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[Return to Home Page](#)**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hey Y'all,

First, allow me to briefly inform all of the "above and beyond the call of duty" efforts of your SAPLA officers and members in finalizing the upcoming Birmingham Conference. First V. P. and Program Chair Erwin Erhardt, Thomas More College, Second V.P. and Fundraising Chair Nim Batchelor, Elon University, and Asst. Dean of Cumberland School of Law and Conference hostess Mitzi Davis, individually and working in concert have put together what will be our APLA's best, most varied, and informative conference to date!! Kudos continue to be heaped on Melanie Nutt and Janet Cromer of Wake Forest Law School who have, for several years now, always been invaluable upfront and behind the scenes workaholics. Gerald Wilson---well Gerald is Gerald, forever upbeat, a wealth of information both historical and current, for all of the APLAs and PLANC--he's a living treasure!! Last in line for thanks and a tip of the hat is Martin Edwards of the University of North Florida. He's done what he said he'd do (with assistance from Melanie and Janet), i.e., he's taken our Newsletter to a much higher level.

My second topic is a report on the annual PLANC Spring meeting generously hosted by the Law Services folk in Newtown, PA. Beth Cobb O'Neil, Assoc. Executive Director for Admission, Education and Prelaw Programs once again put together "power meetings" of and for the APLAs and LSAC. Details are elsewhere herein. (Nice lawyerlike phrase huh?)

Items of interest follow for those just getting on board and for those like myself who are finding it more and more difficult to juggle responsibilities as institutional downsizing continues with resulting workload increases for those of us fortunate to survive. The applicant pool has decreased again, the 6th straight year. There were 88.6K ABA applicants in 1991-92, this year's applicants total approximately 71K which means there are about one and one-half applicants per first year ABA seats. Be careful in your current and future advising sessions. The well known and tradition-rich schools are not as affected by these demographic forces as are the less well known and or relatively new ABA schools. Thus, the length, use, and duration of the old and infamous "waiting list" has increased dramatically as has the use of scholarship, grant and other economic and enrollment incentives offered to applicants. The adversely affected schools are having to work harder to fill their first year seats and also protect their prior years mean UGPA and LSAT from decline.

Though the substantial applicant pool decline is bad news for our APLA law school admission colleagues it is good news to many of our advisees. These market forces mean some of our people, who didn't have a prayer for a second tier school or admission into any ABA school six years ago, are not only "gettin' in" but some are even being offered or are unabashedly soliciting economic assistance from increasingly competitive ABA schools. Because I don't see any significant increase in upcoming years applicant pools we may loose a few less affluent ABA schools during this "shake out" period.

**What's New!***SAPLA Fall Meeting:*

[October 5th - 7th
St. Thomas Law School
Miami, FL](#)

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Add to the demographic-caused applicant pool decline the harsh reality being reported nationwide, i.e., the great decrease in the numbers of first year minority applicants and the decline in those meeting bottomline admission requirements. This is especially true in California and 5th Circuit ABA schools who have been directly impacted by the now famous or infamous California propositions and Hopwood decision. The diversity essential for a thorough legal education is a tragic, even if unintended, consequence of this move away from affirmative action and toward merit consideration only. There are definitely two sides to this issue--give it your best thinking cap consideration--more discussion and exchange in Birmingham!

All of the above dovetails into the increasing applicant reliance on the U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of law schools. This absurd and ridiculous money making issue has caused a rankings race which is unprecedented, unneeded and unwanted. The "rankings god" and this particular issue must be resisted and boldly countered. Not only have previous issues been misleading they've also been DEAD WRONG. Furthermore, times have changed. The degree from the prestige school, though still important (especially for the first job) is not as important as it was in years past. Most importantly we are all aware that a degree from a prestige school or any school for that matter does not a good lawyer make!

Thanks for your time--issues herein are too important to be too brief. Lots to discuss and learn about in Birmingham. By the way, if you haven't had the genuine pleasure of hearing Morris Dees speak, his keynote speech will in and of itself be worth your time and dollars. Finally, don't forget we do have a reputation to protect among our 5 APLA brothers and sisters--we (SAPLA) focus and work hard during daylight hours only!!! Some of the best times are the PARTIES, (or should I say interpersonal development and evening intellectual exchange opportunities). Bring your work clothes and your party clothes--see Y'ALL soon!
Carpe Diem!
Joe G. Chaney, Jr.
President, SAPLA

P.S. Have I told you about my first grandchild!?!?!?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE 1st VICE- PRESIDENT

The Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors is looking forward to its annual fall meeting which is being held this year at Samford University's Cumberland Law School September 26-28. This year's conference will emphasize two themes: "ethics and pre-law advising" as well as "utilization of new technologies in pre-law advising." The latter has been put together by our resident computer expert and 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Nim Batchelor. He has also established a web site on the Internet for SAPLA which you will soon be hearing more about.

The highlight of this year's conference involves a private reception and tour of the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham. Mitzi Davis has worked hard to arrange this special event which certainly cannot be missed. In addition to this, we will have a variety of panels ranging from "Law School Financing" to "Achieving Diversity" to our more traditional and popular sessions such as "New" and "Seasoned Pre-Law Advisors." One session of particular interest to this author is the "Mock Admissions Committee" in which we will break up into groups and decide from a selected pool of "applicants" whom we would choose to admit to law school. The dynamics of this session should be quite interesting.

On behalf of the SAPLA Board, I hope you have a very pleasant summer and hope that you will make every effort to attend this Fall's SAPLA Conference. If I can provide you with any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact me via my summer voice mail at (513) 244-9939. I will return your call within twenty-four hours. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Erwin F. Erhardt, III, Ph.D. 1st Vice-President, SAPLA

Biographical Note

Erwin F. Erhardt, III, Ph.D.

Thomas More College

Erwin F. Erhardt, III recently completed his Ph.D. in History at the University of Cincinnati. His dissertation was entitled War Aims for the Workforce: British Workers

Newsreels During the Second World War. He has also recently had two papers accepted for presentation at fall conferences: one at the Ohio Valley History Conference being held at Austin Peay and the other at the European Studies Conference being held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. In addition to his continuing work on British film propaganda during World War II, he has recently been invited to take part in an economic history of the bicycle industry with Joseph Gallo, the Head, and Dr. Donald Wellington, of the Department of Economics at the University of Cincinnati. On the lighter side, Erhardt is currently enjoying his tenth season coaching AA Baseball (16/17 year olds) in Cincinnati this summer.

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Interview with Ted Mosch, University of Tennessee, Martin

by Martin Edwards, The University of North Florida

One of the veteran pre-law advisors of the SAPLA region is Theodore "Ted" Mosch, who served as SAPLA's President during the 1993-94 academic year.

Ted spent his youth in the State of Wisconsin where he developed a healthy appetite for outdoor activities including fishing and hiking. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Ripon College, he secured a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin. Ted then ventured west to the University of Oklahoma where he received his Doctorate.

Ted joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee-Martin in the early 1970's and immediately became involved as a pre-law advisor. His continual service to that institution was interrupted for a five year return stint to the United States Army. Ted has spent twelve years in military services, and in the years of 1983-88 served as a Colonel in Military Intelligence and worked with NATO. Ted left the Army in 1988 and resumed his teaching career at Tennessee-Martin shortly thereafter.

Upon his return he recalled receiving a brochure from SAPLA and soon after, attended his first SAPLA session in 1989. Ted said, "I found the meeting extremely worthwhile and decided to continue on. It was very beneficial to me and my students. I continue to this day to find it very helpful."

Ted soon became actively involved in SAPLA functions, became an officer, and assumed the Presidency during the 1993-94 academic year. "During my year in office, we focused on participation. We participated with PLANC, visited Newtown, and resumed old friendships with other advisors."

Ted has observed many changes in pre-law advising over the past three decades. "The competition is certainly much greater" he states. "The competition among students to secure a seat in law school is much more intense." Another major development Ted has observed in recent years is the computer usage in terms of applications and networking. "This has become very interesting to observe" he states with a wry smile.

Ted still teaches four courses per semester at Tennessee-Martin, and serves as pre-law advisor to approximately one hundred and fifty undergraduates. In addition, he attends as many SAPLA functions as possible.

When asked what advice he would impart to a new pre-law advisor he is emphatic, "Start with the student as early in the student's academic career as possible. And have career alternatives in mind throughout the advising process." Ted thought pensively for a moment and continued, "Once you have made the commitment as a pre-law advisor you are more or less taken for granted by the institution. Every pre-law advisor should join SAPLA for the obvious benefits."

Other pre-law advisors point out that the dedicated leadership of Ted Mosch helped SAPLA grow and thrive during the 1990's. Current SAPLA leaders are quick to point out that Ted is always available to them for advice on the direction SAPLA might chart in the future. They consider themselves fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced leader available for consultation. It is because of people like Ted Mosch that SAPLA has become what it is today.

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Interview with Paul Weber University of Louisville

by Martin Edwards, The University of North Florida

One of the earliest leaders in the rise of SAPLA was Paul Weber, who has been the pre-law advisor at the University of Louisville since 1976.

Paul received his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees from St. Louis University, and attained his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Chicago.

After spending two years on the faculty of Marquette University, Paul joined the faculty at Louisville and has remained there for the past twenty-one years. During that time he rose from an Assistant Professor to become Department Chair of Political Science in 1988, and remains the Chair at the present time.

Paul remembers becoming the pre-law advisor at Louisville in 1976 and has noted many changes in pre-law advising during the past twenty years. "The rise and fall in law school interest" was one observation he made. "At present the good relationship between law school admission people and pre-law advisors is amazing. They all have been so very cooperative."

He received a letter from Jerry Pubantz and Gerald Wilson concerning the formation of SAPLA, and joined on almost immediately. "It was their enthusiasm that got me involved, and I've never regretted it for a moment," Paul reflects. "The growth has been constant, yet there has been somewhat of a turn-over," Paul observes. "Schools come and go. It really depends upon the individual not the school." As SAPLA has grown, a definite core of constant leadership has developed, around such originators as Gerald Wilson, Jerry Pubantz, Sam McKinstry, Rodney Grunes, and Eugene Rasor. Most remain active today and others, such as Paul have taken up the slack and provided additional leadership.

Several years ago Paul became somewhat disturbed about some unhappy lawyers he came into contact with. That prompted him to author an article about "Would You Be Happy As A Lawyer." He presented a rough draft of the article at a SAPLA meeting, and it was enthusiastically received.

This author, a political scientist specializing in law, hands a copy of the article to practically every pre-law student he advises. It contains a wealth of thought-provoking and stimulating ideas about what lies ahead in the practice of law-many practical observations well worth considering. If you don't have a copy of the article, Paul will be happy to furnish it on request. He is proud of the effort that went into the article, and how well received it has become.

"You know," Paul recently reflected, "Pre-law advising has become much more sophisticated. Gaining admission into law school has become highly competitive, and we have moved into the realm of technological utilization. Who knows what lies in store for the future." Paul paused for a moment and continued, "One thing is certain however, the SAPLA leadership and active members will always remain very cooperative with one another. That's one tradition we are all proud we've established within SAPLA."

This is a recurrent theme among former SAPLA Presidents. The spirit of cooperativeness continues to guide SAPLA into the future. It is that spirit that has helped SAPLA become one of the outstanding advising organizations in the nation.

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THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN MOCK TRIAL ASSOCIATION

by Martin Edwards, The University of North Florida

One of the more recent developments in pre-law undergraduate training and education has been the proliferation of teams participating in mock trial intercollegiate competition. Many schools in the SAPLA region have garnered national and regional awards in the competition, and SAPLA members have consistently fielded top ten teams during past years. Such schools as Middle Tennessee State University under the guidance of Tom VanderVoot, Kennsaw State University, guided by Helen Ridley, Florida A& M University, directed by Richard Moore, and Rhodes College, coached by Marcus Pohlmann, have attained national recognition in recent tournaments.

In an attempt to find out more about intercollegiate mock trial competition, I contacted Richard M. Calkins, a practicing attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, who was also associated with Drake Law School, to learn how national intercollegiate competition developed. Here is what I learned.

College Mock trial commenced in 1985 as a recruiting tool for Drake Law School, located on the outskirts of Des Moines. Other law schools had budgets to fly in pre-law advisors for visits. Drake, on the other hand, had no such budget. In the mid-1980's,

Calkins invited area advisors to drive in for a weekend visit, only a few came.

Having helped originate high school tournaments, Calkins then decided to start a college tournament, hoping to lure advisors to his campus along with their competing teams.

The first year of competition was 1985. Twelve teams from eight schools arrived. Although this was a major disappointment to Calkins and his sponsors, they decided to try again. In 1986 they had a hit on their hands, twenty-eight teams from 17 schools arrived, and a major tournament was on its way.

Ten years later, over two hundred teams from 115 schools participated in twelve regionals. New teams were fielded by schools such as Harvard, Yale, Brown, Duke, Georgia Tech and Georgetown. All competed in regionals, hoping to win a berth in the national tournaments, the "Gold Division," held the last weekend in March, in Des Moines, or the "Silver Flight Division," conducted a week or so earlier in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Calkins, who now has the assistance of a legion of over three hundred volunteers, formed The American Mock Trial Association ten years ago. The volunteers primarily consist of college professors and practicing attorneys. The stated goal of AMTA is "to teach college students public speaking skills and an appreciation for the U.S. Legal system."

AMTA, incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization, now has a national board, which runs the entire program for the nation. There are 14 board members from across the nation, including representatives from Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Kentucky.

Each year a law firm is recruited to write up a detailed case. A case scenario will include a two or three-page fact pattern, and various one or two-page witness statements are included, along with pages of local laws or ordinances. In every odd-numbered year, the trial is criminal in nature, even-numbered years have civil trials. Each case is mailed out to participating schools in the Fall.

Schools have various formats for team selection. At Boston University, for example, last year, over 100 students "tried out" for team membership. A team consists of three attorneys, three witnesses, and a timer. Mock trials are conducted within the guidelines and format provided by AMTA.

Today the national tournament in Des Moines is sponsored by the Iowa Supreme Court, the Iowa Bar Association, and the Young Lawyers Division of Iowa. A two-judge panel evaluates each performer, based upon a ten-point rating system. Each "attorney" and "witness" must participate twice during the trial, which usually lasts an hour and a half, with specified time limits for opening statements, direct and cross-examination, and closing arguments. The judges then "retire" to deliberate the ultimate victor, based upon the point system. The judges included retired justices of the Iowa Supreme Court, numerous Circuit Court judges, law school professors, and practicing attorneys. After the judges vote, their points are tallied on official point sheets, and sent to a tabulation room. There, (schools assigned numbers to insure impartiality) learn their fate. In all, each school competes in four trials, therefore, the best won-loss record would be 8-0.

On Sunday afternoon, the best teams are announced, and ten All-American attorneys and another ten "All-American" witnesses are declared. Plaques are handed out at a well-attended luncheon at the downtown Marriott Hotel. Afterwards, the two best teams square off in competition, in an overcrowded courtroom in the Iowa Supreme Court building. "Students not only learn about our court system but they learn many personal skills in communicating, analyzing, and questioning," Calkins says. "Many students say it is the most meaningful experience for them in college."

Some schools have instituted mock trial undergraduate course offerings. Helen Ridley of Kennesaw State is one of the pioneer teachers of such courses. Her school annually fields at least two competing teams, so do such veteran competitors as Middle Tennessee State, Rhodes, and Florida A & M. During the past several years, SAPLA region teams have appeared from Georgia Tech, the University of North Florida, and Miami.

This writer created a Mock Trial undergraduate course offering two years ago at his own institution. This summer will be the third time the course will have been taught, and there is now an established waiting list of students, lining up to take the course. Most of our team's mock trial attorneys and witnesses emerge from this classroom experience. In our first year, our team was fortunate enough to finish among the top six teams in the Southeastern Region and won a bid to the "Gold Division" in Des

Moines. Also invited was South Carolina- Spartanburg. Their first round competition was Yale. We drew Georgetown. Everything broke right for our team and we won both judges decisions in a decisive victory over the Hoyas. The team was jubilant. I can attest to the fact that for these undergraduates, the thrill of that victory was among the highlights of their undergraduate experiences. Two days later the team won the coveted "Best New Team in America" award. That alone, was worth all the effort.

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A Book Review
of
Jonathan Harr's
A Civil Action

by Nim Batchelor

Director of the Pre-Law Program

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In November of 1964 the city of Woburn, Massachusetts began pumping drinking water from wells drilled in an area between the W.R. Grace factory and the Riley Tannery. The residents noticed the difference immediately. Their water tasted funny and it smelled bad. Complaints were registered, but for several years, very little was done about it. By late 1979, community activists were aware of twelve local cases of childhood leukemia. Such a cluster shattered the probabilities. There must be some factor--recently introduced, common to all victims, and distinctive of Woburn--that was causing these illnesses. Could these companies have illegally dumped toxic waste near the wells and polluted the water?

A Civil Action is an exceptionally well written and compelling account of attorney Jan Schlichtmann's heroic representation of aggrieved and bereaved families. Harr's smooth and accessible narrative follows this case from the pre-trial investigations and legal maneuverings through the trial and beyond. Harr helps us to understand the monumental challenges that Schlichtmann faced in this case. His greatest challenge was to prove (to the satisfaction of legal standards) that low-level exposure to the trichloroethylene can cause childhood leukemia. He also need to prove: (1) that the Grace and Riley companies were responsible for dumping the pollutant, (2) that it was possible for the pollutant to enter the water table from where they had dumped it, and (3) that their actions made them liable for damages.

Beyond the riveting legal intricacies, this is also a story about how dedication can evolve into compulsion, how commitment can lead to the brink of bankruptcy, and how a young, talented, and enthusiastic attorney can be driven completely from the legal profession. It is this aspect of Harr's book that makes it especially worthy of recommendation to prelaw students.

An important step in deciding whether or not to join a particular profession involves vividly imagining yourself in the midst of that form of life. This is typically done only broadly and vaguely. Reading *A Civil Action* will help prelaw students to engage in this imaginative projection exercise with greater particularity and with respect to a broader range of possible experiences. Specifically, this story will guide students to ask questions like, "Do I have the strengths of personality and traits of character that will allow me to flourish in the legal profession?" "Will I thrive on making high-pressure high-stakes decisions or will I develop ulcers, indulge in self-doubt, and eventually burn out in this profession?" And, perhaps most importantly, "Do I have what it takes to be happy and successful in a given legal specialty?"

It is important for students to recognize that there are numerous sub-specialties within the legal profession and that some sets of skills and personality traits are better suited than others for a particular role. Three years of legal education will undoubtedly increase one's skills and personal confidence, but only a fool would ignore the limits of one's personality type and personal preferences. Reading a book like *A Civil Action* can promote the development of the kind of self-understanding that enables one to make choices that play to one's strengths. Presumably choices made in light of such self-

knowledge will increase the chances of having a successful and happy legal career.

A Civil Action is an exceedingly entertaining book and I would recommend it to anyone interested in what it is like to work within the American legal system. But, more importantly, this book is one of those special few that can play a positive role in the imaginative projection process that students should engage in prior to embarking on the perilous and exciting journey into the legal profession.

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TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS

by Richard Poland, J.D. Flagler College

It's not that five years on the job qualifies me as an "Old Pro" among Pre-Law Advisors. Rather, promises were made at the PLANC Meeting in Orlando last June to Editor Marty. (Were we sober at the time?)

When I became a Pre-Law Advisor at Flagler College during the Spring semester of 1993, I would have appreciated a few friendly suggestions from someone in the business. It is in that spirit that I write this article. After all, I was advising students and directing the Pre-Law Program for two years before I heard about SAPLA.

This article will focus on the nuts and bolts of a Pre-Law Program rather than on advising. Most of us have developed a philosophy about what constitutes good advice. "Forget cost and go to the best Law School that admits you, young man." Or, "Major in Philosophy or English, young woman." Each of us has our favorite litany.

Because large universities and small colleges have different cultures, these suggestions are not for everyone. With that disclaimer in mind, let me offer the following suggestions for building a solid Pre-Law Program.

First of all, it's important to offer your serious students a course using a first year law school text. Have a lawyer who is effective at using the Socratic Method teach the course. While it is impossible to duplicate the law school setting, this course gives your students some idea about studying the law. Finding the appropriate law school text is a difficult task. I like *Legal Method and Process* because it covers several substantive areas of law and because it teaches students to brief and synthesize cases. A course which teaches the rudiments of legal writing and research is also useful, if you have the appropriate resources. My students tell me that Internships in a law office are worthwhile experiences. It takes time to build a bank of legal internships, but the effort pays great rewards for your students. Believe it or not, most lawyers are eager to have free help.

Having a program of speakers throughout the academic year offers the pre-law student an opportunity for different perspectives on the legal profession. Practitioners, judges, law school deans, and other attorneys are usually willing to talk with your students and answer their questions.

Visiting the local court house to observe a trial, an arraignment, or a small-claims hearing also affords a unique learning experience for the pre-law student. Court personnel are eager to accommodate groups of students.

There are a number of other things which you can do, at little or no cost, to build your Pre-Law Program. Given appropriate notice, law schools are always willing to let your students attend a class. Kaplan and other LSAT preparation groups are willing to administer mock LSAT exams on your campus.

There's more to tell, but I can't give up all my trade secrets. At least not until after our next National Conference in the year 2000. See you there.

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Sam W. McKinstry, Associate Professor Department of Political Science East Tennessee State University

Due to the resignation of Cassandra Newby from her position as Representative at Large on the SAPLA Board, Sam McKinstry, former president of our organization, has been nominated and approved by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy immediately. We welcome Sam back to the Executive Board with great enthusiasm, knowing that we will profit from his experience and wisdom.

SAPLA RESOLUTION

The following resolution was proposed at the SAPLA Board meeting held in February. It will be voted on by the full executive board at its meeting in Birmingham this coming September. The resolution states as follows:

"In accordance with the proposed PLANC resolution, SAPLA believes that it is a conflict of interest for academic pre-law advisors to participate in commercially sponsored pre-law advising events. The SAPLA Board thus proposes that: 'BE IT RESOLVED THAT SAPLA members shall not identify themselves as a representative of SAPLA nor imply endorsement or official connection between the event sponsors and SAPLA. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SAPLA members are discouraged from participating in commercial pre-law advising activity and are not endorsed by the SAPLA executive board.' "

SAPLA RESOLUTION

At its March meeting the SAPLA Executive Committee voted to recommend the following to the SAPLA membership. "Resolved that effective for the 1997-98 academic year, annual dues shall be \$35 for Undergraduate Pre-Law Advisors and \$50 for law school representatives."

This recommendation will be presented for a vote at the business meeting of the organization in Birmingham.

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SAPLA CONFERENCE AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1997

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY, BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

FRIDAY SEPT. 26

9:00 a.m.	golf	Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail (Oxmoor Valley) optional
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		Recruiting Fair - Samford University
Noon		Executive Board Luncheon - Summit Club
2:00-6:00 p.m.		Registration - Sheraton Birmingham
3:30-4:45		Film: "Trouble with Lawyers" and discussion. Moderator--Erwin Erhardt Thomas More College
4:45 --		Moderator -- Mitzi Davis (Cumberland School of Law) Student Panel "What I wish I had known!" - Cumberland School of Law Cumberland, Vanderbilt, Emory and Georgia law students share their personal experiences
6:30		Cocktail reception and Dinner Birmingham Civil Rights Museum

***** KEYNOTE SPEAKER *****

MORRIS DEES

founder of the

Southern Poverty Law Center

Introduction --The Honorable Albert P. Brewer

Distinguished Professor of Law and Government at

Cumberland School of Law, and former Governor and Lieutenant

Governor of the State of Alabama

10:30-Midnight	Hospitality Room (Sheraton)
SATURDAY SEPT. 27	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Sheraton)
8:45	Busses depart for Cumberland School of Law
9:15-10:30	Newcomers Workshop (Cumberland S of L) Moderator - Gerald Wilson (Duke) Mary Ann Reed Bowen (Ole Miss) Jane Elza (Valdosta) Rodney Grunes (Centenary)
	Seasoned Advisors Workshop Moderator - David Mann (Charleston) Charles Holmes (Tougaloo) Richard Poland (Flagler) Helen Horton (Emory)
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	New Technologies\Old Wisdom (Cumberland S of L, Moot Courtroom) Moderator, Nim Batchelor (Elon University) Beth O'Neil (Law Services) Diane Wade (Computer Librarian)
12:30-1:30	Lunch - Rotunda Club
1:45-3:00 p.m.	Break out sessions
	1. Expanding Role of the Pre-Law Adv. Moderator - Sam McKinstry (E. Tenn. State) Nim Batchelor (Elon University) Mark Baggett (Samford)
	2. Mock Admissions Committee Rick Geiger (Cornell) Lynell Carney (Emory) Bryan Fair (U. of Alabama)
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-4:30	Break out sessions
	1. Money Matters Michael Patrick (U of Florida) Melanie Nutt (Wake Forest)
	2. Achieving Diversity Ed Tom (U. of California-Berkeley) Camille deJorna (Univ. of Iowa) Richard Moore (Florida A and M)
4:30	Busses depart for Sheraton Hotel
6:30-8:00	Reception -- Coctail/Buffer (Alabama SportsHall of Fame)
8:00-10:00	Hospitality Room - (Sheraton)
SUNDAY SEPT. 27	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Sheraton)
8:15 a.m.	SAPLA Business Meeting
9:00-10:00	Executive Board Meeting

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HOTEL INFORMATION

SAPLA has a block of rooms reserved at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel Reservation requests should be submitted before Aug. 27, 1997 (This is due to the fact that U. of Alabama football game is in town that weekend).

Single \$88
Double \$98
Triple \$108
Quad \$118

Hotel reservations can be made by calling: 1-205-307-3000

Directions:
Exit 22nd Street on I-20/59 East or West.
Hotel located on the corner of 9th Ave. North and Civic Center Boulevard.

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Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors
 Membership - September 30, 1997 - October 1, 1998
 Conference Registration Form
 September 26 - September 28, 1997

Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Dues: \$15 Pre-Law Advisors
 \$35 law schools \$ _____

Conference Registration:
 \$ 75 Pre-Law Advisor
 \$125 law school and others \$ _____
 Additional Representatives Names (\$ _____ each)

Meals for additional guests:

Friday Reception/Dinner
 @ \$40 per person \$ _____
 Saturday/Sunday Breakfast
 @ \$20 per person \$ _____
 Saturday Cocktail Buffet
 @ \$15 per person \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate any special needs (access, diet, etc.)

_____ I will attend the Friday evening reception/dinner

_____ I am interested in playing golf Friday morning (green fees plus golf cart are \$64 per person.)

Make checks payable to: SAPLA

Mail to: Melanie E. Nutt, Treasurer
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