

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW, founded in 1933, is edited and managed by students. The *Review* publishes articles and book reviews by leading legal scholars along with comments by the *Review's* student staff members. The *Review* emphasizes student scholarship, and extensive editorial assistance is made available to student commentators. On average, about half of each issue is devoted to student comments.

In recent years, about 15 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join the *Review*, on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students who are not invited at the end of their first year may also join the staff by writing comments that are accepted for publication in the *Review*.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM is a student-edited journal, published annually. Each volume of the *Legal Forum* is devoted to a topic of current legal interest and contains articles by academics and practitioners, as well as student-written comments. The professional contributions to each volume are presented at an annual symposium held at the Law School. Volume 2 of the *Legal Forum*, "Consent Decrees: Legal Dilemmas and Practical Problems," will focus on the formation and implementation of consent decrees in public law litigation. Students may join the *Forum* either through the annual writing competition or through the analysis of a potential comment topic. Both competitions are held during the summer. Members of the journal work on their own contributions, organize the symposium, and edit the articles submitted by symposium participants.

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. The competition affords all students the opportunity to further develop skills in writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary fall round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Chicago attorneys. Twelve students advance to the semifinal round, where they work in teams to brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty members and judges hears the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists again work in teams on yet another case. The briefs produced in the final round are printed and distributed to the Law School community. A panel of distinguished judges presides at the final argument, which is one of the highlights of the academic year. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup champions. The competition is conducted by semifinalists from the previous year who constitute the Hinton Moot Court Committee, with the assistance of a faculty adviser and an alumni adviser.

THE MANDEL LEGAL AID ASSOCIATION is the student organization associated with the work of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic. 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, Professor in the Law School. The attorneys 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 extracurricular activities and, through its officers and committees, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters. LSA also invites speakers to campus, provides parties for students and sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty.

The Association funds a variety of student groups, including: the *Chicago Law Foundation*, a nonprofit organization which provides funds for law school students to work on public interest legal projects; *BALSA*, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of black students in law schools; the *Gay/Lesbian Law Students Association*, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of lesbians and gay men; the *Law Women's Caucus*, women committed to understanding and improving their role in law school, the legal profession, and society; the *Environmental Law Society*; *VITA*, a volunteer student program that prepares annual income tax returns for indigent Chicago residents; the *Phoenix*, the law school student newspaper; the *National Lawyers Guild*, a local chapter of the national organization devoted to progressive change through law; the *Federalist Society*, organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives; the *Hispanic Law Students*; the *Jewish Law Students Association*, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest; and the *Progressive Law Students Association*, a group organized to promote the discussion of liberal and humanistic ideas, from both a philosophical and a political perspective.