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Former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice
William J. Harbison on *Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation*
Noon - Moot Court Room

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Law School Survival Skills
Torts Sample Exam
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with Professor Joe King

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November 5
1993 Alumni Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence
by Professor Milner S. Ball,
University of Georgia
*Jurisprudence from Below: First Notes*
Noon - Moot Court Room
Sponsored by the College of Law and its alumni

"What environmental law attorneys really do" - a panel discussion by five practicing environmental attorneys
Noon - Room 104
Featuring: Mary Butler, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region IV, Atlanta, Georgia; Nancy Carnes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. DOE, Oak Ridge; Doug Goins, Office of the General Counsel, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Oak Ridge; Joe Sanders, Legal Services Director, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Nashville; and Tom Thomas, J.D., Ph.D., Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Oak Ridge. Sponsored by the Environmental Law Association.

November 9
Law School Survival Skills
Contracts Sample Exam
10:00 a.m. - Moot Court Room
with Professor Bob Lloyd

November 11-13
Association of American Law Schools
Faculty Recruitment Conference,
Washington, D.C.

November 12
Alumni Reception in Washington, D.C.

November 16
Law School Survival Skills
Final Exam Seminar
10:00 a.m. - Moot Court Room
with Professors Judy Cornett, Larry Dessem and Greg Stein

November 19
The PDP Bench and Bar Series presents:
Leo Bearman, Jr., Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Caldwell, Memphis, on *Successful Trial Tactics and New Developments in Courtroom Techniques*
Noon - Moot Court Room

November 23
*Do The Right Thing* with Spike Lee
7:00 p.m. - UC Shiloh Room
Discussion led by Professor Cook, Phyliss Wimberly and Tonya Lloyd
Free admission and refreshments!
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On-campus Interviewing ends.

November 25
Thanksgiving Day. Law Library closed.

November 25-26
Thanksgiving Holiday; No classes and administrative offices closed. Law Library hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Georgia Professor to Deliver Alumni Lecture at UT College of Law

The 1993 Alumni Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence at the College of Law will be delivered by Milner S. Ball, the Harmon W. Caldwell Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Georgia in Athens. The lecture is titled "Jurisprudence from Below: First Notes" and will be at noon, Friday, November 5, in the Moot Court Room. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

Professor Ball earned an A.B. in 1958 from Princeton and a S.T.B. in 1961 from Harvard. He received a J.D. in 1971 from the University of Georgia where he was editor in chief of the law review. He was a Fulbright Fellow at Universitat Tuebingen from 1961-62. His latest book, *The Word and The Law*, was published this year by the University of Chicago Press. He is the author of three other books, several monographs, chapters, book review essays, and book reviews, and numerous law review articles. At Georgia, he teaches jurisprudence, public interest law, law and diplomacy, constitutional law, and environmental law.

The lecture series was established in 1975 by alumni contributions to an endowment fund. It serves to enrich the extra-curricular lives of law students as well as faculty, alumni, and the University community.

TAYLOR TRIVIA: Which faculty member serves as a soccer referee in their spare time? Answer to last month's Taylor Trivia: Visiting Professor of Law Daniel Fenton Adams of Little Rock, Arkansas, is the author of "Clear Title' for Farm Products: Congress and the Arkansas Legislature Attempt to Solve a Troublesome Problem."
Faculty, staff, old friends and co-workers celebrated Charles H. Miller’s 88th birthday on Friday, October 22, with a luncheon in the Legal Clinic. Mr. Miller founded the Legal Clinic in 1947 and served as its director until 1975. His talent as a clinic educator is nationally known and appreciated. The UT Legal Clinic was the prototype for law school clinic programs and is the oldest continuously operated legal clinic in the country.

The Charles Henderson Miller Lecture Series in Professional Responsibility was established in 1977 to honor Professor Miller for his illustrious teaching career. The 1994 Lecture will be on Monday, February 14, and will feature Sylvia A. Law, Professor of Law and Director of the Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Memorial Program at New York University.

As a teacher, Mr. Miller focused on educating students about what their future professional responsibilities as lawyers should be. His favorite quote is a paraphrase from the medical profession: "To study the phenomena of law in society without books is to sail an uncharted sea, while to study books without clients is not to go to sea at all."

Professor Miller has a faculty study in Hodges Library named for him and a portrait of Mr. Miller hangs in the Legal Clinic lobby. His latest honors include the Society of American Law Teachers Murphy Distinguished Alumni Award in 1976 and the Charles S. Murphy Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989 from Duke. He is a longstanding member of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the National Council of Legal Clinics, and the American Association of Law School’s Committees on Legal Clinic Teaching.

He earned an A.B. in 1928 and a LL.B. in 1934 from Duke. His years of legal education began in 1934 as the Assistant Director of Duke’s Legal Aid Clinic. Mr. Miller helped establish clinics at George Washington University, George Washington University, the University of Maryland, and the Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Dwight Aarons...
... attended the American Bar Association Young Lawyer’s Division 1993 Fall Affiliate Outreach Project National Conference in Nashville, October 14-16. During the conference, he also attended a committee meeting for the Division’s Minorities in the Profession.
... will present "AIDS and Society" as part of a University Studies Course on November 4.

Larry Dessem...
... served as chair of the University’s internal review team in connection with the Academic Program Review conducted by the College of Social Work.
... serves as a member of the Knoxville Bar Association’s Public and Bar Relations Committee.

Grayfred Gray...
... continues to work enthusiastically on dispute resolution as an important and viable part of the legal system. There are now four programs in Knox County that offer mediation and the new Mediation Clinic at the College of Law provides mediation services to several local organizations.

Reba Best...
... served as the College of Law representative to the 1993-94 UT Campus Chest Campaign and through her efforts, the College of Law surpassed its goal of $12,500.

Glenn H. Reynolds...
... testified before the U.S. Congress’ Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, on Wednesday, October 20, in Washington, D.C. The topic was the "Status of Space Commercialization." He reviewed current legislation designed to promote commercial companies’ success in providing space goods and services and spoke about several "reinventing NASA" proposals made by Vice President Gore’s government-reform program.
... will have an article, "Legal Problems of Nanotechnology: An Overview," published in a forthcoming issue of U.S.C.’s Southern California Inter-

disciplinary Law Journal. Frederick A. Fiedler, a third-year law student from Columbia, co-wrote the article with Professor Reynolds.

Dean Rivkin...
... was appointed by the National Park Service to serve as a public representative on a new federal-state program, the Southern Appalachian Mountain Initiative (SAMI). SAMI will attempt to develop strategies for combating the continuing adverse effects of air pollution on national parks in the Southeast.

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The University of Tennessee College of Law held its annual Honors Banquet and Awards Program, Friday, October 15, at the Hilton Hotel in Knoxville. Awards were presented to students for their extraordinary scholarship achievements during the year. Dean Richard S. Wirtz presided over the event in which over ninety students were honored. Students receiving academic awards from West Publishing Company, Callaghan and Company, and the Michie Company included Timothy S. Noonan, Elizabeth C. Price, and Wade V. Davies, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Knoxville law firm of Ritchie, Fels & Dillard.

Mr. Noonan also received a special award from the Knoxville Bar Auxiliary to the Tennessee Bar Association for academic achievement during his first year of studies. The award was presented by Knoxville Auxiliary President Pandy Anderson. Ms. Price also received the Herbert L. Davis Trust Fund Award for earning the highest scholastic average during the first two years of study. Mr. Davies was also the seventh recipient of the James L. Powers III Award for excellence in criminal advocacy.

Irma G. Freestate, a June 1993 graduate from Maryville, received the United States Law Week Award, which is given to the student who made the most academic progress during the third year of studies.

Ann D. Jarvis, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf in Knoxville, received the Charles H. Miller Clinical Achievement Award for excellence in civil advocacy.

Patricia J. Cottrell, Chief Deputy Attorney General, announced the winners of an award established by the Attorney General's office for the University of Tennessee College of Law to recognize and reward the accomplishments of students who have excelled in Trial Practice. Richard W. Barnes, Jr. and Richard D. Plumley will be invited to participate in the Attorney General's Trial Advocacy Program, an intensive one-week trial practice seminar.

The Knoxville office of Hunton and Williams was represented by Martin Bailey who presented the firm's annual first-year writing award to John K. Koontz. Hunton and Williams was one of the first law firms to present a firm gift and firm award. They also sponsor awards for law review.

Recognizing the need to reward outstanding student leadership, alumni members of the law firm of Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Caldwell have established an annual award to honor the achievements of students who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in any law school endeavor. Nelwyn Rhodes presented the award to this year's winner, Derek L. Spratley. Derek serves as an active member of the Black Law Students Association, the Student Bar Association, the Career Services Advisory Committee, the Admissions Committee, the Christian Legal Society, and as Law Representative to the UT Graduate Student Association.

The Frank Benson Creekmore Memorial Award was presented to M. Kim Mitchell by Betsy Creekmore. The Creekmore Award recognizes students for their future professional promise as practitioners of law in Tennessee. Frank Creekmore was a 1933 law graduate.

The National Association of Women Lawyers Award went to Mitzi L. Privette for her work in Law Women, the Student Bar Association, Phi Delta Phi, and the College's Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee.

The 1993 Susan B. Anthony Award was presented to K. Hollyn Hollman by Sharon Frankenberg, President of the East Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women.

This year the College of Law established "Certificates of Academic Excellence" to recognize outstanding achievement in all law school courses taught during the 1992-93 academic year. Winners include: Kevin J. Allen for Legal Process I; Monica L. Allie for Business Associations and Legal Profession; Jane E. Anderson for Civil Procedure I; Melissa A. Ashburn for Women and The Law; Heidi A. Barcus, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Knoxville law firm of Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop, for Criminal Advocacy and Exclusionary Rule; Richard W. Barnes, Jr. for Trial Practice; Allen W. Blevins for Teaching Clients the Law; Elizabeth Boatner, a visiting student, for Products Liability; John Borden for Legal Process II; Deborah L. Brooks for Legal Process II; Donna Brown, a June 1993 graduate, for Public International Law; Hunt S. Brown for Family Law; Bruce C. Bryant for American Legal History, Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation, and Teaching Clients the Law; Leigh Ann Buckley for Torts I; G. Brent Burks for Products Liability; Micaela L. Burnham, a June 1993 graduate, for Law, Science and Technology and Supreme Court; David P. Canas for Government Contracts and Products Liability; Allison A. Cardwell, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Stophel & Stophel in Chattanooga, for Law, Science and Technology; Kathleen W. Clark, a June 1993 graduate now serving a judicial clerkship in Phoenix, Arizona, for Criminal Law Seminar, Pretrial Litigation and Trial Practice; Richard W. Clark III for Educational Law and Trial Practice; E. Steele Clayton for Income Tax I and Trial Practice; Sean P. Curry for Legal Process II; Quinten A. Daulton for Legal Process I, Wade V. Davies, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Knoxville law firm of Ritchie, Fels & Dillard, for Constitutional Law II, Criminal Advocacy, Environmental Law, Law and Mentally Disabled Seminar, and Securities Regulation; Beverly A. Dean, a June 1993 graduate, for Trial Practice; Robert J. DelPriore, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Caldwell in Chattanooga, for Trial Practice; Brannon P. Denning for Constitutional Law I and Property; Andrew D. Dunn, a June 1993 graduate now serving a judicial clerkship with the
United States Bankruptcy Court in Nashville, for Bankruptcy Law; Christopher S. Dunn for Criminal Procedure II; Robert D. Dunn, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Day & Associates in Cookeville, for Gratuitous Transfers; Adam S. Epstein, a June 1993 graduate, for Corporate Transactions Seminar; Bradley A. Farmer for Commercial Law; Garry W. Ferraris, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Knoxville law firm of Farmer & Bergwerk, for Arbitration Seminar and Trial Practice; Shannon M. Flynn for Civil Procedure I; Charles H. Foppiano for Civil Procedure I, Contracts II and Property; Charles W. Forlidas, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Miller & Martin in Chattanooga, for Criminal Procedure I, Contract Drafting Seminar, Product Liability and Remedies; Cynthia C. Foster for Contracts I and Legal Process I; Christopher R. Fox, a June 1993 graduate, for Constitutional Law II; Irma Freestate, a June 1993 graduate, for Children and The Law; Michael L. Gallion for Torts II; Jackie L. Garton, a June 1993 graduate, for Criminal Law Seminar; Michelle L. Gensheimer for Legal Process II; Leah M. Gerbitz for Trial Practice; Matthew P. Gerdeman for Criminal Law; Thelma S. Givens for Children and The Law and Evidence; Margaret L. Gray, a June 1993 graduate, for Administrative Law, Employment Law and Labor Relations Law; P. Steven Hacker, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Houston, Texas law firm of Vinson & Elkins, for Constitutional Law II; Amy E. Haddad for Business Associations; Peter B. Halverstadt for Criminal Procedure I, First Amendment Seminar and Trial Practice; Bradley A. Haneburg, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Nashville law firm of Wanner Lansen Dortch & Davis, for Administrative Law; Joseph D. Harsh, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Harsh law firm in Gallatin, for Trial Practice; J. Chadwick Hatmaker for Business Associations and Products Liability; Michael W. Higginbotham, a June 1993 graduate, for Arbitration Seminar; Susan R. High-McAuley, a June 1993 graduate now serving a judicial clerkship with the Tennessee Court of Appeals in Nashville, for Pretrial Litigation; Raymond H. Hixson, Jr. for Computers and Law, Constitutional Law I and Federal Courts; Paul A. Holcombe III for Trial Practice; Amy V. Hollars for Civil Procedure II, Legal Process I and Legal Process II; Jason P. Hood for Trial Practice; Jennifer L. Horn for Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II and Contracts II; Marian J. Howard, a June 1993 graduate now serving a judicial clerkship with the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in Knoxville, for Supreme Court; Benjamin C. Huddleston, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, for Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation and Securities Regulation; Ken E. Jarrard for Constitutional Law I; Ann D. Jarvis, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansbery & Woolf in Knoxville, for Civil Advocacy; Karen L. Jernigan, a June 1993 graduate, for Civil Advocacy and Trial Practice; Barbara W. Johnson for Children and The Law; Melissa Johnson for Land Acquisition and Development; John L. Kea II for Business Associations; Edward L. Kershaw for Tax Theory; Matthew C. Kline for Teaching Clients the Law and Trial Practice; Arthur F. Knight III, a June 1993 graduate, for Criminal Procedure II and Pretrial Litigation; John K. Koontz for Legal Process II; Bryan E. Larson for Torts I; Dianne E. Lashmit for Criminal Law; Christopher J. Leonard for Land Finance; John H. Macrae, Jr., a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Cleveland, Ohio, law firm of Baker & Hostetler; for American Legal History and Civil Advocacy; Sherry L. Mahar, a June 1993 graduate now serving a judicial clerkship with the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in Nashville, for Civil Advocacy and Products Liability; Robert A. Manning for International Law Seminar; Scott J. Mayer for Criminal Procedure I and Legal Profession; Jack L. Mayfield, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansbery & Woolf in Johnson City, for Debtor-Creditor Law and Environmental Law; Mary Anne H. McDaniel, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf in Knoxville, for Land Acquisition and Development Seminar and Pretrial Litigation; W. Allen McDonald, a June 1993 graduate, for Products Liability and Wealth Transfer Tax; W. Britt McKenzie for Constitutional Law I and Income Tax I; Kristi D. McKinion for Torts I; Gregory D. Meadows, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Knoxville law firm of Long, Ragsdale & Waters, for Advanced Business Associations, American Legal History and Banking Law; Laura E. Metcalf for Trial Practice; M. Kimberly Mitchell for Income Tax I and Land Use; James H. Nixon III for Civil Procedure I, Contracts I, Property and Torts I; T. Scott Noonan for Legal Process I, Legal Process II and Property; Eric S. Nowinski for Trial Practice; Julia N. Oliver, a June 1993 graduate, for Family Law; Sharon F. Patterson, a June 1993 graduate, for Arbitration Seminar and Trial Practice; Richard D. Plumley for Commercial Law, Criminal Procedure II and Trial Practice; Elizabeth C. Price for Constitutional Law II, Income Tax I, Income Taxation of Entities, Law and Medicine Seminar, Products Liability and Supreme Court; Rodney Q. Quarles, a June 1993 graduate now practicing law in Chatsworth, Georgia, for Supreme Court; Suzanne S. Queen for Civil Procedure I; James A. Roberts for Civil Procedure I; Steven M. Roderick for Business Associations and Evidence; Robert N. Russ for Income Tax I; R. Scott Ruth, a June 1993 graduate now associated with the Tallahassee, Florida law firm of Hopping, Boyd, Green & Sams, for Environmental Law Seminar; Yarboro A. Sallee for Law and Literature; Ann E. Sartwell for Civil Procedure I; Joseph P. Sbuttoni II for Constitutional Law II; Suzanne N. Scott, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Miller & Martin in Chattanooga, for Arbitration Seminar, Insurance and Remedies; Joseph P. Shelton for Civil Procedure II; Cynthia D. Shoffner for Legal Process II; William S. Sims for Contracts II and Torts II; M. Troy Slaughter, a June 1993 graduate, for Trial Practice; Eric K. Smith for Torts I and Torts II; Robyn E. Smith, a June 1993 graduate, for Pretrial Litigation; W. Carl Spining, a June 1993 graduate, for Tax Theory; Camille C. Spriggs, a June 1993 graduate, for Pretrial Litigation; Michael K. Stagg for Pretrial Litigation; Anthony R. Steele, a June 1993 graduate now associated with Lacy & Winchester of Knoxville, for Banking Law; Michael Stewart for Constitutional Law II, Supreme Court and Trial Practice; Amye C.
Professor Barbara Stark received the Carden Award for superior achievement in scholarship. Her articles on gender issues and international human rights have appeared in national law reviews, journals, and books. She is in demand as a speaker and a panelist on national programs and organized a symposium on peace at UT last year.

The law firm of Bass, Berry and Sims established an award to be presented annually to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding service to the Bench and Bar. Grayfred B. Gray is the second recipient of this award due to his commitment to improve the legal profession through teaching and service. He teaches computers and law, legal process, legislation, and teaching clients the law. His efforts to promote and teach mediation as a legal skill have resulted in the establishment and implementation of programs and organizations throughout the state and community.

W. Allen Separk, a 1968 law graduate from Marietta, Georgia, established a faculty development fund to recognize and encourage legal research. Professor Fran Ansley is the first recipient of a Separk Award. Not only is Professor Ansley known for her scholarship, but she is also a much sought after speaker on issues ranging from critical race theory and abortion rights, to the North American Free Trade Agreement, and a woman-centered perspective on the global economy.

Alma Wade, the Senior Recorder in the Student Records Office, received the first annual Support Staff Award for Extraordinary Service. She has worked at the College of Law since 1989 and is responsible for overseeing the daily activities of the Records Office. The following quotes are from some of the nominations: "I think she knows every student by name. If I need to know something, I always go to her first. She provides, for myself and all other law students, a minimum daily requirement of validation that we are human beings. Her friendliness and her smiles are sometimes the only salvation for a horrible day. Grace under pressure. She is the best."

Students Make 1993 Phone-athon a HUGE SUCCESS!

The 1993 Phone-athon was October 11-13. Three nights of telephoning by law students resulted in 292 pledges by alumni, totalling $29,950.00. PDP was the winning organization with 107 pledges. TAPIL came in second with 83 pledges; ATLA was third with 50; and BLSA fourth with 23.

The results of each night are:
♦ Student with most pledges♦
Monday: Mark Aman - 22 pledges
Tuesday: Trenny Rogers - 10 pledges
Wednesday: Mary Hayes - 11 pledges
♦ Student with most $ pledged♦
Monday: Mark Aman - $2,025.00
Tuesday: Trenny Rogers - $10,595.00
Wednesday: Kim Mitchell - $1,150.00
♦ Student with single largest pledge♦
Monday: $500.00 3-way tie: Jonathan Cole, Anna Friedberg & Harry Weddle
Tuesday: $10,000.00 - Trenny Rogers
Wednesday: $1,000.00 - Kim Mitchell

1993 Phone-athon participants and their organizations: Wendy Proctor Addis - Phi Delta Phi; Mark Aman - Phi Delta Phi; Scott Anderson - Phi Delta Phi; Rob Asbury - Phi Delta Phi; Ken Bailey - Phi Delta Phi; Jeff Beemer - Law Review; Greg Bowman - Phi Delta Phi; Bob Brandon - TAPIL; Candy Britt - Phi Delta Phi; Chris Buford - BLSA; Stephen Byrd - Phi Delta Phi; Angie Carico - Phi Delta Phi; Jonathan Cole - Moot Court; Quint Daulton - Law Review; Billy Eiselestein - TAPIL; Chesney Falk - Phi Delta Phi; Shannon Flynn - Phi Delta Phi; Cindy Foster - BLSA; Anna Friedberg - TAPIL; Micki Griffin - Phi Delta Phi; Pete Halverstadt - Moot Court; Winston Harless - Law Review; Mary Hayes - ATLA/TTLA; Saja Hoffpaur - TAPIL; Vanessa Honicker - TAPIL; Michelle Johnson - TAPIL; Maurice King - BLSA; Suzannah Kirk - TAPIL; Carolyn Linge - TAPIL; Tonya Lloyd - Entertainment Law; Kim Mitchell - Law Review; Linda Parson - TAPIL; Chris Pittman - Phi Delta Phi; Mitzi Privette - Law Women; Mary Anne Queen - Phi Delta Phi; Trenny Rogers - ATLATTLLA; David Skidmore - Phi Delta Phi Theresa-Vay Smith - Phi Delta Phi; Elizabeth Sowa - Phi Delta Phi; Keith Stewart - ATLATTLLA; Steven Sword - ATLATTLLA; Patrick Tachie - BLSA; Chris Taylor - TAPIL; Richard Thomburgh - Environmental Law; Harry Weddle - ATLA/TTLA; Ken Worley - Phi Delta Phi; D. Chenise Wiley - BLSA; Scottie Wilkes - BLSA; Martha Williams - Phi Delta Phi; and Elena Xoinis - TAPIL.
I served as a student attorney in the UT Legal Clinic during the Fall Semester of 1991. At long last I finally graduated, obtained my license to practice law, and am currently in practice in Maryville, Tennessee. When I am asked which of my law school experiences I found most beneficial, I without hesitation respond that Legal Clinic was by far my best experience.

When I was working in Civil Clinic, we were handling landlord/tenant cases for low income citizens of Knox County. I learned three important lessons from the Clinic that are vital to me in my current practice. First, I was finally given the opportunity to put some of what I had learned in law school to work dealing with real clients and actual matters in controversy. Next, the Legal Clinic afforded me an opportunity, while still in law school, to gain actual courtroom experience before the courts of this fine state. (My partner, Brent Nolan, and I actually tried two contested cases in the General Sessions Court for Knox County during our tenure in the Clinic. We handed the forces of evil and oppression a humiliating defeat in the first lawsuit, preventing a family from being evicted from public housing just before Christmas, and we fought them to a draw in the second case.) Finally, I learned in the Clinic that although the practice of law can, at times, be difficult and fatiguing, it can also be a lot of fun.

The Clinic allows the student attorney an opportunity to fully represent actual clients with contested matters. From the initial client interview, investigation of the case and the necessary research through settlement or trial, these were our clients. Under the dedicated and diligent guidance of the Clinic faculty and staff, we provided our clients with representation and advocacy which, otherwise, they might never have received. I am still very proud of that. Additionally, my experience representing clients in the Clinic has been invaluable to me in my current practice; it taught me what to expect as a case develops and how to prepare my cases for trial and/or settlement. Unlike many young attorneys fresh from the George C. Taylor College of Knowledge (as Professor Phillips would put it), persons who have served in the Clinic have dealt with clients and need not feel intimidated by any lack of experience in "the real world." They have already been there.

What I (and indeed most people) find most impressive about the Legal Clinic experience is the fact that I was actually able to try cases prior to becoming a licensed attorney. The thrill of walking into a courtroom for the first time, your case fully prepared and your cause just, is a feeling that all trial attorneys remember and cherish for the rest of their lives. Since becoming licensed, I have only tried one complete case, however, I have been to court on several other occasions. When telling friends about my first postclinic court date, they asked if I was nervous and I could honestly say "no." Having already been to court in the Legal Clinic, I had none of the stage fright one normally encounters when handling that first case.

When I took Clinic, six credit hours were awarded for one's participation. The work the Clinic required was far beyond the work necessary to complete two three-hour law school classes. In fact, toward the end of the semester I actually had a nightmare that Dean Rivkin, the Director of the Legal Clinic, had assigned me to mow the grass on the grounds of the law school. It was a lot of work. My partner and I, however, thoroughly enjoyed our experience in the Legal Clinic, and had a great time despite the volume of work required.

The most valuable lesson I learned in the Clinic, however, was that although the practice of law entails a lot of hard work, one can and should have fun practicing law. I have always felt that it is extremely important that one enjoy the career that one has chosen. The Clinic affirmed for me that the practice of law, though a serious, dignified and respected profession, can afford one a good time. While one should always takes one's cases and clients very seriously, it is important for a person to be happy in the career they have chosen. The Clinic showed me that the practice of law can be an enjoyable experience.

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VOICES FROM THE LEGAL CLINIC

A Perspective

By Stephen S. Ogle, Esq.
A new committee has been formed to assess and improve the sense of community at George C. Taylor College of Law. It is called the Committee on the Law School Community and its members include faculty, staff, and students. Professor Dean Rivkin serves as the committee’s chair and other members are: Professor Fran Ansley, Sean Curry, a second-year law student; Michele Johnson, a third-year law student, Suzanne Livingood, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Tonya Lloyd, a second-year law student, Wendy Proctor Addis, a third-year law student, Professor Greg Stein, and Phyliss Wimberly, an instructor in the Legal Clinic.

The committee has already targeted priority areas for this year. They would like to work on: (1) the gap between faculty and students; (2) the chilly climate sometimes experienced by members of newcomer or outsider or non-traditional groups in legal education; (3) the sometimes incomplete integration of staff members into the full life of the institution; and (4) the extra challenge that will be posed by up-coming transition years during building construction.

To achieve these four priorities, the committee plans to carry its message to all student organizations, the faculty, and the staff during formal meetings. The committee is also scheduling different types of events that will bring students, faculty, deans, directors, and staff together in informal settings.

The first event was an informal lecture/luncheon on Tuesday, October 12, in the faculty lounge by Jawara K. Lumumba, an organizational development specialist. Mr. Jawara’s presentation, “Building Bridges Within A Diverse Law School Community,” encouraged us to build symbolic bridges or walk down different roads in order to explore all the various strengths people have and bring to an experience such as law school. He went on to say that diversity is good and it is a very powerful resource if it can be used productively. In the past diversity has caused problems, but it is now time for society to learn to use it as a positive force. The capacity to move diversity into a good is only in the realm of our collective selves, one person cannot do it alone. People need to do concrete and positive things with their diversity by using their values and behaviors as a building block. “Be prepared to walk your talk,” said Mr. Lumumba. His message concluded with the suggestion that the College of Law must support students in their efforts to succeed no matter what their diversity is.

The November events planned by the committee include two films. On Wednesday, November 3, the committee sponsors The Verdict with Paul Newman. It will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. The film is free of charge and refreshments will be provided. After the film, a discussion will be led by Dean Wirtz, Professor Carl Pierce, and law student Sean Curry.

Do The Right Thing will be shown on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shiloh Room of the University Center. This film is also free and refreshments will be available. Professor Joseph Cook, Phyliss Wimberly, and law student Tonya Lloyd will lead the discussion afterwards.

The committee plans to meet regularly and invites any and everyone to join them. Do not be part of the problem, be part of the solution.