

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; on average, about half of each issue is devoted to student comments. Staff members also have opportunities to edit those articles, book reviews, and comments accepted for publication in the *Review*.

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 during their second or third years by completing a substantial draft of a comment.

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 1992 of the *Legal Forum*, "Europe and America in 1992 and Beyond: Common Problems . . . Common Solutions?" will assess critically the legal, political, and economic responses of Europe and America to problems common to both.

Students may join the *Legal 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, 1913–35), 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, Randolph N. Stone, six full-time attorneys who are Clinical

Professors or Clinical Lecturers of Law in the Law School, and a 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: the *American Civil Liberties Union*, a local chapter dedicated to promoting discussion of civil rights and related issues; the *Asian-American Law Students Association*, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-American students at law school; the *Black Law Students Association*, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of black students in law schools; the *Edmund Burke Society*, a conservative debating society; 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 *Entertainment and Sports Law Society*, promotes presentations by current practitioners in this area of practice; the *Environmental Law Society*, organized to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues; the *Ethics and Law Society*, a group committed to increasing ethical awareness relating to legal issues and the lawyer's fiduciary role; 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*, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Hispanic students at the Law School; 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; *Law School Films*, shows old, classic movies on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights; the *Law Students against Homelessness*, students who forgo amenities of the professional interviewing process with the request that the law firms donate their savings 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 Lawyers' Guild*, a local chapter of the national organization devoted to progressive change through law; the *Order of Protection Society*, assists overburdened legal agencies by filing orders of protection for abused spouses and children; 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; *Scales of Justice*, an a cappella singing group; *Street Law* and *Horizons*, organizations that send law students to local high schools to teach legal issues; the *10K Club*, coordinates the running of 10K races around the Chicago area; *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.