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 Woodlawn Community Defender Office. The Mandel Clinic, housed in the Law School, operates as an office of the Legal Aid Bureau of Chicago. It is directed by Gary H. Palm, Associate Professor in the Law School. The Woodlawn Community Defender Office is sponsored jointly by the Law School and the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County. Frederick F. Cohn is Director of the Woodlawn Office. The attorneys in both offices are Clinical Fellows in the Law School. 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; 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; Phi Delta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta, national legal fraternities; the Law School Film Society; and a local chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Finalists in the 1976 Karl Llewellyn Cup Arguments.