



Dear Fellow Alumnus,

Like the rest of the Georgetown community, the National Law Alumni Board mourns the loss of Professor Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (L'49, L'51, H'91). We members of the National Law Alumni Board benefited in a very direct and personal way from Father Drinan's faithful and energetic service on our board, and our meetings and activities will not be the same without him.

As this goes to press, the NLAB is preparing for its spring meeting. The ongoing work we discussed at our fall meeting focused on reaching and engaging more alumni in the life of the Law Center. Now that NLAB-originated programs such as the Women's Forum and the World of Choices career day are regular events on the Law Center's calendar, we hope to build on this record of success. With that goal in mind, we are streamlining our organization to focus on three general areas: (1) interaction among alumni; (2) interaction between alumni and students; and (3) interaction between alumni and the Law Center and its faculty.

I encourage you to contact me or anyone at the Office of Law Alumni Affairs to share ideas of programs or activities that you would like to see in your region or to lend your support to upcoming events. I particularly hope to hear from alumni "outside the Beltway" — including alumni abroad — as we develop a new and richer platform of programs to engage Law Center graduates.

One such new program may be of interest: Dean Alex Aleinikoff has conceived of a one-on-one partnering between each first-year student and a Law Center graduate. These contacts would ease students' transitions into law school life and help prepare them for a legal career. Participating alumni need not be located in the Washington area; indeed, our hope is to build a network of Georgetown Law grads across the country and beyond. We hope to launch this program in the fall of 2007. A similar program currently in the start-up phase is the Alumni Mentoring

Network, in which alumni make themselves available to students for electronic contact. This is a convenient and cost-free way to make a real difference in the life of a student by providing advice and perspective on the practice of law, specific fields or other career concerns in a forum that is searchable by expertise, experience, locality, year of graduation and the like.

The Timothy and Linda O'Neill Law Alumni Center, located in the Eric E. Hotung International Law Center Building, continues to be a place of welcome for visiting alumni. Last fall, the NLAB hosted Section Suppers with students in the Alumni Center's lounge, inviting alumni from specific sections (do you remember your first-year section number?) to meet informally with ILs from the same section. This local endeavor has been a great success. Student participants have later been comfortable returning to the Alumni Center to meet visitors or just to relax in the lounge. Our hope is that this familiarity will lead to students' long-term alumni involvement.

No matter where you may be in your career or in the world, I encourage you to look for ways to stay connected to Georgetown and your fellow graduates. Bookmark the Law Center's Web site (www.law.georgetown.edu) and check in often. Visit the Law Alumni Center on campus when you are in the neighborhood. Invite a classmate to lunch — or to meet you at an upcoming Law Center event. Your status as a Georgetown Law graduate makes you a part of a vibrant, exciting community, and I urge you to make the most of it.

If I may be of any help to you, or if you are interested in hearing more about alumni activities, please contact me at 202-879-3939 or alumnlaw@law.georgetown.edu.

Sincerely,

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