit their needs when I did referrals. The work was valuable and I have already recommended the internship to a buddy of mine." The friend she speaks of is another second-year student who is a current intern at CLFA, Julie Ericson. Ericson says she got involved with the organization because of her love for arts, and her professional goals.

"The two mixed well and I am getting a lot out of my internship in conjunction with my school work."

Students can get involved with the many services of CLFA: referrals, conflict resolutions, art-house (involves art-

ist housing and workspace), seminars, workshops, marketing publications, and still others. Day to day office administration is also an integral part of the "real-life" look at law.

Griff Morris, former Program Coordinator, says students who are interested in arts and entertainment law will gain from their experiences at CLFA.

"They will get hands-on experience with legal contracts, conduct research, and get involved in other tasks that will help them decide if this is indeed what they want to do."

Morris, who has his J.D. from Emory University in Atlanta, says that in the time he's been at CLFA, he has seen community needs met.

"Artists just starting out, with little or no money, have somewhere to turn. Several of our non-profit clients would be broke without our legal services." Plans for the future include more educational programs and services that will address changing legal needs.

Golden Gate University professor, Tom Goetzl, who has been on the Board of Trustees of CLFA for 12 years, says that students should grab the opportunity to get involved with the organization.

"It's fun! It's about people, the arts, law and real issues that would complement a law student's study."

Professor Goetzl says that the only concern he has about the organization's future is its financial plight. "Like any other non-profit organization, not having a stable financial base and a steady cash flow is disheartening."

Currently, most of the organization's funding comes from earned income, that is, fund-raisers and membership, as well as grants and contributions.

Interested students can send a resume to CLFA, or call (415) 775-7200.

**WANT TO LEARN  
JAPANESE?  
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# FROM THE PREZ...

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While most of us relaxed and enjoyed a couple of weeks away from the grind of law school, the University's Board of Trustees were busy securing the deed to the 62 First Street property. The former Werner Erhart "E.S.T." building is now going to become the law school. The question becomes, "Do we want the building as it is, or do we want to tear it down and start from scratch?"

As it stands, the current building has five floors and will house our beloved faculty, staff and administrators, and all the classrooms, including two huge lecture rooms. The bad news is that the law library will remain at 536 Mission Street, and it is highly unlikely that there will be room for a spacious lounge or a child care center. Another problem is that the building is made of reinforced concrete which the engineers assure us has been or will be retrofitted for earthquake safety; however, the earthquake in Kobe taught us a lesson about retrofitted, reinforced concrete buildings - it may just be best to start over.

The location of the building is very convenient, and Dean Pagano is touring law schools across the country which have state-of-the-art classrooms with plugs at every seat for on-line access for laptops. We must work with the Dean, the faculty and the Board of Trustees to come up with a solution that works for everyone. Our lesson should be 536 Mission; with all of the retrofitting and renovations, the building could have been rebuilt from scratch. We may never get into 62 First Street, but the worth of our future law degrees depends on how this school develops in the future. It is essential that we form a student contingent to become involved with this endeavor.

Now for an update on some issues that we are working on this semester. I have always fought the notion that Golden Gate Law students are apathetic. We are not apathetic, and the volunteer attendance at the homeless dinner is proof of that. For those of you who have read this far, here are some of the burning issues on which your SBA is working: First of all, we hope to have the sexual harassment survey distributed to all students during their classes. This will provide the committee of students and professors with vital information on implementing a grievance procedure. Sexual harassment is important to everyone who will be practicing law. If you're not sure of that, read the recent *Weeks* decision [citation later]. In addition to the survey, the SBA's "not ready for prime-time or any other time" players will put on a symposium complete with role playing for all of us to learn exactly what is sexual harassment.

Second, we hope to evaluate the work that the administration has and is doing. Keep your eyes out for that evaluation in your mailboxes this month.

Third, our next project has been a re-writing of the student constitution - this affects all of you and you will be asked to vote on our revisions, so ask your representatives to keep you informed.

Other items we hope to work on include: a crosswalk for Mission Street, changing the G.P.A. from a minus system to a plus system and the finalization of a campus-wide alcohol policy. As always, if you have anything you want us to look at come on down to Room 223.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:** Abraham Lincoln is best known for his accomplishments as our nation's 16th president. But did you know that he was also a tremendous athlete and sportsman? Perhaps his favorite sport was wrestling; he lost only one match in his wrestling career. Can you name the man who finally beat Honest Abe? Submit answers to the Caveat office in the SBA Lounge. Prizes will be awarded.

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cutbacks from Reagan-era military strength, America still has the best armed, equipped, and commanded forces in the world. And, in spite of what the G.O.P. would have us believe, Clinton's reduction in military spending leaves plenty of money to maintain our national defense. What the Clinton plan will not allow for is reckless military spending on fraudulent projects like Star Wars and the B-1 bomber. The Clinton plan also requires closure of unnecessary bases that cost tax payers billions of dollars a year to keep open.

Republicans have the opportunity to bring massive change to America. They have a majority in Congress and a better-than-average chance at taking the White House in 1996. Claims of change brought victory to the G.O.P. last year but, as the Contract with America and G.O.P. rhetoric show, the party has remained true to the status quo mentality that has been at its core for over a decade now. Remember kids, talk is cheap; actions are really what speak for a party. A lot of us out here will be watching very closely.

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The GGU chapter is also involved in many activities. The ABA/LSD cosponsored the law school kickoff party at Boone's, and the First Year Survival Workshop. Future events planned include the annual Work-A-Day program, when law students all over the country spend one day working to help their communities. Last year, students from GGU School of Law worked making meals for Project Open Hand, serving food to the homeless, and many other activities.

The ABA/LSD is also working with attorneys in our legal community developing a mentor program between law students and attorneys. We plan to have a number of attorneys in various areas of practice available for our members to call on for advice or information.

We welcome new members to our organization. If you have any questions on joining our exciting club, please call Justin Tuttle at (415) 292-2334. We hope to see you at our next meeting!!