Chair Notes and Departmental Update

Another great semester has begun for the Legal Studies Department at Ole Miss. As students return to campus and prepare for class, the faculty and staff prepare for a busy but fruitful year.

Many great things continue to occur within the Department of Legal Studies. I would like to take a little time to share with you some of the major events.

Endowment: Dr. Quarles continues to direct the Department’s endowment efforts with great success. As a graduate of our program, I can assure you that your contributions to the Department make a difference. As a result of the efforts of Dr. Quarles and the extreme generosity of the families of Chief Richard Popernick and Officer Robert Langley, Legal Studies Scholarships have been established in the honor of these justice professionals.

Staffing: Chief Corban left our ranks for bigger and better opportunities, but we are fortunate with the addition of three new faculty members who will be significant in the continued successes of our Department. New faculty additions include Dr. Carl Jensen, Professor Robert Mongue and Ms. Terry Lyons.

Notes from the Legal Studies Student Association
As a new year begins at Ole Miss, the Legal Studies Student Association has been organized to aid in the success of the Legal Studies Program. President David Williams and Vice President Sarah Eaton would like to address Legal Studies students, faculty, and alumni regarding the LSSA.

**Message from the President:**

Welcome to the Legal Studies Student Association. Many aspects of the organization are changing this year, so keep up and you won’t get left behind! Our mission is to better the educational experience of our majors and aid in their success in the Criminal Justice and Paralegal world post-graduation.

I have assembled a qualified and motivated committee to aid in my efforts to improve the LSSA and accomplish our mission. The 2007-2008 committee consists of Sarah Eaton, Vice-President; Sydney Herrin, Secretary and Treasurer; Elijah Myrick, Recruiting; Stephen King, Functions; John Story, Fundraising; Daniel Buccola, Master at Arms; and Dan Reep, Public Affairs. I have given each my full confidence to perform and excel at their respective positions. Together, our committee will bring a new handful of opportunities for students in the Department of Legal Studies.

The Department of Legal Studies is hosting several functions that will be beneficial for you and other Legal Studies majors.

These functions will include two career fairs this year. The third Legal Studies career fair will be on Wednesday, October 31st, 2007, at the Johnson Commons Ball Room, also on the Oxford campus. The fourth career fair will be hosted sometime in the spring. Nearly thirty law enforcement, paralegal, military, and federal agencies will be here to answer any and all of your many questions. These two career fairs are perfect opportunities for Legal Studies students to obtain the information pertinent to plan their future in a Criminal Justice or Paralegal field.

The School of Applied Sciences is also holding a larger career fair in February on the Oxford campus. The only difference in this career fair has workers and agencies from various
fields, including but not limited to social work, hospitality management, dietetics and nutrition, criminal justice, paralegal, exercise science, communicative disorders and park recreation and management. This is the second annual School of Applied Sciences Career Fair. Judging on the success of last year’s fair, this year should be a great time and a huge turnout.

Coming up in the spring, the Department of Legal Studies will host its annual Awards Banquet. On Friday, April 25th, the department will recognize the outstanding efforts of Legal Studies students, alumni, faculty and staff. All are encouraged to attend.

The above spoken-about functions are just a few of the great opportunities for Legal Studies Student Association members, so please get involved. Monthly LSSA meetings will go more in depth about each of the activities we will be hosting, so mark your calendars. Personally, I would like to see The University of Mississippi Legal Studies Student Association grow in size and become more involved in training and educating our students for the future. The committee will work hard this year to set a solid foundation for next year’s officers to expand upon: the only direction is forward. I envision a fully functioning and thriving organization that will set the bar for other student organizations to match.

Thank you for your support, and keep us in mind when visiting The University of Mississippi at Oxford. I would also love for you to join us at our meetings and functions, as you are always welcome in the Department of Legal Studies family.

Respectfully,

David Williams
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Vice President’s Remarks:

First of all, I would like to welcome everyone back from the summer! Hopefully everyone took full advantage of the rest and relaxation period and is fully recharged for an exciting semester! The Legal Studies Student Association would like to welcome all Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies to join our ranks this year. Our goal for the semester is to get the organization back to its fully functioning status by offering the members chances to come together for guest speakers, trips, career fairs, and team building opportunities. The key to the LSSA’s success is dependant upon YOUR INVOLVEMENT!
With the excellent staff that has been assembled and your membership, we can build and shape the LSSA into an organization that is both fun and beneficial to its student body. Leadership opportunities will be readily available within the organization, so if you are interested in helping, don’t hesitate to let one of our current officers know. Registration forms can be picked up in the Legal Studies office in Odom Hall. A calendar of our upcoming events and meetings will be available. You may also check the newsletters for the most current news. I would also like to encourage everyone to use your resources, such as this newsletter, to your advantage. Stay on top of upcoming events and opportunities to excel in this organization by frequently checking your e-mail and this newsletter. Again, on behalf of the entire LSSA staff, we welcome you back and look forward to everyone’s participation throughout the semester.

The LSSA Staff is listed below. If you have any questions/comments/concerns, please address them to our recruiting officer.

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**Student Job Search**

Hello again! I hope everyone’s search for employment after graduation is going well. If not, do not fear, this section of the Legal Studies Newsletter is here to help you find what you are looking for.

In this edition, we’re going to take a look at a website to help our CJ majors who have an emphasis in corrections.

Corrections.com is an award winning website that focuses on news, employment, advice, and collaboration within the corrections organization. The website contains over 10,000 links to corrections-related sites and literature and averages 2.5 million search hits a month.

Registration for the site is free and simple, and you can get correction news updates daily. You can easily post resumes, browse or post job positions, and meet like minded people within the corrections organization who answer your questions and help you make well-informed choices if you choose this career path.

This site is easy to navigate, and offers a wealth of information for anyone interested in a career in corrections or anyone simply interested in corrections news. This website gets an A+ for ease of access and abundance of information.

Check out Corrections.com at [http://www.corrections.com](http://www.corrections.com)

If you know of a website that has good information and should be profiled, please contact me at dkreep@olemiss.edu

**The Justice Society**

In the past, many of our students were unable to get funding as criminal justice majors. The scholarships just were not in our field. Today, criminal justice, homeland security, corrections, and paralegal students are all able to seek scholarships funded by our graduates and our faculty.

Almost all of our faculty and our adjunct instructors are currently helping to fund these efforts. We solicit all of our graduates for help. If you want to make a difference in your alma mater, please send a financial contribution restricted for the use of the Legal Studies Department. You can help us make a difference. We need your help and hope that you will respond today.
I want you to help us raise more. Send a pledge or a check to the **OLE MISS FOUNDATION** and you will help us create more scholarship aid and resource development.

Put on the check “For the Exclusive Use of the Legal Studies Department” and send it to me, Chester Quarles, at Legal Studies Department, Odom 205, University, Mississippi 38677. I will insure that your donation is placed in the appropriate departmental account and is used exclusively for criminal justice, homeland security, corrections and paralegal development.

**Paralegal Update**

Our Paralegal Program continues to grow under the direction of Professor Angie Williams.

A listserv has been created for all current students and recent past graduates of the Paralegal Studies Program. The purpose of the listserv is to post job announcements and other information of interest to Paralegal Studies majors. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email message to md@listserv.olemiss.edu with the line “subscribe bps” in the message body. The subject field should be blank. After you have subscribed to the listserv, you may post messages by sending them to bps@listserv.olemiss.edu.

**Faculty Profiles: Meet your Faculty**

**Robert Mongue**

Robert Mongue is the new Assistant Professor in Paralegal Studies who just came on board in August.
Originally from Dalton, Massachusetts, Professor Mongue comes to the University of Mississippi from Kennebunk, Maine, where he practiced law and worked with paralegals for over thirty years. Since graduating from the University of Maine School of Law, with the exception of four years as York County (Maine) Assistant District Attorney, his practice focused on litigation, appellate and dispute resolution for individuals, small businesses and U.S. and foreign corporations with a concentration in contract, business, construction, real estate, trade secret, and non-competition litigation.

His appellate practice includes successful appeals to Maine Supreme Court and Federal First Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dispute resolution services included private engagement as referee, arbitrator, mediator and neutral evaluator.

Prior to his position here he served as Adjunct Professor of Paralegal Studies at Andover College in Portland, Maine, and York County Community College in Wells, Maine, as well as presenting at CLE seminars and workshops for both paralegals and attorneys.

He has been an active participant in politics, holding positions as chair of local party committees and member of county and state party committees, and chaired or coordinated campaigns for congressional, senatorial and presidential candidates. However, his focus has been on his family, and during much of his non-professional life he has been Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, coach, referee or the like for one or more of his children.

Professor Mongue thoroughly enjoys art, music (he had a radio program called "Black Tie Blend" on the local community station) and writing. He is also a huge fan of soccer.

Legal Studies is proud to have Professor Mongue on board with its paralegal program.

**ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI MEMBERS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS!**
The Department of Legal Studies is in the process of compiling a comprehensive database of our alumni members and criminal justice professionals to use as a resource bank and for future mailings. Please send us your business cards so we can begin to organize the database. Send your business cards to Carol Reid, Department of Legal Studies, Room 203 Odom Hall, University, MS, 38677. If you have questions, please contact Carol at 915-7902.

The Legal Studies Student Association wants continuous input from our students, alumni, and other interested persons to make the newsletter an ongoing and valuable resource for its recipients! Let us know what is going on with you and provide us with other items of interest that we could include in the next issue.

Calendar of Coming Events

1) Legal Studies Career Fair:
October 31st, 2007 10am to 3pm
Johnson Commons Ball Room

Agencies that will be in attendance include: ATF; Dallas Police Department; MS Department of Corrections; Gulfport Police Department; Oxford Police Department; Memphis Police Department; FBI out of Quantico, Homeland Security; Federal Bureau of Prisons; Mitchell, McNutt, and Sams law office; and many others. Please be sure to attend as there will be a plethora of valuable information regarding careers and internships available. Contact the legal studies department if you have any questions.

2) Thanksgiving Meet-Greet-n-Eat
November 10th, 2007 in the Grove

The LSSA will send an e-mail out to all Legal Studies students with more specifics. Please email the Legal Studies Student Association with any questions.

If you are interested in being present at any LSSA meetings, please contact the LSSA at lsassoc@olemiss.edu for dates and times. Your attendance and input is encouraged.

Applied Sciences Order/The Justice Society

The Department of Legal Studies would like to encourage our alumni members to join The Justice Society /Applied Sciences Order. By joining such a distinguished group, you will be serving as a vital component in the growth of the Department as well as contributing to an endowment for our students to receive financial assistance. For more information about joining the Order, please contact Dr. Chester Quarles at (662) 915-5413 or via e-mail at cquarles@olemiss.edu.
We proudly recognize our current members of the Applied Sciences Order/ The Justice Society and would like to add your name to this list.

5. Dot and Chester Quarles (PhD) (2004)
8. Linda and Jeff Davis (2004)
12. Tracy and Arthur Chancellor (2005)
15. Dr. Lorri and Mike Williamson (2005)
17. Scott and Billie Stringer (2005)
18. Deborah and Jeff Todd (2005)
26. Whitney (Cantrell) and Gray Nickels (2006)
33. Steve Scruggs (2007)
34. Linda Christian (2007)
35. Bobby Pettit (2007)