



## Student Bar Association eBrief

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### NOTES FROM THE SBA PRESIDENT

#### STUDENTS HONOR RETIRING FACULTY

A student-faculty-staff coffee break will be held tomorrow Tuesday March 4, 2008 in the Law Lobby from 9:45-10:30 a.m. We will be honoring the service of retiring professors:

Vance Cowden  
Nathan Crystal  
John Freeman  
John Montgomery  
Dennis Nolan  
Roy Stuckey

This is a student event and a chance for us all to say thank you to six individuals who have served our law school with great distinction! If any student would like the opportunity to say a few words in honor of any of these professors, please e-mail Joe Harris at [joe.c.harris@gmail.com](mailto:joe.c.harris@gmail.com).

#### LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR SBA THURSDAY NIGHT BOWLING!!

This Friday March 7th is the last day to sign up for Thursday Night Bowling! Teams are made up of 3 girls and 3 boys, and each team will receive points based on bowling scores, theme participation and a few other incidentals... There will be three exceptional nights: March 20, March 27, April 3, all at the same location of Park Triangle Bowling right across the river in Cayce.

The price per team member is \$40 and the deadline to sign up is this Friday, March 7th. Price includes shoe rental and 3 games per night. Sign up in Beth Davis's office and next door in Tootie Hook's office (room 140) when Beth is out of the office. Payment can be made by cash or check. Please contact Jennifer Harris ([jlh83@aol.com](mailto:jlh83@aol.com)) with any questions.

#### ANOTHER CALL FOR LADIES INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOFTBALL

Brooks is El Capitan for the USC Law softball team heading to the UVA Softball tourney on April 4-6 in Charlottesville, VA. USC is contemplating sending a co-ed team to play, but are currently lacking the necessary female participation. Please email Brooks ([fuller.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:fuller.brooks@gmail.com)) if you are a softball player and interested in going.

SAVE THE DATE!!

### THIS WEEK - BREAKDOWN

#### Monday, Mar. 3

#### Tuesday, Mar. 4

**9:45**

*Law Lobby*  
Student-Faculty Coffee

**12:40**

*Room 231*  
LexisNexis Career  
Development Seminar

**3:00**

*Room 231*  
LexisNexis Career  
Development Seminar

#### Wednesday, Mar. 5

**12:40**

*Room 138*  
Public Interest Law Society  
Meeting

*Room 335*

International Law Society  
Meeting

*Room 338*

Student Action Group –  
Take a Stand or Stand Up  
Meeting

#### Thursday, Mar. 6

#### Friday, Mar. 7

#### Saturday, Mar. 8

### **SBA Spring Golf Tournament:**

**WHEN:** Good Friday, March 21, 2008 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Northwoods Golf Club

**COST:** \$45 for SBA members; \$50 for non-SBA members.

Sign-ups for spots begin today Monday, March 3rd and will continue through Thursday, March 6th in the law lobby and bookstore. After Spring Break, we will resume ticket sales on Monday March 17th through 20th, the day before the tournament.

**MORE INFO:** For more information, please see the sign-up table in the law lobby and fliers that are up around the law school.

### **2008 Carolina Cup Outing (sponsored by SBA)**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 29, 2008

**WHERE:** Springdale Race Course, Camden, S.C.

**COST:** \$50 for SBA members; \$55 for non-SBA members.

SBA has reserved lots and two buses for anyone interested in attending the 2008 Carolina Cup in Camden, S.C. (<http://www.carolina-cup.org/>). Buses will leave the law school around 9 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale after Spring Break on Monday, March 17th. Price includes admissions ticket, food, beverages and transportation to and from the event. More details to come soon!

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## **NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

### **CINDERELLA PROJECT**

Help Cinderella Get Ready for Her Ball! The Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar is once again conducting its Cinderella Project. Gently worn formal dresses in all sizes are needed and can be dropped off in Beth Davis's office. YLD is also taking accessories, jewelry and evening bags. These will be distributed at the Cinderella boutique, being held March 8 at the Law School. Please clean out your closet for a good cause!

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### **LEXISNEXIS SEMINAR**

Tuesday, March 4, 12:40 & 3:00, Room 231

Career Development hints and tips. Lunch will be served and students will receive points for attending.

### **PRIZES**

One University of South Carolina second semester 3L will win \$100 off any Kaplan PMBR Bar Preparation Course. The Grand Prize winner will be notified via e-mail in early April, and his/her name will appear on the "My School" page on or about April 10, 2008.

3Ls can enter to Win \$100 off ANY Kaplan PMBR Bar Prep Course.

To enter students can either:

(1) Attend any LexisNexis Training Session in March; or

(2) Complete the Fact or Fiction questions from March 1-31st, 2008.

For a complete list of rules, please visit the LexisNexis "My School" page between

March 1-31, 2008.

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#### **PILS MEETING**

Wednesday, March 5, 12:40, Room 138

We will be holding our Community Action Forum. Speaker topics to include the areas of Heirs Property and Education Law. Lunch will be provided.

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#### **STUDENT ACTION GROUP MEETING**

Wednesday, March 5, 12:40, Room 338

“Social Activism & Civic Engagement.” Join us for a discussion of issues and to go over our tentative schedule for Spring 2008.

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#### **NEW EDITORIAL STAFF**

The South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business congratulates its new Editor in Chief Eric Lee. The rest of the Editorial Board is as follows:

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## NOTES FROM PRO BONO

### MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT

You might eligible for free money from the government! As part of the Economic Stimulus Plan the IRS will begin sending out checks in early May. You might be eligible for \$300 or even more, but you must file a tax return in 2007. If you have earned income of \$3,000 or more in 2007, are not claimed as a dependent on someone else's return you might be eligible for the stimulus rebate but only if you file a 2007 tax return. Earned income is from W2, Veterans benefits and non combat pay.

Volunteer law students are happy to efile your return for you. Just bring your W2 and any other tax documents you may have received, either to the Lobby on Sat. from 9-12 or Wed night from 6-8pm. We can also efile your SC return at the same time.

If you have questions about the Economic Stimulus Package check out [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Everyone can use a little more money and the VITA team wants to make sure you get yours!

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## NOTES FROM STUDENT SERVICES

### STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF COFFEE TO HONOR RETIRING FACULTY

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the coffee on Tuesday, March 4 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m in the law lobby honoring our retiring Professors Vance Cowden, Nathan Crystal, John Freeman, John Montgomery, and Roy Stuckey. Joe Harris, our new SBA President, will emcee the event. Please plan to attend to show your appreciation for their years of service at the USC School of Law.

### MPRE EXAM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8

If you have registered for the Saturday, March 8th MPRE exam and have not received your registration card, kindly come to Student Services, rm. 131-K. If you did not participate in the MPRE Review course but would like to purchase a review book, the cost is a \$250 deposit you need to make on your bar prep course.

### SUMMER BAR BRI COURSE

Bar BRI representatives will have a table in the law lobby on Tuesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon to answer questions on the summer BarBri and collect the summer bar payment (\$2309.75) If you have questions on a bar loan, or need certification, please come to Student Services, rm. 131-K.

### "COME HAVE LUNCH WITH THE BAR!"

The South Carolina Bar Law School Liaison Committee invites students to lunch on

Wednesday, March 19th a 12:40 in rm. 230 to hear about life after law school. Committee members will be on hand to discuss frequently asked questions about Bar, including Bar membership, Bridge the Gap, Pro Bono Requirements, and CL requirements. If you plan to attend, please sign up outside Joanne's office, rm. 131-K no later than noon on Monday, March 17th.

#### **BOOK DRIVE - JV MARTIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - Dillon School Dist. II**

Do you have books for middle school age children just sitting on your shelves at home collecting dust? Why not donate them and give the gift of reading to others? The drive is focused on acquiring books for 4th - 8th grade levels, but all children's books are welcome. If you go home for spring break, bring a few books back with you to share with these middle school age children. Drop books off in boxes outside JoAnne's office, rm. 131-K. For more information, contact Andrew Fogarty.

#### **TIME CHANGE**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour this Saturday night when you go to bed. Time officially changes at 2:00am Sunday.

#### **SPRING BREAK**

Enjoy your spring break with safe and relaxing experiences!

