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The Update You've All Been Waiting For

The past few months have been a time of change for the Free Legal Aid Clinic. Late in the last semester, the FLAC Board of Directors and Legal Aid and Defender Association (LAD) made the decision to terminate a partnership that had lasted over seven years. FLAC would like to take this opportunity to thank LAD for seven great years of working together to serve the Wayne County Community. At this time, however, the FLAC board feels that its vision for the future of the organization requires branching out into other areas.

Due to this, FLAC is currently embarking on a number of new ventures. FLAC is excited to announce that it is currently beginning a new relationship with the Elder Law and Advocacy Center. This group provides legal and life planning advice and counsel to low-income, elderly clients throughout Wayne County. FLAC and its members are extremely happy to be working with this group and to have this opportunity to serve a new section of the community.

During the upcoming semester, FLAC will also be taking part in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (in association with non-FLAC members from Wayne State University Law School). Through this program, FLAC is teaming with the Accounting Aid Society to provide free income tax preparation assistance to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking clients in Wayne County. During this semester, the site will be at the Detroit Public Library, but in future years, we are hoping that FLAC's office at 5435 Woodward will be the site.

At this time, however, FLAC is still not working at full capacity. We are currently seeking other partnerships and volunteers to help out as FLAC seeks to fulfill its dual missions of community service and providing practical experience to law students. We are especially seeking organizations within the legal aid and pro bono communities who are interested in a long-term partnership, as well as those willing to provide attorney supervision for

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our *In Pro Per* weekly seminars. We have a large group of dedicated and enthusiastic students who just want to help the community and learn about different areas of law. So if you have some cases that you need some help with or just have some free time to spare, we'd love to have you join (or re-join) our family!

In addition, we would appreciate any help we can get with every day supplies for our office! We are, of course, always in need of black pens, file folders, paper clips, paper, binder clips, ink for printers, staplers, and

sticky-notes. This can be in the form of physical supplies or even a gift card to Staples or Office Max. Plus, if you have access to used copy machines, fax machines, or shredders please let us know!

Thank you and please contact us by phone or email with any questions in this regard.



The FLAC building, which we now get to stay in!

Save the Date — Fundraiser 2008!

This year's annual fundraiser will take place Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Helveston's beautiful home in Detroit. Look out for your invitation in the mail!

Elder Law Center

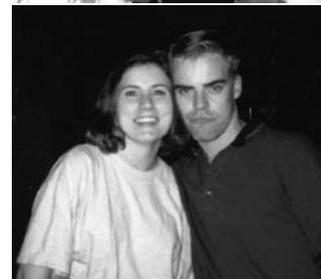
We just wanted to share with you a little bit about this new venture of ours. In conjunction with the Elder Law and Advocacy Center, FLAC will now be representing the elderly citizens of our community. FLAC students now have the opportunity to work on a variety of cases concerning family planning (wills and trusts), consumer law, and housing laws. We'd like to welcome our supervising attorneys Erma Yarbrough-Thomas and Chris Hunter, along with the rest of the staff at the Center. We hope to learn a lot from you and look forward to working together!



Some student attorney alumni at the annual Mongolian BBQ Fundraiser

Do You Recognize These People??

If you know who any of these people are, we'd love to hear from you! We have a lot of old pictures but no way of figuring out who everyone is, so please help us out.



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Movin' On Up? Retiring Down South?

Whether you're finding a new job or leaving an old one, be sure to keep your FLACies in the know.

There are three easy ways for you to do this:

1. Send us a postcard with your new address
2. Call (313) 577-2711 and ask for any available Board member
3. Drop us a line at flac@wayne.edu



Another great way to stay informed is to subscribe to the FLAC alumni list! Just send an email to: listserv@lists.wayne.edu. Leave the subject line blank and include "subscribe flacalumni your name" in the text portion of the message. Example: subscribe flacalumni Joe Schmoe

Updating your address with us is a great way to learn about various FLAC events! And we promise not to bombard you with tons of junk emails or sell your email to anyone else.