

**Georgetown University Law Center
Student Bar Association
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Dear Members of the Georgetown Law Center Softball Club,

Thank you for your January 14, 2009 letter. After careful consideration of your request, we write to you to report that, unfortunately, the Student Bar Association ("Association") will not be able to reschedule this year's Barrister's Ball. We deeply regret that this year Barrister's Ball coincides with the Softball Club's University of Virginia ("UVA") Tournament, but due to the size, expense and logistical hurdles we face when planning Barrister's Ball, we cannot change the date of the event.

Several logistical concerns make planning Barrister's Ball a difficult and drawn-out task. This year we endeavored to find a date after Spring Break and before Easter and the week when the 1L briefs are due. At the same time we were forced to remain flexible so we could obtain a venue capable of hosting several hundred students at a reasonable price. Our efforts led us to choose Sequoia, where we will hold Barrister's Ball this year. We reached an agreement with the venue on November 12, 2008. That agreement, and the planning and work done based on that agreement, preclude us from rescheduling Barrister's Ball.

When we chose the date for Barrister's Ball, we were unaware of the date of the UVA Softball Tournament. Unfortunately, due to the number of people who attend Barrister's Ball and the number of student events that occur on any given weekend, we are unable to find a weekend completely free of student events. As a result, our ability to consider the needs of any one student group is limited. Accordingly, we must make difficult decisions that lead to scheduling conflicts like the one between the Barrister's Ball and the UVA Softball Tournament.

Understand that the Association holds the Softball Club and its members in the highest regard. We respect and appreciate the group's continuing efforts and unique contributions to the Law Center community, and pledge to continue our support for the Club's participation in the UVA Tournament and other endeavors. Our commitment to your group's success remains. To that end, the Association respectfully requests that the Softball Club, and all other student organizations, promptly notify the SBA Special Events Committee of any dates of events important to its members. This will allow the Association to take your events into consideration when making decisions in the future.

Lastly, the Association deeply regrets that some members of the Softball Club will be unable to attend both Barrister's Ball and the UVA Tournament. Know that this scheduling conflict represents neither our feelings toward the Softball Club nor its members. We wish the club and its participants continued success both on and off the softball field. We will work to the best of our ability to ensure that success.

Sincerely,

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