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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends,

It has been a rewarding experience to serve this year as chair of the new Section on Part-time Division Programs. With the help and commitment of the Executive Committee, we initiated the petition process to establish a section serving law schools with part-time programs. In late spring, the AALS Executive Committee granted provisional status to our new section; we will operate as a permanent section for the next two years when we can then petition for full status. The Executive Committee also has been busy planning our Section's program for the 2003 AALS Annual meeting, creating a Section Web site (www.law.capital.edu/parttime), and publishing this first newsletter.

We have received positive and enthusiastic support for a Section on Part-time Division Programs. Nearly 500 signatures were obtained from deans, faculty and administrators of 57 AALS member law schools — those with part-time division programs and those without part-time programs.

The support for creating a Section on Part-time Division Programs dates back to 1999 when faculty and administrators from law schools with part-time programs began meeting informally to discuss its common interests. At this year's AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, an organizational meeting was held to begin the petition process, adopt bylaws and install an Executive Committee.

Why is a Section on Part-time Division Programs important?

Of the 164 AALS members, 64 of them have part-time division programs with at least 50 students enrolled. This represents almost 40 percent of the AALS membership. These 64 law schools enroll 17,717 part-time students; the average part-time enrollment is 277 students. Part-time students comprise a significant portion of the overall J.D. student enrollment. (Part-time enrollment numbers are taken from the *Official ABA Guide to Approved Law Schools* 2001 edition.)

Part-time legal education programs serve the critical role of democratizing and diversifying the legal profession. Part-time programs make a career in law available to those who may not have the economic means or flexibility to attend law school full-time. These programs are important to making a legal education available to all who desire it.

There are myriad issues facing law schools providing a part-time education option. The Section on Part-time Division Programs will look at such issues as:

- Parity between day and evening students.
- Recruitment, admissions and financial aid strategies for part-time students.
- Recognizing and accommodating the needs and obligations of part-time students such as career and family.
- Curricular equality between part-time and full-time programs, including clinical and externship opportunities.

- Access to law school administrative offices and services such as career counseling, registrar, and financial aid.
- Inclusion in student activities.
- Quality of evening faculty.
- Academic and bar support.

This is just a sampling of the topics, areas of discussions, and issues that will be considered by the Section on Part-time Division Programs. The Section also will serve as a resource to other law schools considering creating a part-time program; collect data on part-time enrollments; profile graduates of part-time programs; and evaluate differences in admissions and marketing efforts for part-time students.

I hope you will contact AALS today, to join the new Section on Part-time Division Programs. If you have ideas to share for Section programs and issues, or items for future Section newsletters, please contact me or a member of the Section’s Executive Committee.

Sincerely,



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2003 AALS Annual Conference

Mark your Calendar!

Sunday, January 5, 2003

1:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

**Section on Part-Time
 Division Programs presents:
 “Part-time Legal Education:
 It’s Not Your Parent’s Old
 Oldsmobile.”**

**2003 AALS Annual Conference
Washington, D.C.**

**Section on Part-Time Division Programs
Presents:**

“Part-time Legal Education: It’s Not Your Parent’s Old Oldsmobile”

Moderator: Steven C. Bahls, Capital University Law School

**Panelists: Edwin J. Butterfoss, Hamline University School of Law
Brenda Saunders Hampden, Seton Hall University School of Law
Jane C. Murphy, University of Baltimore School of Law**

Join the new Section on Part-time Division Programs as it presents its first section program. The program will focus on innovations and trends in part-time legal education. The panel of presenters will discuss their institutions’ innovations in part-time programs; weekend programs; and evening clinics for part-time evening students. There will be ample time for group discussion and for the audience to share information about their law schools’ innovations in part-time education. The Section Business meeting will follow at the program’s conclusion.

Let’s Hear From You!

How?

- 1. Complete the attached Admissions and Marketing survey.**

Due Date: January 20, 2003

- 2. Email us with your comments or suggestions.
Visit our web site: www.law.capital.edu/parttime.**
- 3. Send us your nominations of individuals to serve on the
2003 Executive Committee by December 27, 2002.**
- 4. Contact AALS to join the Section on Part-time Division
Programs.**

Do you produce separate view books/brochures targeted to part-time students? Yes No
If yes, please attach samples.

Do you attend job fairs to market your part-time program? Yes No

What special techniques or strategies do you use for part-time day students, verse part-time evening students, verse weekend students?

Would you be willing to present your institution's admission and marketing strategies for part-time students at a Section annual meeting? Yes No

Any comments you would like to make about your admission or marketing efforts for part-time students?

Please Return Survey by January 20, 2003 to:
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List of AALS Member Law Schools with Part-Time Programs

University of Akron, C. Blake McDowell Law Center
Albany Law School, Union University
American University, Washington College of Law
University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law
University of Baltimore School of Law
Brooklyn Law School
California Western School of Law
Capital University Law School
The Catholic University of America School of Law
Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
University of Connecticut School of Law
University of Denver College of Law
DePaul University College of Law
Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Duquesne University School of Law
Fordham University School of Law
George Mason University School of Law
The George Washington University Law School
Georgetown University Law Center
Georgia State University College of Law
Golden Gate University School of Law
University of Houston Law Center
Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis
John Marshall Law School
Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law
Louis D. Brandeis School of Law
Loyola Law School
Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Loyola University, New Orleans School of Law
Marquette University Law School
University of Maryland School of Law
McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific
University of Miami School of Law
New England School of Law

New York Law School
Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
Pace University School of Law
University of Puerto Rico School of Law
Quinnipiac College School of Law
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Law, Camden
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Law, Newark
St. John's University School of Law
Saint Louis University School of Law
University of San Diego School of Law
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University School of Law
Seattle University School of Law
Seton Hall School of Law
South Texas College of Law
Southwestern University School of Law
Suffolk University Law School
Temple University School of Law
University of Toledo College of Law
Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
The University of Tulsa College of Law
Valparaiso University
Wayne State University
Western New England College School of Law
Whittier Law School
Widener University School of Law
William Mitchell College of Law

Non-Member Fee Paid Schools

Chapman University
Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Law
North Carolina Central University
Oklahoma City University School of Law
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law
Regent University School of Law
Roger Williams University School of Law
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Western State University College of Law