



Mary Claire Butt (right) argues for the petitioner during the 2008 Ben J. Alzheimer Moot Court Competition. Butt and her partner, Tim Steadman (left), won the competition on Friday, March 28. Read more about the event on page 3.

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School of Law, School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach Earn National Award

Legal e-Source, a multimedia online resource for nonprofit leaders and a collaboration between the University of Arkansas School of Law, the School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach, and the Survey Research Center, recently won the Innovations in Outreach and Engagement Award from the University Continuing Education Association.

The award recognizes programs that demonstrate the mutual exchange of intellectual resources and expertise between the university and its much broader external community of government agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and individuals.

The University Continuing Education Association, which promotes standards of good practice in continuing higher education, evaluated the program on its successful outcomes, contribution to outreach and engagement, innovation and cost effectiveness.

Launched in 2006, Legal e-Source began with a grant from the Care Foundation Inc. to provide support for Northwest Arkansas nonprofit organizations. It includes interactive legal resources such as video lectures with handouts, a glossary of terms, a decision tree and frequently asked questions.

Tim Tarvin, professor of law and the site's editor, said the site has developed and improved over the last two years, and its success is a direct result of the collaboration between the School of Law and the School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach.

"We are able to provide this comprehensive resource for Arkansas and the nation because of the team effort of the many people involved," Tarvin said. "While the School of Law is responsible for developing the site's content, there are many people in the School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach who work behind the scenes filming lectures, designing the site and marketing it to potential users."

In addition to serving as a valuable tool for nonprofit leaders, Legal e-Source also provides opportunities for students to learn more about the nonprofit sector and to assist organizations.

"We rely on student research assistants and members of Equal Justice Works, a legal student organization, to keep the site updated and accurate," Tarvin said. "Student volunteers organize training sessions and donate their time to perform legal research using the latest technology. These students model the ethical mandate that lawyers should use their legal education to give back to the community."

Tarvin said everyone involved have big ideas for the site's future.

"Our biggest goal is to find a permanent source of funding for the site," Tarvin said. "We also hope to introduce a number of technological features including podcasting, closed captioning and a blog and to double the number of video lectures to better serve our users."

For more information about Legal e-Source, visit <http://www.uacted.uark.edu/legalesource/index.html>.



Tim Tarvin, professor of law and the editor of Legal e-Source, receives a plaque from Miriam Simmons, assistant dean for outreach services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, during the University Continuing Education Association's Outreach and Engagement Awards Ceremony in New Orleans.

Early Registration to Begin Soon

Early registration for Summer and Fall 2008 will begin at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22. Students may register in the ISIS system using any computer with an Internet connection. Faculty members will be available for advising during the week of April 14-18.

Advising forms and a dean's card will be placed in students' mailboxes on Friday, April 11. Students should complete the front and the back of the dean's card and be sure to obtain their advisor's signature on the card at their advising session. If students are attending summer school, they will need a second dean's card. Additional cards are available in the Student Affairs area.

After students have completed their advising forms, visited with an advisor and obtained his/her signature on the dean's card(s), they should take their completed advising form and dean's card(s) to the Student Affairs area. Students' dean's card and advising form must be returned (with an advisor's signature) before they will be cleared for early registration.

If students have past due obligations such as parking tickets, library fines, past due tuition/fees, etc., they should be sure to take care of them ASAP. Financial holds are placed on student accounts by the treasurer's office, and students will not be able to register until those holds are removed.

UALR School of Law Dean Visits Fayetteville

Chuck Goldner, dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, visited the School of Law Monday, March 31, as part of the University of Arkansas School of Law's Day with a Dean program. He presented "Equal Access to Justice: Mere Words or a Professional Obligation and Personal Commitment?" in the E.J. Ball Courtroom.

Before being named dean in 2000, Goldner served in several other administrative positions at the UALR School of Law. He was associate dean for academic affairs from 1993-1997, interim dean in 1997 and associate dean for external relations from 1998-2000.

Goldner has taught local government, legal profession and property and has published articles in the area of local government, including one that resulted in efforts to reform municipal law in Arkansas.

Goldner served as chair of the Pre-law Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education from 2000-2005 and currently serves as chair of the Arkansas Supreme Court Professional Practicum



Chuck Goldner speaks with the law school community about the challenges of providing equal access to justice.

Committee, chair of the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, member of the Arkansas Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Committee, member of the Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Bar Association, chair of the Law School Admission Council Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council and member of the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education.

Goldner received his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma in 1973 and his master of laws degree from Georgetown University in 1987. Prior to joining the faculty at UALR in 1988, Goldner practiced law for 14 years in Dallas and Washington, D.C. His practice was concentrated in municipal finance, general municipal law and commercial real estate.

The Day with a Dean program was established in 2007 and provides the School of Law community the opportunity to glean insight from law deans across the country, while offering legal educators a chance to visit with members of the law school community and get a glimpse at the School of Law environment and productivity.

Butt, Steadman Win Moot Court Competition

Second-year law students Mary Claire Butt and Tim Steadman won the 2008 Ben J. Altheimer Moot Court Competition, an annual trial competition at the School of Law.

The duo argued for the petitioner against second-year students Lee Warden and Kevin Vogeltanz. Butt was also named the Best Oralist in the competition.

Three current judges sat on the bench for the competition: Annabelle Clinton Imber, Arkansas Supreme Court; Lavenski R. Smith, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; and Robert L. Brown, Arkansas Supreme Court.

The Benjamin J. Altheimer Moot Court Competition is hosted annually by the School of Law Board of Advocates, a student-run organization overseeing all law school competitions. The competition is made possible through an endowment from the Benjamin J. Altheimer Trust.

Ben J. Altheimer, a successful attorney and devoted friend to higher education, was born in Pine Bluff, Ark., in 1878. He practiced law in Pine Bluff and moved to Chicago in 1910, where he established one of the most prestigious law firms in the city. He frequently returned to Arkansas to visit and involve himself in the farming operation near Altheimer. The town was named for his father and uncle, who donated land to the railroad for a depot.



Mary Claire Butt (far left) and Tim Steadman (far right) discuss their trial skills with Judge Lavenski R. Smith, Judge Robert L. Brown and Judge Annabelle Clinton Imber after winning the 2008 Ben J. Altheimer Moot Court Competition.

Political Science Expert to Visit School of Law

Mark A. Graber, professor of law and government at the University of Maryland, will present “James Buchanan as Savior? Political Power, Political Fragmentation and the Failed 1831 Repeal of Section 25” at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, in E.J. Ball Courtroom. The event is sponsored by the Thomas F. Butt Legal Excellence Fund and the School of Law.

Graber, a nationally recognized expert in political science, will discuss why the movement to repeal Section 25 of the Judiciary Act — and thus curb judicial power — failed as a result of political fragmentation. He will also address how political diffusion helps preserve judicial power when no existing coalition fully controls the national government.

Scott Dodson, assistant professor of law, said Graber’s talk has broad implications for present-day politics.

“Professor Graber uses a particular event to illustrate a broader insight — that when political parties are fragmented and political power is diffused, the judiciary usually gains power,” he said. “That insight is important for today’s courts and political structures, too. I imagine that faculty, students and all those generally interested in judicial power would find this lecture interesting and relevant.”

Mark Your Calendar

- April 3 Skills Course Informational Session at noon in the E.J. Ball Courtroom
- April 4 Thomas F. Butt Legal Excellence Fund Presentation by Mark A. Graber at 8:30 a.m. in the E.J. Ball Courtroom
- April 5 Barristers’ Ball at 9 p.m. at the UARK Ballroom
- April 7 Bobby McDaniel Trial Practice Classroom recognition event at 12:15 p.m. in Room 342
- April 7 Pro Bono Awards and Reception at 4:30 p.m. in the E.J. Ball Courtroom
- April 7 Deadline for submitting entry forms for the Summer-Fall 2008 Lottery for Legal Clinic courses is 4:30 p.m. Inquiries may be directed to Diana Shepherd at the Legal Clinic, 575-3056 or dmsheph@uark.edu
- April 10 Law Review Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at Uncle Gaylord’s
- April 12 Leflarfest at 6 p.m. at On the Rocks
- April 16 Board of Advocates End of Year Banquet at 5:30 p.m. at the University House
- April 17 Ronald J. Krotoszynski Jr. will speak at 3 p.m. in the E.J. Ball Courtroom.
- April 17 Law School Networking Event at 5:30 p.m. at Ozark Mountain Smokehouse
- April 18 SBA 2-Person Scramble at 1 p.m. at Stonebridge Meadows Golf Course
- April 22 Early registration begins at 6 a.m.
- April 22 Food Law & Policy Journal End of Year Banquet at 5:30 p.m. at the University House
- April 24 WLSA Fashion Show - Esquire Attire at 7 p.m.
- April 28 Finals begin
- May 17 School of Law graduation at 2:30 p.m. at the Fayetteville Town Center

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School of Law to Recognize Student Volunteers

The University of Arkansas School of Law’s Pro Bono Program will host its second annual awards ceremony to honor students with the most volunteer service hours. The event is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the E.J. Ball Courtroom.

Awards will be presented to the four students who have accumulated the most approved volunteer hours during their law school careers. Susan Scott, a third-year law student from Blytheville, Ark., will be recognized for volunteering 380 hours. Rachel St. Fleur, a third-year student from Decatur, Ga., will receive second place honors for her 340 hours of service. Rochelle McCrackin, a third-year law student from Memphis, Tenn., and Tiffany Brown, a second-year law student from Detroit, Mich., each served 195 hours.

Students earn pro bono hours by volunteering in legal or non-legal capacities, though many students work mainly with private-sector attorneys and nonprofit legal organizations. The volunteer work consists of everything from research to practicing under the license of a certified attorney. In order to be considered, students must work with members of the community who are disadvantaged. They cannot accept any kind of compensation for their services.

“We grant awards to recognize students who have had outstanding participation in the program. We hope those who attend the ceremony will hear the inspiring stories of each of our winners and be encouraged to volunteer their own time doing pro bono work,” said Susan Williams, the Pro Bono Program coordinator for the School of Law.

Fifty-four law students participated in the Pro Bono Program this year through volunteer work in northwest Arkansas and their home communities. Together, they donated 1,987 service hours over the course of the 2007-08 academic year.

Leflarfest Nominations Due April 4

The nomination process for this year’s prestigious Leflarfest awards will run through Friday, April 4. Below is a list of some of the awards that will be presented at 6 p.m. on April 12, at On the Rocks.

- Most likely to come to class hung over
- Most likely to be an ambulance chaser
- Most likely to come to bar reviews after graduation
- Most likely to end up in a mental institution
- Most likely to make lots of money
- Most likely to be admonished repeatedly for interrupting a judge
- Most likely to be disbarred
- Most likely to file for bankruptcy

Students are encouraged to stop by the Phi Delta Phi board and nominate their classmates for the awards. There will be a separate nomination list for the 1L, 2L and 3L classes. The Phi Delta Phi board is located on the north stairwell, on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the library.

In addition, if students have any photos they would like to see on the slideshow that evening, or if they are interested in performing a skit with their classmates, they should email Wes Ward at wwward@uark.edu or Lacey LaRue at llraue@uark.edu.