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LLSA PROGRAMMING 2015-2016

Professional Development:

2015-16 LLSA Mentoring Program: Incoming 1Ls are paired with working professionals across Chicago and participate in career-oriented programming to help them address resume-building, interviews, and summer employment, etc., all while fostering personal connections and building their professional network. LLSA will be encouraging all of our new 1L members to join the Mentoring Program. Sponsorship will reach a greater number of students and provide the hosting firm with unparalleled outreach opportunities. Last year's events included a Welcome Reception, Employment Panel and Reception, and a Year-End Dinner. We look forward to working with our firm partners to create another great set of events this year.

1L Professional and Academic Sessions: LLSA hosts several academic sessions in which both faculty and upper-year students respond to questions regarding outlining, test-taking, stress relief, and time management. These academic panels create a forum for 1Ls to ask questions and address concerns central to their success in their first-year courses and exams. The professional sessions include panels of legal professionals from sponsoring firms and provide students with information on career building, professional etiquette, and strategies for success as diverse attorneys.

Engagement with the Law School Community:

Immigration Lunch Talks: We plan to bring experts on immigration to the Law School for lunchtime talks in which students can probe and discuss the future of immigration reform in the United States and its implications for the Latino population. Topics include unaccompanied child immigrants, executive actions on immigration, farmworkers' rights, and much more.

International Lunch Talks: LLSA will organize professors and outside speakers to discuss human rights and economic development issues in Latin America. This series will bring focus to the global nature of the Latino community.

LLSA Wine Mess: These festivities, hosted in the University of Chicago Law School's Green Lounge, bring together Law School students and faculty to learn Latin dancing in a fun social setting. A salsa dance instructor will guide students through basic steps and later open up the dance floor, all while participants enjoy delicious Latin food and drinks.

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Engaging with the Chicago community:

Explore Chicago: Cultural immersion trips to Chicago's dynamic neighborhoods, such as Humboldt Park, Pilsen, Little Village, and others, will introduce students to Chicago's Latino food and art scene.

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago "Lawyers in the Classroom": LLSA members volunteer to host a mock constitutional law class and later guide students through a mock trial at an elementary school in Humboldt Park. This program increases exposure to the law for under-privileged youth in Chicago.

Katten Legal Clinic Humboldt and Woodlawn Legal Clinic: LLSA members regularly volunteer in groups at clinics to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals, many of whom are Spanish-speaking.

National Immigrant Justice Center: LLSA members have the opportunity to serve individuals in the community while developing real-world skills under attorney supervision by conducting legal screenings for DACA applicants around the Chicago area.