

Law College Council
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To the Class of 2012,

Orientation and the first day of classes are right around the corner and many of you may be wondering about how to become involved on campus. By now you have received letters from my colleagues and me introducing you to the Levin College of Law's many organizations. Depending on your interest and your determination, there are many ways to get involved. On campus, the organizations that are funded under the Law College Council cater to a diverse set of interests. Aviation and Space Law Society, Law Association of Women, Animal Law, The Federalist Society, Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans are just a few examples. Other organizations focus on the multitude of cultures and the endless diversity that our campus offers. These types of organizations include but are by no means are limited too: Spanish American Law Student Association, Black Law Student Association, North American South Asian Law Student Association and Caribbean Law Student Association.

Some Membership is based on competition such as: Trial Team, Moot Court and the many different journals. These competitions or tryouts happen throughout the year and are well publicized via email and announcements. They usually require the participant to prepare predetermined materials and submit them to the organization for review and selection.

The Law College Council and the John Marshall Student Bar Association on the other hand require members of their governing bodies to be elected. The John Marshall Student Bar Association (JMBA) is the Levin College of Law's oldest and largest student organization. JMBA has over 500 members, and is active on campus through social events, community service, and constituent outreach. JMBA will elect four section representatives from each section in the incoming 1L class during the second week of the semester. These representatives will serve on the JMBA General Board, along with 2Ls and 3Ls who were elected last year. JMBA will hold an information session during the first week of the semester for those interested in running for section representative positions. JMBA offers an exciting opportunity for 1Ls to become involved in on-campus leadership during their first year of law school.

Membership on the General Board or as an Executive Officer of the Law College Council is determined by an election in the spring. The election is campus wide, meaning all students are eligible to vote and to run for positions on the Board. Throughout the year, positions may become open on the Law College Council; in that event, the Board itself elects new members during one of its scheduled meetings. I encourage you to attend our meetings, as it is an excellent way to stay abreast of the many different events and organizations on campus.

I have touched upon the available extracurricular activities at Levin College of Law and I hope that I piqued your interest in participating and joining whichever organizations you find the most appealing. Should you have any questions please feel free to email me at ravenx@ufl.edu.

Sincerely,

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Class of 2010
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