DEAN’S RECEPTION WEDNESDAY EVENING

Dean Ray will host a reception for all students on Wednesday, October 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Cordero Breezeway. Wine, beer and appetizers will be served.

Dean Ray officially became the law school’s eighth dean on October 1, 2010. A former dean of the University of Toledo College of Law (2006-2010) and the Widener University School of Law (1998-2005), Dean Ray is an honors graduate of the University of Minnesota and Harvard Law School. Before law school, he was an economist with the U.S. Department of Labor and, after law school, practiced as a labor attorney with Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis. Prior to his deanships, he taught at the University of Richmond Law School and the University of Toledo College of Law. He has published more than twenty law journal articles and is co-author of two labor law treatises. He is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to join in welcoming Dean Ray in the Breezeway Wednesday evening!

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased to announce the Donor Scholarships that will be awarded for the 2010-2011 school year. The Application Form and Description of each scholarship were sent out by Assistant Dean Hernandez on October 11, 2010. These scholarships are available to J.D. students only. Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but must clearly designate the scholarships for which they wish to be considered. Applications or nominations must be received by 5:00 pm September November 5, 2010.

NEW STUDY SHOWS LAW CAREER SUCCESS TIED TO LAW SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE

According to an article in The American Lawyer a new study conducted by researchers at the University of California Los Angeles School of Law and Brooklyn School of Law demonstrates that a law student’s career success is more closely tied to the law student’s grade point average than to the “prestige” name of the school from which the student graduated. The study seems to indicate that exceptional academic performance while in law school seems to be a better predictor of law student career success. The complete article can be found at http://www.law.com/jsp/tal/PubArticleTAL.jsp?id=1202472306054&slreturn=1&hbxlogin=1
TIMELY DISCLOSURE AND CANDOR KEY TO BAR ADMISSION

Assistant Dean Hernandez and Assistant Dean Singer recently invited a group of attorneys who regularly represent students seeking admission to the Florida Bar to an informal discussion at the law school. The lawyers practicing in this area stressed repeatedly, that complete, early and candid disclosure helps ameliorate any character and fitness problems. Please be advised that the Florida Board of Bar Examiners will closely review and compare your law school application, your Bar application and information acquired by a background check. The information must be complete, consistent and accurate, any discrepancies can lead to a delay in admission. If you have any questions please contact Assistant Dean Hernandez or Assistant Dean Singer prior to submitting your Bar application.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

New 1L’s who have not submitted their “Student Update” form should stop by the Registrar’s Office to complete the form as soon as possible. We are required by the ABA to have employment status on record for each student for the academic year. The Student Update and Employment Status forms were previously emailed to students. Additional copies of the forms are available at the Registrar’s Office.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

PRO BONO INFORMATION

December 2010 graduates need to have their 40 hour Pro Bono requirement completed and the proper forms turned in before exams begin on November 29th. If you need help regarding Pro Bono placement or just want to turn in your completed forms, please see Cathy Hayes in the Student Affairs Office. If you need to meet with Professor Musto, Director of Community Outreach and Pro Bono Services, you can make an appointment or just drop by his office located on the first floor of the law school, in the Admissions Office.

FLORIDA BAR EXAMINATION

Deadline: Postmarked on or before November 15, 2010
Late Fee: December 15, 2010
For additional information go to www.floridabarexam.org

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Exam Date: November 6, 2010
Late Deadline: October 14, 2010
For additional information go to www.ncbex.org

1ST YEAR FALL 2010 LAW STUDENTS

You can begin the bar admission process and pursue clearance for eligibility to participate in the Certified Legal Internship program. To maximize your savings, file your Registrant Bar Application no later than January 15, 2011 and you will pay the $75 student registrant fee. In your 3rd year of law school you will pay the converter fee, which is currently $375, to convert your student registration. The Registrant Bar Application is available online at www.floridabarexam.org.