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 (Sara_Johnson1@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,

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2.

SBA Announcements

a. **VIP Parking/Apparel Winner:** Congrats to Chris Lopez! 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. **Barristers Ball:** Please remember to fill out [this form](#) if you plan on attending and/or bringing a plus-one to the event. See the original email from SBA for more information.

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3.

**Weekly Wellness @ Baylor Law.**


“When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt

**This Week:**

- Law school group fitness opportunity: REFIT! Thursday, November 18th @ 5:30 p.m. Please show up by 5:20 p.m. to complete a waiver! If you’ve never been to REFIT, then this class will be free. Check out their website: [http://www.refitstudio.com/](http://www.refitstudio.com/)

- Baylor’s Wellness Wednesday Workout: Tabata HIIT. 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room (in the Bill Daniel Student Center: [https://www.baylor.edu/map/](https://www.baylor.edu/map/)). You can park anywhere on campus since it’ll be after 5 p.m.

- Weekly Wellness challenge: Call or text a friend or relative you haven’t seen in a while to check in, catch up, and maybe even plan a time to get together. Your non-law school relationships are important!


**Baylor’s Resources are FOR YOU:**

- We’ll be doing lots of FitWell classes (Free), so go ahead and register [https://www.baylor.edu/wellness/index.php?id=930330](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.
• 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/.

• Baylor has launched a free, 24/7 telehealth program called Baylor Telehealth by Academic LiveCare: https://baylor.academiclivecare.com/. More options. No more session limits. Wherever you are!

**Law Student-Specific Resources:**

• Join the Student Wellness Organization! Follow them on Instagram @studentwellnessorgbls 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).

4.

**Upcoming Advocacy Competition: Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC Client Counseling Competition – Online December 8-10 – Opportunities for 1Ls-3Ls**

Client Counseling Competitions provide a unique opportunity for students to practice and develop important legal skills which differ from moot court and mock trial. During a round competitors meet with someone playing the role of a client. Competitors then interview and advise the potential client regarding their legal issue. Lawyers and professional counselors then compare each team against others interviewing the same client to determine the ultimate competition winners. Please see the ABA website for more information regarding the competition and the opportunity to view competition rounds. [https://abaforlawstudents.com/events/law-student-competitions/practical-skills-competitions/client-counseling-competition/](https://abaforlawstudents.com/events/law-student-competitions/practical-skills-competitions/client-counseling-competition/)

The intraschool competition is open to 2Ls and 3Ls to compete in teams of 2. If you would like to compete, you can signup your team here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dcUKjbK1bWZEROsA0UPLmJMsGMlydPe3hYJ-FqxSME/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dcUKjbK1bWZEROsA0UPLmJMsGMlydPe3hYJ-FqxSME/edit?usp=sharing). Please include both team members’ names next to one of the team letters on the sheet.
1Ls may also participate in this competition as clients. If you would like to signup to be a client, please go to this link and signup:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11azCe_glUTJBgWixFrxA5by64JRxuh-cnLpUhU9cS44/edit?usp=sharing. Completion of the client counseling class is not required.

Members of the Baylor ABA Client Counseling Team will be selected from those who participate in this competition. A meeting to discuss the competition will take place on Wednesday, November 17th at 5pm. Attendance at the meeting is not necessary to participate in the competition.
https://baylor.zoom.us/j/81455676462?pwd=emZMbUxoc1RqMnk0amFxaGZmSmIrZz09
Meeting ID: 814 5567 6462
Passcode: BaylorLaw
The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 29 at noon. Please contact Kathy Serr (Kathy_Serr@Baylor.edu) with any questions.

5.

ATTENTION 2L Students – Mock Trial Team Tryouts

Tryouts for 2L students interested in mock trial will take place on Monday, December 6th beginning at 5:30 p.m. In anticipation of hopefully returning to in-person competitions over the next year, these competitions will be held LIVE and in-person at the law school. This set of tryouts is open to all 2Ls, including those who plan to start PC in the spring if their expected graduation date is Fall 2022 or later.

Students selected from these tryouts will serve either as attorneys and/or witnesses on competition teams or may end up serving as members of the practice squad. All chosen are eligible for advocacy team credit. While not a prerequisite for mock trial team membership as a 3L, participation as a 2L (either as a competing team member or as a practice squad member) has proven to be excellent experience for future teams.

Additionally, even if you have already been selected to compete on a moot court, client counseling, negotiation, or transactional team in the winter or spring quarter, you can still tryout for mock trial. If selected, we will work with your other coaches to try to find you a competition that works with your schedule.

You can sign up for a time to tryout here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_VTvySDFmY8QwQUm5f_6GbH6FQjL5YREO6K6mWplj1s/edit?usp=sharing. The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 29th, by 5 p.m. You should also complete the attached mock trial team application and e-mail it to Professor Little (Robert_R_Little@baylor.edu).

Once the signup deadline has passed, we will send out additional information about the tryouts to those that sign up, including the case packet that will be used and some additional information. During the tryout, you will be telling an opening statement story from either the Plaintiff or the Defendant’s
perspective, and we will provide you some additional information about what that should sound like and how it should be structured. This story will be no longer than 5 minutes long.

To be clear, you do not need ANY previous mock trial experience to tryout, and we do not expect you to have ANY experience giving or preparing an opening statement prior to these tryouts. Additionally, you can tryout even if you are also planning on competing on a moot court, client counseling, or transactional team in the winter or spring.

If you have any questions, please contact Professor Little via e-mail (Robert_R_Little@Baylor.edu) or go by his office and he would be happy to discuss those questions with you.

6.

Judges Needed for Rescheduled Green and Gold Undergraduate Mock Trial Tournament
December 3-5

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 on December 3-5. There will be 16 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
7. 

**Student volunteers needed for Baylor Immigration Clinic Event**

The Baylor Law Immigration Clinic needs 2L and 3L student volunteers for the Naturalization Clinic that will happen on Saturday February 19, 2022. Volunteers will help clients begin their journey through the naturalization process. There will be a mandatory 2-hour training session prior to the clinic. Speaking Spanish is not required but those who do are greatly encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Ariana Perez at [Ariana_Perez1@baylor.edu](mailto:Ariana_Perez1@baylor.edu).

8. 

**2L or 3L Student Needed to Assist in Advising Undergraduates**

The Baylor Pre-Law program is looking for a 2L or 3L student to assist in advising undergraduates for 10 hours per week. In addition to responding to student emails and general administrative assistance, the position would involve advising students (mainly freshmen and sophomores) as they explore the legal profession, the law school application process and general professional readiness coaching. While work hours will be primarily during normal business hours, there is some scope for flexibility to suit a class schedule. The position pays $12/hr and the successful applicant would start ASAP. Contact Ben Cooper at [benjamin_j_cooper@baylor.edu](mailto:benjamin_j_cooper@baylor.edu) if you’re interested.

9. 

**Adoption Day 2021 Volunteers Needed**

Adoption Day is this Friday, November 19! BPILS is looking for volunteers to help with set up this Wednesday and Thursday from 4-8 pm, and for the day of Adoption Day from 12-5 pm! Please sign up on the links attached to this announcement, and if you have any issues with the links please email [Celeste_Apsey1@baylor.edu](mailto:Celeste_Apsey1@baylor.edu) for assistance. Thank you to everyone who has helped with crafting so far!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vSjko-DpKYf9FtDi2FDN6bS_HIrM3SF1aOnGSFPkGvs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vSjko-DpKYf9FtDi2FDN6bS_HIrM3SF1aOnGSFPkGvs/edit?usp=sharing)
Adoption Day Sign Up
Sheet 1 Adoption Day Sign-up, Friday Nov. 19
19 Stations: 2 people per station
Limbo, Tiki Can Toss, Fishing, Necklace Making, Magic Hook
Decorating Name, Phone Number, Name, Phone Number
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Decoration Sign Up
Sheet 1 Decorating the Adoption Day Venue:
Wednesday Nov. 17 & Thursday Nov. 18
Wednesday: 2+ trucks to haul items from law school at 3:30pm
Name, Phone Number, Name, Phone Number, Name, Phone Number
Michael Morin, 512-785-6569
Wednesday Come and Go Decorating, 4-8pm
, Thursday Come and Go Decorating, 4-8pm
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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 tisc.org/intern-livechat. You can also email us at livechat@tisc.org.
About TLSC

Founded in 1977, Texas Legal Services Center is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advice, advocacy, representation, and education to underserved people across the state. With more than a dozen practice areas, our work touches almost every aspect of civil law that impacts low-income Texans.

TexasLawHelp.org is part of a greater TLSC effort to empower self-represented litigants. For Texans who must represent themselves in the justice system, we offer advice, court-approved legal forms, and instruction on how to achieve the most desirable outcome.
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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