

## 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. The 1990 volume of the *Legal Forum*, "The Role of the Jury in Dispute Resolution," will consider various aspects of the traditional jury system and explore issues and challenges to that system which have arisen as a result of the increased use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Students may join the *Forum* either through the annual writing competition, which is held during the summer, or by developing a comment topic of their own. 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 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 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 Association provides advice on the content, structure, and staffing of the clinical education program. The Mandel Clinic has a Director, Gary H. Palm, who is a Professor in the Law School; five full-time attorneys who are Clinical Lecturers in Law in the Law School; and a part-time social worker who is also a field instructor at the University's School of Social Service Administration. The clinical program is described more fully elsewhere in these *Announcements*.

THE LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is the student government organization. Its president, five representatives from each class, and an LL.M. representative are elected annually by the student body. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons which it selects from among the student body, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees. LSA also sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty.

LSA funds a variety of student groups, including: *Amnesty International*, a local chapter of an international organization committed to protecting human rights worldwide; the *Black Law Students Association*, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of black students in law schools; the *Chicago Law Foundation*, a nonprofit organization providing funds for law school students to work on public interest legal projects; the *Christian Law Students*, organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity; the *Environmental Law Society*, organized to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues; the *Federalist Society*, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives; the *Gay/Lesbian Law Students Association*, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of lesbians and gay men; the *Health Care Law Society*, organized to discuss the legal aspects of medical and public health issues; the *Hispanic Law Students*; the *International and Comparative Law Society*, organized to examine the legal systems of other countries and their relationship to the Anglo-American legal system; the *Jewish Law Students Association*, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest; the *Law Students against Homelessness*, students who forgo amenities of the professional interviewing process so that the money saved can be donated to shelters for the homeless; the *Law Women's Caucus*, women committed to understanding and improving their role in law school, the legal profession, and society; the *Metaphysical Club*, organized to discuss jurisprudential and philosophical issues in the law; the *National Lawyer's Guild*, a local chapter of the national organization devoted to progressive change through law; the *Phoenix*, the law school student newspaper; 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; *Street Law*, an organization that sends law students to local high schools to teach legal issues; *Tortious Productions*, the law school musical; and *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*, a volunteer student program that prepares annual income tax returns for indigent Chicago residents.