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WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 1988

If you would like to have an announcement or message included in The Touro Times, please submit the information to Toby Markowitz by noon on Thursday of each week. (Room 125)

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 22, 1988

First Day of Classes

Wednesday, August 24, 1988

Soviet Jewry Law Project  
Informational Session - 3:00-7:00 pm  
Faculty Law Library. Details below.

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

I would like to welcome back all of our returning students and use this occasion to welcome once again our new students. I hope you all had enjoyable and productive summers.

There will be a lot more of you around this year than in past years. Our first-year class is the largest ever. This was not intentional. More students accepted our offer of admission than we had anticipated. There are about 240 students in the first-year class. I understand from faculty members who taught the first-year students during orientation last week, as well as from my own experience, that this group of students is quite a lively bunch. I hope that all of you in the second, third and fourth years will extend yourselves to help our new students adjust to life at Touro.

I regret to report that we did not achieve full ABA accreditation this year. We had every reason to believe that we had overcome all of the ABA concerns and full accreditation would be conferred. The Accreditation Committee denied our application for full accreditation and we took the relatively unprecedented step of appealing to the Council of the Section of Legal Education. We knew the odds were heavily against us but thought that it would be worthwhile to educate the Council about the developments that have taken place at Touro in the last few years. We were heard by the Council during the ABA Convention in Toronto on August 6th but, unfortunately, we were not successful in our appeal. The remaining obstacle appears to be our bar passage rate. While the Accreditation Committee was pleased with the results on the July 1987 bar examination, the Committee wants to see whether we have established a pattern of good performance. Our students studied extremely hard for the July, 1988 bar exam, and I feel confident that the results will be good.

I wish you all a very successful and fulfilling academic year.

## FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

All upper-class students interested in being a Faculty Research Assistant should complete a Research Assistant application in Dean Cohen's office. For more information, please see memorandum posted on the main bulletin board or contact Dean Cohen.

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Any student, currently registered for Independent Research, who has not yet submitted an Independent Research Proposal Form must complete it, have it signed by the supervising faculty member, and file it in Dean Cohen's office no later than Thursday, Sept. 2, 1988. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Cohen.

## 1988-1989 LAW CENTER STUDENT DIRECTORY

The 1988-89 Student Directory listing will be posted in the main hall on Thursday, August 25, 1988. Please check your listing with care to insure its accuracy. ~~If there is an error, please make the change in ink and~~ initial it. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Cohen's office.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Welcome back! The S.B.A. sponsors many events and activities which include lectures, seminars and social functions. Here is a quick glimpse of the events planned for the month of September.

1. Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 10:00 pm. There will be a General Council Meeting in the Faculty Library. All are welcome.

2. Sunday, Sept. 18th from 11:00 - 4:00pm. There will be a S.B.A. Welcoming Picnic - "THE MAIN EVENT". Come and enjoy plenty of fun and food! Bring your family! \$1.00 for adults and children are free.

3. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 19th and 20th. S.B.A. Elections. Six 1st year positions are available. Petitions may be obtained from the S.B.A. office starting Sept. 6th and must be returned by Sept. 14th.

4. Attention: All Organization Leaders : The S.B.A. President's meeting scheduled for Sept. 7th at 2:30 has been changed to August 24th at 2:30 pm in Room 109.

#### WRITING SKILLS COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

For any students who wish to improve their writing and grammar skills, once again Stony Brook doctoral candidates are available to tutor you. This year the writing skills counselors have remedial materials to assist you in constructing legally appropriate analytical arguments. The writing counselors will be available to Touro students for twenty hours a week starting Sept. 6. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Receptionist's desk (Room 114) by August 29. Sign up for an hour, at a time which will be convenient for you.

#### STUDY SKILLS MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK

Materials on how to study, outline and moderate stress are available for all students at the Receptionist's desk. These materials were disseminated to all first year students at Orientation this year. Any other student who wishes to refine his/her study skills may pick up these materials. Additional materials are available in the Law Library.

#### PLACEMENT OFFICE NEWS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. is recruiting highly qualified Second and Third Year law students for their Honors Legal Intern Programs. Recruiting will be conducted between September 1st and mid-November.

1988 NALP/BLSA NORTHEAST MINORITY LAW STUDENT RECRUITING CONFERENCE will be held on October 7th at Fordham University. Students must have completed ranking forms and submitted them to the Placement Office by Sept. 6th.

The Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. is accepting resumes for entry level and summer positions for 1989. The deadline for submitting your resume is September 23, 1988. See Placement Office for details.

#### SOVIET JEWRY LAW PROJECT

The Soviet Jewry Law Project will have an informational session on Wednesday, August 24, 1988 in the Faculty Library. Neil Afran, the new Project Director will be available from 3:00-7:00 pm to answer any of your questions. All upper class students who may be interested in participating and/or enrolling in the Soviet Jewry Law Project this semester are invited to stop by. Students can receive independent study and externship credits as well as possible stipends for assisting in the Project's activities. A Lawyer's Seminar is planned for this Fall.

#### DISTINGUISHED JURIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 19 and 20, 1988, the Law Center will proudly feature Judge Jack Weinstein, U.S. District Court, Eastern District, as its Distinguished Jurist in Residence. During the two day program, Judge Weinstein will meet with students and faculty, participate in classroom lectures, and present a major address on October 20, 1988. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Cohen.

#### YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUESTED AND APPRECIATED

Please do not post any notices, signs, advertisements, etc. on the walls or the doors of the building. Please use appropriate bulletin boards for all postings.

Please enter the Mailroom only through the Mailroom door. When the Mailroom is locked, only persons who have keys are requested to enter through the Mailroom door.

#### WELCOME!

Mr. Edward R. Primeggia has been appointed Director of Development for Touro Law Center. His office is in Room 125 and he would like to get to know you. Please stop by to welcome him to Touro.

We have two new secretaries in the Faculty Secretarial office. Welcome to Michelle Chaikin and Anna Paulsen. Good luck to you both in your new positions.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Congratulations to Lorraine and Jack White on the birth of their daughter, JoAnn, on 8/8/88. It really was a special date for the Whites!

Congratulations to Dana and Michael Saewitz on the birth of their son, Adam Dov, on 8/10/88. Is the basketball "hoop" set up yet?