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Salutations:

The members of the Black Law Students Association extend a warm greeting to all of our Alumni as we prepare to embark upon another exciting year at the Law School. We are equally thrilled to announce that the incoming Class of 2008 will include 13 African-American students. This means continued growth for our Chapter. In response, the 2005-2006 BLSA Executive Board is working on several new initiatives, including an outreach program for Chicago-area youth, more innovative lectures and programs, an updated website, a quarterly electronic newsletter, and the creation of a multi-cultural initiative with other minority organizations at The Law School, just to name a few. Please anticipate more information regarding these ventures in the coming weeks.

However, in addition to these new projects, we would like to continue with the traditional events that have strengthened our organization in the past. The **BLSA Mentoring Program** is one such tradition. The Mentoring Program will pair you with a first-year BLSA member, essentially creating an informal networking system through which we hope to foster personal and professional connections between you and the next generation of University of Chicago lawyers. To keep up with our ever increasing number of students, we need each and every Chicago-area alum's participation. Please take a few minutes to complete the attached Mentor Form and return it, by fax, to Leslie Hauser (fax: 773/702.0356). (Please note: only the cover sheet will be given to your BLSA mentee, after pairing, to facilitate initial contact).

We also request that you save the date, **Thursday, November 3, 2005**, for our annual **Alumni Cocktail Reception**. You will receive a formal invitation by mail in the near future, which will provide all event details. If you decide to participate in the BLSA Mentoring Program, this reception will be the venue through which you will meet your mentee.

BLSA will continue to keep in contact with you throughout the year as new information becomes available and as events are planned. However, please feel free to contact me directly at anytime with suggestions or ideas (i.e. if you would be interested in speaking on a topic at one of our monthly meetings, if your place of employment would like to interface somehow with BLSA, etc.). The interaction between BLSA and our alumni is part of how we measure our success, so we certainly appreciate your time and support. Again, we look forward to an exciting and productive year and hope to see all of you soon.

Sincerely,

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