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S B A N E W S

WELCOME BACK & WELCOME ABOARD. This issue is dedicated to those students just starting at Southern New England School of Law (SNESL). The name of our newsletter is a short version of the latin phrase, Res ipsa loquitur, which translates as: the thing speaks for itself. Our primary goal is to provide communication between the student bar association (SBA) the administration and the students. Res Ipsa will try to report information in three broad areas; regular updates on SBA activities, current news and information about SNESL, as well as changes and developments in the law on a state and national level. Your comments or contributions are encouraged. Anyone interested in the position of assistant editor or in writing on a regular basis should leave a note in the SBA message box located in the administration office.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS. Preparations for your SBA class elections are scheduled to start immediately and will proceed on the following timetable.

SEPT. 5, 1991	NOMINATION FORMS & INFORMATION PACKAGE AVAILABLE AT FRONT DESK.
SEPT. 20, 1991	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATION FORMS
SEPT. 21, 1991 9 AM	MANDATORY MEETING OF ALL CANDIDATES
SEPT. 21, 1991	POSTING OF BALLOT ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING CAN BEGIN
SEPT. 28, 1991 9AM	CANDIDATES FORUM (If candidates decide to hold one)
SEPT. 28, 1991	ELECTIONS (Time to be announced)
SEPT. 28, 1991	CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS BY SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD
OCT. 5, 1991	RUN OFF ELECTION (If necessary)

LIBRARY NEWS

In July 1991 Hazel Inglis, the Law Librarian, travelled to New Orleans to represent SNESSL at the annual meeting of the American Law Library Association. Hazel made new and refreshed old contacts, attended a seminar on ABA accreditation, and secured a gift of ABA-required English reports from a law firm in San Francisco.

The Law Librarian formerly practices immigration law in Boston. Hazel is organizing a day-long immigration education program to be held in New Bedford on September 28, 1991. The program is co sponsored by SNESSL, the Northern New England Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the New Bedford Bar Association. This is a nuts and bolts program on family and criminal aspects of immigration law. Hazel will present the immigration overview and four nationally prominent immigration attorneys will speak. The invited luncheon guest is Dr. Jorge de Serpa Neves, Portuguese Consul at New Bedford.

The Library is entering a new phase of increased formality (rules). As the academic year progresses new systems and procedures will be added. The SNESSL Law Library now requires that all students, faculty and staff using the library register for and obtain library cards. Watch the bulletin boards for the library card registration schedule.

Library Guides are now available in the Library. Every student is responsible for picking up a copy. Please read the guide. For first year students, Howard Senzel, the Head of Public Services, is organizing library tours and borrower registration for first year students. Please watch the bulletin boards for dates and times.

WESTLAW WARNING - Westlaw is to be used by enrolled students to support their academic program at SNESSL. **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES USE WESTLAW FOR EMPLOYMENT RELATED RESEARCH OR TO ASSIST FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR EMPLOYERS.** Our contract limits our use of Westlaw to activities supporting the SNESSL academic program. The cost to SNESSL is high and some academic law libraries are charging students a Westlaw use fee. Additionally, Westlaw can track searches conducted by individuals to determine whether the search supported an individual's academic program.

All students (except members of the first year class) who have not completed Westlaw training need to sign up for training in the Library. Signup sheets are available at the Library circulation desk. Passwords are available for all students who have completed the training. Marianne Gilmore, the Westlaw trainer, is present in the Library on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturday until noon.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Problems, questions, payments. It's all much easier if you know who to see about the different aspects of the administrative function here at SNE SL.

Philip E. Cleary, Dean
Michael G. Hillinger, Associate Dean

Carol Vidal, Registrar - Grades, class scheduling, final exams, make-up scheduling, transcript info, anything pertaining to student records.

Sandra Leger, Business Manger / Financial Department - Tuition and student loans.

Sharon Martin, Faculty Secretary - Schedules appointments to meet with Dean and Faculty. Handles correspondence for faculty.

Brenda Francis, Admissions and Development Departments.

Alice Arsenault, Bookstore Manager - Assists Business Manger & Financial Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Telephone: (508) 999-0040 & 0049

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday & Friday	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am to 3 pm
Sunday	Closed

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Thursday, Sept. 12 & 19	4 - 7 pm
Friday, Sept. 13 & 20	4 - 7 pm
Saturday, Sept. 14 & 21	11 am - 1 pm

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Congratulations to the 21 SNESL graduates awarded a Juris Doctor degree this past June 15! Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient was the Honorable George Jacobs, associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Judge Jacobs served as city solicitor in New Bedford from 1964-70. He has also served as assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth.

To help you on your way to that coveted J.D. - the Greater Fall River Bar Association has Scholarships available for the 1991-92 academic year. To be eligible you must live in or be from the greater Fall River area. For applications please write to the Fall River Bar Association Scholarship Committee, c/o John C. Farrissey, Esq., 1100 County St. Somerset, MA 02726.

Welcome aboard to new faculty members Ed Greer and Ralph Clifford. Professor Greer will be teaching Legal Writing and Criminal Law this semester. Professor Clifford will be responsible for two Property courses.

Both men join SNESL well prepared for the task of teaching. Ralph Clifford earned a Bachelor's at Duke and a J.D. from New York Law School. His special interests lie in the areas of computer law and intellectual property. Mr. Clifford is a past adjunct faculty member at the University of Bridgeport. The majority of his eight years practicing in Connecticut and New York was devoted to trial work.

Ed Greer is a 1966 Yale graduate. His specialty is civil litigation. In 1990 Mr. Greer was the Senior Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union in New York city. He is the author of a treatise entitled; *Toxic Tort Litigation* published by Prentis Hall.



A few ideas for improving this newsletter in the upcoming year essentially require student input. First, all SBA committees should keep meeting minutes and submit regular reports to Res Ipsa for publication. Second, students who have writing skills should not confine their talents to briefs and memoranda. Short essays (500 words or less) on topics of academic interest will be accepted, as will editorials. Third, we have had some informal offers of assistance from several of the instructors. A faculty advisor specifically for Res Ipsa will help reform the editing process. We still need enthusiastic students who are willing to help out with writing, advertising sales, ad copy, researching, interviewing etc. Drop a note in the SBA message box if you are interested.



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