Dear LSU Law Center Incoming Class,

CONGRATULATIONS on your admission to the LSU Law Center! This is certainly a time for celebration and I hope that you are enjoying it to the fullest! As you prepare to embark on your first semester here at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, I want not only to welcome you, but to offer you an opportunity! As aspiring professionals you may wish to consider using some part of your effort and abilities for the benefit of the community around you, as well as get a productive break from classes. And that is where we come in.

The LSU Law Center’s Public Interest Law Society:

Founded in 2005, the LSU Law Center’s Public Interest Law Center (PILS) is student-run organization which provides law students opportunities for volunteer community service and pro bono legal work in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the legal community as a whole. PILS is more than just another student club. Rather, it is an integral aspect of the Law Center’s educational mission, one that is directly supported by the Law Center administration.

PILS is headed by a student Board, elected each year by our entire student membership. The Board consists of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the IT/Publicity chair, and the Chairs of our four operating committees:

- **The Pro Bono Committee**: Organizes opportunities for students to assist in providing legal services to those in need. Currently we are working with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and the Baton Rouge Bar Association’s Thirst for Justice program aid in providing legal advice and services for the indigent. This coming year we will also be working with CASA or “Court Appointed Special Advocates” for Children, who give volunteers training to advocate in court for children in the court system who are the victims of abuse or neglect.

- **The Community Service Committee**: Organizes opportunities to do non-legal-related community service work. This committee organizes a school-wide Day of Service each semester. Last year we participated in LSU’s first Dance Marathon, where the LSU Law PILS Team raised over $5,000 for the children of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. We also work with Habitat for Humanity and many other service organizations.

- **The Educational Outreach Committee**: Organizes law students to teach basic legal concepts to teens and others. Our students teach Street Law programs in local high schools, and train students to assist at the local Teen Court diversion program. This committee also organizes opportunities for law students to mentor and tutor needy elementary students in basic reading and math skills, through the Everybody Reads and Everyone Counts programs.

- **The Fellowship Committee**: Assists students in finding opportunities to do pro bono work during summer and after graduation, by working with the administration to sponsor students in attending the national public interest career fair held each fall by Equal Justice Works, and by organizing and hosting our own Public Interest Career Fair each spring. This committee also administers the process by which the Law Center directly funds LSU law students doing otherwise unpaid pro bono legal work during the summer.

All of these committees will be accepting new members this fall if you are interested in getting involved!

**What Are the Benefits of Joining PILS?**

**Email**: lsupils@gmail.com

**Web**: www.lsupils.com
Joining PILS is a great way to meet fellow students and professors, to begin practicing legal skills, to meet local government and public interest-oriented attorneys, and to interact with important professional organizations like the Baton Rouge Bar Association, with whom we work. Not to mention, accruing hours can earn you rewards at graduation, resume references and talking points, as well as an invitation to our annual crawfish boil!

How Can You Join PILS?

All it takes to join PILS is to participate in one or more of our programs!

- Come to our monthly general membership meetings. Here you can meet our current PILS officers and fellow students who share a desire to use their skills for the benefit of others, hear about upcoming projects, and sign up to participate. Our first meeting will be held at the beginning of the school year. Be sure to look for the signs with the official date of our first PILS meeting at orientation!

- Join one of our committees. It is our committee members who lead existing projects and generate ideas for new ones!

- Above all, sign up for and work with us on one or more of our volunteer projects. One day that you can set aside right now is Saturday, August 29th. As is indicated in the accompanying flyer, this is the day for our Fall Day of Service. There will be lots of other opportunities as well, which will be announced as the semester goes on! You can find them at our meetings, on our website www.lsupils.com or on our bulletin board!

Want More Information?

If you’d like more information, you can:

- Come by our table at the Organization Fair held during Orientation!
- Come to our first General Membership Meeting!
- Visit our website at www.lsupils.com!
- Contact any of the PILS Board:

  PRESIDENT: Lauren Bradberry
  COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR: Sara Richard
  PRO BONO CHAIRS: Gabrielle Alessi-Friedlander
  Kiara Taite
  FELLOWSHIP CHAIR: Genevieve Leslie
  YOUTH OUTREACH CHAIR: Joshua Cox
  SECRETARY/TREASURER: Michelle Kornblith
  IT/PUBLICITY CHAIR: Bette Solomon
  FACULTY ADVISOR: Professor John Devlin

Congratulations again, I cannot wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Lauren Bradberry
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