STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The University of Chicago Law Review, founded in 1933 and published by the School, is written and managed by students. Students who submit promising work in an annual writing competition, as well as students who rank highest in scholarship upon completion of their first year, are invited to become members of the Review staff. In recent years, about 20 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to participate on the Review. From these groups, the managing board and associate editors are chosen. Students who are not invited at the end of the first year but who later write comments that are accepted for publication in the Review may be asked to join the staff.

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954, and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to all second- and third-year students. Each year participants refine the skills gained in the first-year tutorial program in the arts of brief writing and oral argument before mock appellate tribunals. Competitors argue individually before panels of faculty and Chicago attorneys in the fall and winter rounds; the climax of the best final arguments comes in the spring with the Karl Llewellyn Cup Argument between the two best second-year teams of two, and the Hinton Argument between the top two teams, traditionally presided over by a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Actual cases, often pending decision, are used, and the program is conducted by third-year students who comprise the Hinton Moot Court Committee.

The Mandel Legal Aid Association is the student organization associated with the work of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic and the Criminal Defense Services office. The Mandel Clinic, housed in the Law School, operates as an office of the Legal Aid Society of Chicago. It is directed by Gary H. Palm, Associate Professor in the Law School. Its staff attorneys are Clinical Fellows in the Law School. The Criminal Defense Services and School Attendance Project are sponsored by the Family Service Bureau and the Legal Aid Bureau of United Charities of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The staff attorneys of the Criminal Defense Services office are Paul M. Brayman and Stanley L. Hill. The School Attendance Project’s co-directors are Gary H. Palm and Charlotte Schuerman, who is also the Mandel Clinic’s social worker. The clinical program is described more fully elsewhere in these Announcements.
THE LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION is the student government organization. Its president and five representatives from each class are elected annually by the student body. The Association organizes social and other extracurricular activities during the academic year and, through its officers and committees, serves as a means of communicating student opinion on academic and other matters. The Association sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty, a traditional feature of social life in the School, and arranges for faculty-student lunches, speaker programs, and athletic events. Other student activities at the Law School include the Environmental Law Society, a group of students who organize seminars, conduct research, and disseminate reference materials in the field of environmental law; the Civil Rights Research Council, which provides field and research assistance in the areas of civil rights and poverty law for community organizations and members of the bar and assists in a summer program for placing students in law offices and organizations active in these fields; Canon II, a group of students concerned with exploring the development of new approaches to the provision of legal services to moderate and low-income groups; BALSA, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of black students in law schools; the Law Women's Caucus, a group concerned with the role of women in the legal profession; and the Douglas Inn of Phi Delta Phi, a national legal fraternity, which organizes a program of professional and social activities for its student membership.