

MCLS Executive Meeting

February 18th 2009

Present at Meeting

Justin Silverman, President
Kristen Sibiga, Vice-President
Denise Ouellet, Treasurer
Kristin Billera, Secretary

INTRODUCTIONS

CLS NAME CHANGE

- ♦ Voted unanimously for Media and Communications Law Society

MISSION OF GROUP AND EXPECTATIONS

What is Media Law?

- ♦ Includes Internet and new technologies, social networking
- ♦ Traditional media law issues: libel, privacy, 1st Amendment issues

Mission and Purpose

- ♦ Ongoing conversation about comm./media law issues
- ♦ Networking
- ♦ Events and speakers
- ♦ Education

Spring/Summer 2009 Goals

- ♦ Recruitment and collecting email addresses
- ♦ Organize and structure so members can be seamlessly integrated in the fall

INDIVIDUAL POSITION GOALS

Justin, President

- ♦ Determine how members can benefit and accommodate all members
- ♦ Expand the group beyond SCLS community
- ♦ Promote group and events
- ♦ Leave a group that will continue to flourish in the future

Kristen, Vice President

- ♦ Promote group
- ♦ Reach out to members and community
- ♦ Use her Boston media law related contacts for the benefit of the group

Kristin Billera, Secretary

- ♦ Take on an organizational role
- ♦ Keep records
- ♦ Keep track of member list
- ♦ Keep track of schedule and deadlines

Denise, Treasurer

- ♦ Create a group that is actually active.

SELECTION OF A FACULTY ADVISOR

NO DEADLINE

Role of the Advisor?

- ♦ Actively advise the group and provide us with suggestions
- ♦ Provide us with insight into real world practice of law

Who?

- ♦ Gregory Sullivan; adjunct, 10 yrs., 1st Amendment and Media Law class
- ♦ Michael Avery; Freedom of Expression, involved in civil rights law
- ♦ Arrange meetings with prospective advisors

SBA EVENT PLANNING AND BUDGET

- ♦ Council of Presidents Liason: Kevin Getnick sulsCOP@gmail.com
- ♦ SBA Treasurer: Jason Potts sbatreasury@gmail.com

Spending Plan

- ♦ End of the Year Event
- ♦ Social
- ♦ Pizza, food during exam period
- ♦ May hold off events for this semester until we get organized and know people will attend

NEWSLETTER

- ♦ Weekly
- ♦ Comm/media law news
- ♦ Denise interested in writing/sending this out

WEBSITE BLOG

- ♦ <http://suffolkmlcs.wordpress.com>
- ♦ Goal is for each of the 4 exec board members to post once per week
- ♦ Links to other websites and blogs
- ♦ Information about events
- ♦ Constitution, minutes of meetings
- ♦ Reach out to professors and attorneys outside of school
- ♦ Guest posts
- ♦ Allow members to send us blog posts
- ♦ Bookmark sharing
- ♦ Exec board members should submit bio in the next week or so.

Domain Name?

- ♦ suffolk____.com
- ♦ Justin looking for available domain names
- ♦ Set up email connected with site

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masterman Symposium

- ♦ **March 5**
- ♦ <http://www.law.suffolk.edu/academic/ALS/coursedetail.cfm?cid=640>
- ♦ Anthony Lewis is keynote speaker
- ♦ Seating for speech is not available, but tvs will be set up
- ♦ Panel discussion about 1st Amendment and privacy
- ♦ Seating for speech is not available, but tvs will be set up

- ◆ Panel open to everyone
- ◆ Organized by Karen Blum

Fordham Hall

- ◆ Evening of March 5
- ◆ http://www.fordhallforum.org/first_amendment_award_2009.html
- ◆ Honoring Gwen Ifill of NPR
- ◆ Award ceremony and reception

CALENDAR

General Member Meeting?

- ◆ Hold off for now
- ◆ Plan around schedules of all members
- ◆ Make sure members commit
- ◆ Organize first, so we can integrate people in easily in the fall

Executive Board Meetings

- ◆ Weekly throughout the spring and possibly the summer
- ◆ Next: Tues, February 24, 6pm, Location TBD