Fellow students of the law,

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

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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.

Good luck on your finals!

-SLR

1. COVID Related Policies

Below is information about Baylor Law’s Winter 2021-2022 COVID-related policies. Thank you for closely reviewing and for your commitment to following these policies.

Online Attendance Policy
Attached is the amended policy that addresses 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.

Face Masks
The face mask policy for the Winter 2021-2022 quarter is as follows:

All students, faculty, and staff must wear a face mask in the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center until 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, when many faculty, staff, and students have left the building, individuals may choose not to wear a face mask when social distancing is possible. If you have a class that meets at 6:00 or later, you are required to wear a face mask in the classroom during academic instruction.

Students, faculty, and staff are not required to wear a face mask in the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center on Saturdays, Sundays, and Law School holidays when social distancing is possible.

There may be other times after 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, on weekends, or holidays when masks will be required.

Testing
If you are unvaccinated or do not have an exemption due to a positive test within the past 180 days, you are required to test once weekly. You can find updated testing hours and locations online here.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or Associate Dean Patricia Wilson.
We want to highlight you! Share your pictures with us!

We want to highlight the day-to-day life & culture here at Baylor Law and we need your help!

Please share with us any photos you may have (or take!) of you and your friends in class, study groups, preparing for competitions, your advocacy team in action, your favorite professor in their natural habitat, your friends relaxing in the café, working with a family or veteran at one of our clinics, that ‘special’ group in the corner arguing the finer points of the improper joinder rule ... we want your candid, posed, fun, serious, diverse, artistic, mundane, interesting, photos! *We want them all!* *(Faculty and Staff, we want your pics as well!)*

You can email photos to: ed_nelson@baylor.edu (attached as full-size or high-res images, please).

Or upload them directly to box via our website (preferred): www.baylor.edu/law/SubmitPhotos

If you have any questions... please don’t hesitate to contact me,

ED NELSON
Director of Marketing and Communications

**SBA Announcements**

a. **VIP Parking/Apparel Winner:** Congrats to Allison White! *Please do not park in the VIP Student spot if you are not the student of the week.*

b. **Coffee:** Please remember that SBA purchases the coffee for the student lounge and it is the responsibility of students, not staff, to make the coffee. Look out for when the coffee is running low and follow the instructions on the sign at the coffee machine to make more.

c. **Winter Quarter Intramural Sign-ups:** Intramurals are finally here for the winter quarter! Based on the results of last week's survey, we will be having a basketball season
and a one-day football tournament. **Use the link below to sign up for a team.** Teams are coed and must have at least 5 players for a basketball team and at least 7 for the football tournament. We will release the dates of the games once teams are finalized. Basketball games will be played at the SLC and the football tournament will be played at the intramural fields. **The deadline to sign up for a team is this Friday, November 12, 2021.** If you have any questions or concerns about intramurals, please contact Tristan_Crowder@baylor.edu. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JNmYe_m4o9JwmruGKnwlKiwgJEvGFr6zl56N8ok-tSg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JNmYe_m4o9JwmruGKnwlKiwgJEvGFr6zl56N8ok-tSg/edit?usp=sharing)

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### Weekly Wellness @ Baylor Law.

**Mind. Body. Spirit.**

Starting today, Monday, November 8, each Student Announcements e-mail will include information on wellness opportunities for the upcoming week. This week’s message includes a lot of introductory information, so not all will be this long. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities!

**Exciting updates:**

- The Texas Bar Foundation has granted Baylor Law a grant of $6,500 to implement comprehensive & consistent mental health and wellness programming at the law school.
- Baylor has launched a free, 24/7 telehealth program called Baylor Telehealth by Academic LiveCare: [https://baylor.academiclecare.com/](https://baylor.academiclecare.com/). More options. No more session limits. Wherever you are!

**This Week:**

- Each week, there will be a group fitness opportunity! This week, we’ll be doing Gentle Yoga at the McLane Student Life Center on Thursday, November 11th from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. This is a FitWell class.
We’ll be doing lots of FitWell classes, so go ahead and register (FREE) even if you can’t make this class: https://www.baylor.edu/wellness/index.php?id=930330.

- We know parking can be an issue. You can walk from the law school, park at the Ferrell Center and cross the street, or contact Katherine Sims at katherine_sims@baylor.edu for carpooling.

- In addition to the law school’s weekly group workouts, all law students are welcome to participate in Baylor FitWell’s weekly Wellness Wednesday Workouts! November 10th is Refit in the Barfield Drawing Room (inside the Student Union: https://www.baylor.edu/map/) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**Baylor’s Resources are FOR YOU:**

- Check out Baylor’s Wellness website for information on fitness opportunities, nutrition, virtual resources and webinars, and so much more!
- In addition to the new telehealth program, our Counseling Center is here for you: https://www.baylor.edu/counseling_center/.

**Law Student-Specific Resources:**

- Join the Student Wellness Organization! Follow them on Instagram @studentwellnessorgbals and email kayla_dietrich1@baylor.edu to get involved.
- Texas Lawyer’s Assistance Program: https://www.tlaphelps.org/
  - Your faculty and staff!

If you would like to include anything in a future Weekly Wellness @ Baylor Law message and/or if you have any ideas for future wellness programming, please e-mail Professor Bridget Fuselier (bridget_fuselier@baylor.edu) and Katherine Sims (katherine_sims@baylor.edu).
November 2, 2021

Bankruptcy Law Section Diversity Scholarship

Application Deadline: November 8

Dear Bankruptcy Law Section member:

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering a $2,500 scholarship and admission to the Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference to law students pursuing careers in the bankruptcy/insolvency field who are from diverse backgrounds and/or who are committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- The scholarship program is open to 2L and 3L law students from diverse backgrounds, including diverse, marginalized, or underserved populations or geographic regions, and/or 2L and 3L law students who are committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. While financial need is not required, it will be considered.
- The candidate must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a career as a bankruptcy attorney in the State of Texas.

Application Requirements:

The Bankruptcy Law Section welcomes all students who meet the above criteria to apply. Applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria:
5. BPILS Meeting This Wednesday

Adoption Day is coming up, so in preparation for that BPILS is having a meeting next Wednesday, November 10th! It will be from 5-6 pm in room 127. We will have sign-up sheets for time slots and some more crafts! We will also have a CASA representative there to present during the second half of the meeting!

6. Finding Your Calling as a JAG Officer: Combining Military Service with Your Law Degree

Thursday, November 11th
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Room 236

To honor Veterans Day, Major Craig A. McNeil will be joining us to discuss how to become a Judge Advocate General (“JAG”) in the military, what JAGs do, the differences between the Military Justice and the civilian justice system, and the daily life of a JAG.

Major McNeil received his commission in the United States Army upon graduation from the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM where he served as Regimental Adjutant. He served in the Texas Army National Guard as an officer in the 1st Squadron, 124th Cavalry in the Texas Army National Guard Headquartered in Waco. He served as a tank and scout platoon leader, Squadron adjutant, and commander of Troop A. After graduating from Baylor University School of Law, he entered active duty in the Army and served with the 1st Infantry Division in Germany. He deployed to Kosovo in 1999-2000 and returned to Germany to serve as a trial counsel (prosecutor). After September 11, 2000 - what was supposed to be his last day on active duty, he served in the Army Reserve in Dallas and practiced law with Baylor Law Alumnus Ken Shetter in Burleson. In 2003 he was recalled to active duty and served at Fort Hood for one year before deploying to Iraq with the Third Corps. While in Iraq, he served at Abu Ghraib and Baghdad as a Brigade Judge Advocate. Then-Captain McNeil received a Bronze Star Medal and a Combat Action Badge following his service in Iraq. Upon redeployment, he served in the Army Reserve and as a prosecutor in Johnson County, Texas before being recalled to active duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as deputy chief of capital prosecutions at the eighteenth Airborne Corps for two years. After leaving active duty in 2010, he worked as an assistant district attorney in Dallas County until December 2018.
7.

Judges Needed for Green and Gold Undergraduate Mock Trial Tournament November 12-14

Baylor Law Students,

My name is Raychel Polk, I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Baylor Undergraduate Mock Trial Team. Baylor Undergraduate Mock Trial (“BUMT”) is a team of Baylor University students that competes nationally in trial advocacy using a fabricated case from the American Mock Trial Association. This year, we are in great need of judges for our tournament, taking place at the Baylor Law School November 12-14th. There will be 20 teams from schools across the country who will be here competing. There are four rounds throughout the weekend, and we would greatly appreciate if you all would sign up to judge one or more of the rounds. There is a Friday evening round, two rounds on Saturday, and one round on Sunday. Each round will last about three hours. No experience is needed: we will provide the information you need!

If you are interested, check out our official tournament website (https://greenandgoldjudges.weebly.com/) for more details about the tournament and BUMT. We request that all judges fill out this form (located under the “Sign Up” tab on our website), so we can know who to expect and when.

Thank you so much for considering judging and for helping us have a great tournament!

Thanks,
Raychel Polk
B.A. Political Science
Tournament Chair | Baylor Mock Trial
Professional Chair & Recruitment Chair | Alpha Kappa Psi
Baylor University Honors College 2023

8.

Law Student Looking for a Roommate

A Baylor Law fall-starter is looking for another male roommate to take the second bedroom and bathroom in his furnished two-bedroom apartment. This is a private bedroom and bathroom available for sublease and immediate move-in. It is located at The Outpost on University Parks Drive. The rate is $630 per month plus electricity. The amenities include a pool, gym, and game room. The unit has a balcony and an in-unit washer and dryer. The lease ends on July 31, 2022. Contact Gage at 409-504-4221 for more details.
Adoption Day 2021 Volunteers Needed

Adoption Day 2021 is coming up! BPILS is looking for volunteers to help with the event on November 19th, at 12:00 PM! If you are interested in signing up to be a volunteer please do so on the Google Sheet by Friday, October 15th. You also do not have to be a member of BPILS to volunteer for Adoption Day!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pSCy8060POAR2m0oOiRjHCXXNCqEKcnNX-C49PsnpyU/edit?usp=sharing

Baylor Law Immigration Clinic

The Baylor Law Immigration Clinic needs 2 student clinic coordinators to help organize and run the clinic! If you are interested in serving our community, have amazing organizational skills and a lot of energy, please e-mail Professor Laura A. Hernandez at Laura_Hernandez@baylor.edu or stop by her office on the third floor as soon as you can. Spanish is helpful, but not required.
LAW STUDENT PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

Online Legal Help for Texans via TexasLawHelp.org

Unemployment, evictions, and applying for public benefits are just some of the COVID-related legal issues fellow Texans are seeking guidance on during these extraordinary times. Because of closures, health and safety reasons, and general uncertainty, many Texans are turning to TexasLawHelp.org for legal assistance.

TexasLawHelp.org is a website dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans. Site visitors connect with attorneys or law students through a LiveChat feature. Law students help visitors find the correct legal information and resources that may be of further assistance.

TLSC is seeking compassionate law students to donate their time and talents to address this increased need for online legal assistance. Law students must commit to volunteering two to four hours per week.

Additionally, you can split your shifts. For example, you can volunteer for 1 hour on Mondays and 2 hours on Thursdays each week, if you want to volunteer for a total of three hours per week.

Students can volunteer during the following LiveChat hours:

Monday — Thursday and Saturdays
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day.

To learn more about this pro bono opportunity and sign up, visit tlc.org/intern-livechat. You can also email us at livechat@tlsc.org
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 at thestore@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.

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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