Fellow students of the law,

Please see below for all the student announcements. Included in this email:

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5. Dawson & Sodd, LLP Fall 2021 Moot Court Competition deadline to signup – Monday, August 30th by 5:00 p.m.
6. Texas Access to Justice Commission application deadline – Friday, September 3rd at 12:00 p.m.
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PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like to include an announcement in the weekly student announcements email, you must submit it (with the exact heading and wording you want to appear in the email) to Terri Kroll (Terri_Kroll@Baylor.edu) by 12:00 p.m. noon on the Friday preceding the Monday when you would like the announcement to be sent. If you have an event that is on a Monday, send your email a week ahead of time, so it can run in the previous week’s announcements. You must also copy Stephen Rispoli (Stephen_Rispoli@Baylor.edu) and the SBA Executive Secretary (Mattie_Dalton1@baylor.edu)
on the email to Ms. Kroll. Failure to comply with this procedure may preclude your announcement from being included in Monday’s email. You may petition for a late/non-conforming submission to be included or sent in a separate email by sending Stephen Rispoli an email showing good cause for the late or non-conforming submission.

Glad to have you back on campus!

-SLR

1.

COVID Update

Students:

Baylor Law faculty and staff look forward to welcoming you back to campus next week. We have been busy preparing for the beginning of the academic year with hopes that Baylor Law would fully return to “normal” when we could see your face and shake your hand. Like you, we are disappointed with the upsurge of COVID, the disruption it continues to cause in our professional and personal lives, and the uncertainty of the coming days. Here we are again. We will get through this together.

Below is information about Baylor Law’s Fall 2021 COVID-related policies. Thank you for reviewing these policies closely and for your commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all members of the Baylor Law community. Your cooperation and leadership on this issue are vital to our success this year.

Online Attendance Policy

The faculty implemented the attached policy to address attendance issues for students with COVID symptoms, a positive COVID test, or those required to quarantine due to COVID exposure. Please note the following:

- This policy only relates to COVID-related absences.
- Students must submit all requests to attend class online for COVID-related reasons via this form, not by contacting their professor.
- Faculty members do not have the discretion to allow online attendance for reasons other than the COVID-related illnesses that the attached policy addresses.
- As always, faculty members may address other absences and attendance issues as the faculty member sees fit under the circumstances.

Testing

If you are unvaccinated or do not have an exemption due to a positive test within the past 180 days, you will be required to test twice weekly on main campus. The University will no longer test at the law center.

Vaccinations

The CDC reports that the three COVID vaccines authorized for emergency use by the FDA are safe and highly effective in reducing the spread of the virus and in decreasing the possibility of serious illness and hospitalization. Please consider getting the COVID vaccine to protect yourself and others in our
community against severe illness. Baylor University Health Services offers all three vaccines to students and their spouses and dependents.

If you have received the vaccine but have not reported your vaccination status to the University, please share this information as soon as possible to avoid the twice-weekly testing requirement. See www.baylor.edu/vaccine.

Face Masks
We have a full building this fall, and there will not be space to adequately social distance. All students, faculty, and staff must wear a face mask in the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or Associate Dean Patricia Wilson. We are eager to address any concerns you have about returning to campus and to help all Baylor Law students navigate the year safely.

All the best,
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Parking Update – Texas Sports Hall of Fame lot available as overflow

Starting on Monday, August 2, 2021, parking permits for the 2021-22 academic year will be available on the Baylor Parking Services Website: https://www.baylor.edu/dps/index.php?id=973230. Parking permits for the entire year will be $365. Permits are limited, so I recommend that you do not wait to purchase a permit if you want one.

As in the past, Baylor Parking Services has created a “law school only” option to keep other Baylor students from using our lot. If you would rather not purchase a permit, you can also park at the Ferrell Center or McLane Stadium for free and walk to the law school.

In an effort to expand the number of spots available for law students, Baylor Parking Services has worked out a deal with the Texas Sports Hall of Fame to use their parking lot (other than a few reserved spots for TSHOF visitors – look for signs designating these spots) as an overflow lot for the law school. This means that if you have a Baylor parking permit and find the lot immediately adjacent to the law school full, please check the TSHOF lot to see if there are spots available.

Finally, parking at the law school needs to be in a regular space. It is a towable offense to be parked in the grass or in the drive lane along a curb.
If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Dean Rispoli.

**Law School Building Hours**

- **Library Hours:** Beginning Wednesday, August 18th
  - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to midnight
  - Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to midnight
  - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- The exterior doors are unlocked M – F, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - Law students do not need to use their ID cards to enter the building when it is unlocked.

- The exterior doors are locked during nights and weekends for security reasons.
  - On weekends, students have daily access to the law school from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
  - Law students must use their ID card to swipe into the building during night and weekend library hours.
  - The exterior doors may be unlocked on limited weekends due to law school events such as law competitions.
    - If your card is denied, try the handle and make sure the door is not already unlocked.

2. **SBA Announcements**

a. **Student Life Center and Pullin Family Marina Access:** This is a friendly reminder about student access to the McLane Student Life Center (“SLC”) and the Pullin Family Marina. No need to get a gym membership!

Hello Baylor Graduate Students!

This summer launched a new tuition and fee structure for all full-time, enrolled Baylor students. Through this change, the door has opened for Baylor Graduate students in all academic programs to receive access to the McLane Student Life Center and the Pullin Family Marina! If you are currently attending Baylor Graduate School, Baylor Law, or Truett Seminary classes, then you can access our facilities with just a swipe of your Baylor ID card.

In addition, current Baylor students may purchase a family membership for only $75/semester. This membership will provide access for the
student's spouse and dependents according to our Family Hours policy. In order to add an eligible family member to your Campus Recreation account, the Baylor student and family member(s) must come to the SLC Service Desk together to complete the registration process. For more information on our Member Services and Family Access, please visit www.baylor.edu/slc.

We look forward to serving you and your family! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Heather_Gilliam@baylor.edu.

b. SBA Back to School Social: SBA is hosting a back to school social at Shorty’s Pizza Shack on Friday, August 27th! SBA will have a tab for students to order food from 5-6 pm. The tab will close at 6 but feel free to stay and hang out longer.

c. Fall Student Organization Fair and Dr. Pepper Float Social: We will be having the Fall Student Organization Fair and Dr Pepper Float Social on Tuesday, August 31st from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the hallway outside the Student Lounge. Come learn about the student organizations we have on campus and meet the leaders! We will also be serving Dr. Pepper Floats so that you can have some time to meet some of your fellow students.

d. SBA has launched a new apparel website! Check out the link and share with your families as well. https://www.baylorlawsbastore.com/apparel.htm

e. Fall Quarter Concerns: If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns about this quarter, please use this form to notify SBA, or email Peyton Maddox (peyton_maddox1@baylor.edu) or Megan Baumhardt (Megan_Baumhardt1@baylor.edu).

3. Law Library Circulation Student Assistants

Positions Open

Law students can apply to work at the Law Library by clicking the link below and filling out the application. Below is additional information on the Law Library Circulation Student Assistant position. Note that although pay is $7.25 per hour, Circulation Student Assistants are allowed to study at the desk during slow times.


Law Library Circulation Student Assistants

POSITION SUMMARY:
As the public face of the Law Library, Circulation Student Assistants are responsible for serving law
school faculty, staff, students, and guests at the Circulation Desk. Job duties include answering questions, checking out items, and doing basic technology troubleshooting. Some shifts also include opening or closing the library.

Circulation Student Assistants work between 5 to 15 hours per week, with the opportunity to pick up co-workers’ shifts up to 20 hours per week. Our diverse Circulation Student Assistant team includes law students, graduate students, and undergraduate students.

REQUIRED SKILLS:
• Past library and/or customer service experience preferred
• Availability to work library openings (7:00 a.m.), closings (midnight), and/or weekends preferred
• Clear written and verbal communication skills
• Attention to detail
• Mature, responsible, and interested in supporting the library’s mission
• Friendly, empathetic demeanor
• Punctual
• Comfortable with using the Internet and learning new software

Students are welcome to contact Lela Lam, Lela_Lam@baylor.edu if they have any questions about the position.
Pro Bono Opportunity – LiveChat through TexasLawHelp.org!
Volunteer at anytime from anywhere!

Pro Bono Opportunity

Seeking volunteer law students to assist TexasLawHelp.org visitors through LiveChat

Help visitors navigate TexasLawHelp.org and find relevant information for their legal issues. Use your legal knowledge to triage their legal situation, then direct them to appropriate site resources like forms, clinics, legal aid organizations, and legal guides.

You'll learn how to interact with clients experiencing urgent legal needs directly and quickly collect facts, spot issues, and provide the appropriate legal information/resources. You will also gain exposure to the practical realities of the day-to-day practice of law along with a wide range of civil practice areas, like family, consumer, housing, and estate law.

Join Us for an Online Presentation

Baylor Law School
August 25, 2021 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM CT
Register at tlsc.org/register-livechat

About TexasLawHelp.org

TexasLawHelp.org is dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans. The website is part of a national legal aid effort using technology to enhance and expand the delivery of legal services. In the last year alone, more than 3.8 million people visited the site. It is managed by Texas Legal Services Center (TLSC).
Dawson & Sodd, LLP Fall 2021 Moot Court Competition

The moot court officers would like to invite anyone who has already completed LARC 3 to compete in the Dawson & Sodd, LLP Fall 2021 Moot Court Competition. The preliminary rounds are scheduled for September 13-16. If you are interested, please send me an email at patrick_aguilar1@baylor.edu with the names of your team members no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, August 30. Upon receiving your email, I will send you the competition rules and the problem. Please note that we occasionally need an individual to partner with a LARC 3 student or with another student who does not have a partner, so let me know if you do not have a team partner but would still like to participate. I will contact you if a position becomes available.
ACCESS TO JUSTICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - FALL 2021

Program Overview

The Access to Justice Internship Program has a two-fold purpose: to provide a unique opportunity for law student interns with non-profit civil legal aid providers located in areas without a local law school, and to provide on-going support for law students who complete unpaid internships with non-profit civil legal aid providers located in urban areas.

The goals are to encourage students to help address the legal problems of underserved individuals and communities and to educate future attorneys about those problems. Each law student will provide direct legal services to low-income clients under the supervision of accomplished lawyers, while learning about access to justice matters, legal decision-making, advocacy skills, attorney-client relationships, and legal institutions. Each supervising attorney will provide the law student with a variety of experiences and assignments, including significant research and writing.

During the academic year 2021-2022, the Commission will provide approximately 2 to 4 internships to law students. The academic year internship will be for one of the following time frames: Fall (September – December 2021) or Spring (January – May 2022). Fall interns may apply for continued funding for the spring semester during the spring application period.

Academic year interns will receive a stipend of $2,500 per semester for 200 hours of work. Students will receive payment directly from the Texas Access to Justice Commission and will be issued a 1099 at the end of the year. The stipend is considered taxable income and students are responsible for ascertaining their own tax liability.

Each prospective intern will need to contact his/her desired legal aid organization to secure placement and must include the organization’s name and the supervising attorney on his/her application.

Internship participants will be recognized on the Commission’s website, in press releases, print publications, and in local law school media releases.

Program Details

To be considered for an internship, each student must:

1. Complete and submit the attached application to the Commission. Applications for the Fall 2021 (September – December 2021) internship are due no later than 12pm, Friday, September 3, and must include:
   a. the intended legal aid organization at which the internship will be completed (application Section D); and
   b. a statement from the legal aid staff attorney agreeing to host the student as an intern (application Section G).
Program Detail (cont.)

2. Complete 200 hours of work by December 31, 2021.

3. Commit to submit on or before 12pm, January 7, 2022, an end-of-internship 1,000-word essay that details his/her internship experience. The essay may be used by the respective law school to highlight the internship experience and will be published as a news release in connection with the annual Pro Bono Week celebration, as well as other places as the Commission sees fit.

4. Authorize the Commission to monitor how participation in the ATJIP has influenced his/her career (including but not limited to include periodic contact to review employment, pro bono involvement/activities, support of ATJ initiatives).

To be considered for an internship, each organization must:

1. Develop an internship position that provides the law student significant work on legal issues for a minimum of 200 hours.

2. Designate an attorney with a minimum of three years of experience who will be responsible for supervising and working with the student intern for the duration of his/her internship and communicating with Commission staff.

3. Upon selection of the supervising attorney, duties are as follows:
   a. Supervisors should ensure that each student receives an orientation about the mission of the office workplace policies and procedures, resources available, and confidentiality of information, documents and files. Supervisors are asked to provide training materials or a list of suggested readings to students.
   b. Students should be assigned to do significant legal work. Supervisors are encouraged to assign tasks based on their needs, keeping in mind that some projects and/or opportunities for observation are more suited to student objectives than others. Supervisors are asked to plan challenging, varied assignments, including substantive legal research and writing.
   c. Supervisors are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the student. If students receive work from several people, supervisors should be aware of the assignments and resolve any conflicts that arise. Students may occasionally work with non-lawyer professionals, but the student’s work must be primarily legal in nature. Students are to meet regularly with his/her supervisor to discuss cases, proceedings, clients, professional responsibility issues, and activities the student has observed. Such interactions help the student develop insight into the role of lawyers.
   d. Supervisors will be asked to complete a brief survey at the end of the internship to evaluate the ATJIP as it relates to the student experience.

Available Placement Offices:
Potential interns will need to apply directly to the legal aid organization with which they want to work. The potential intern will complete Sections A – F, plus supporting documentation, and the supervising attorney will fill out Section G of the application. Selected students will be announced by Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

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Waco Young Professionals

The Waco Young Professionals is an organization through the Waco Chamber of Commerce, comprised of ambitious professionals between the ages of 21-40 searching for community and an avenue into the inner workings of the Greater Waco area. The Waco YP’s host over 40 events each year including monthly luncheons, an Executive Mentorship Programs, industry tours, social networking opportunities, and service opportunities. For more information on the organization and upcoming events, visit the Waco YP Website, Facebook, and Instagram.
The Store – Baylor Food Pantry for Students in Need

The Paul L. Foster Success Center-Student Success Initiatives hosts a student food pantry called The Store. While The Store staff supports reducing the risk of increased exposure to COVID-19, we are also dedicated to providing the high level of support needed for our students that need to remain on campus and the Waco area as classes move online. Stay connected with our office with these opportunities:

1. The Store remains open 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday, but is now located in the lobby area of the McLane Student Life Center (SLC). Students who have recently utilized The Store were notified of our continued services email, text, and through social media posts.
2. Virtually connecting via our social media outlets for the latest news. Follow us on Facebook through The Store, or follow us on Instagram @TheStoreBU.
3. Students who are struggling to get food, please contact The Store team atthestore@baylor.edu We will work with you to determine a plan of action based on your specific circumstances.
As we encounter the rapidly changing events caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Student Success Initiatives team will be supporting the prevention efforts as outlined by Baylor University officials: https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus.

To learn more, visit: https://www.baylor.edu/ssi/index.php?id=947350.

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It's on us to **prevent**.
It's on us to **intervene**.
It's on us to **care**.

Please be sure to take the Title IX Online Course. Through the course, students, faculty and staff learned about building healthy relationships, preventing sex-based discrimination and intervening safely should they become bystanders in an unhealthy situation.

It is important that everyone is aware of the Title IX policies and understand their role in supporting those who encounter sexual or gender-based harassment.

Sincerely,

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