

**The Earl B. Dickerson Chapter of the  
BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
The University of Chicago  
The Law School**

Greetings BLSA Members, Alumni and Friends,

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the Earl B. Dickerson Chapter of the Black Law Student Association hopes build upon the success of the organization and increase our impact at The Law School and in the Chicago community. We hope that each of you will continue to be active participants, advisors, and supporters of our chapter. This year we will continue BLSA's core initiatives for student and faculty diversity, alumni relations, career development, and community service. Here are just a few areas on which we will be focusing this year:

**Critical Exploration of Race Debate Series**

This series will provide an in-depth analysis of issues that are affecting the African-American community and the nation as a whole. Prominent public figures and academics will be invited to The Law School throughout the year to engage in a critical discussion and debate about matters such as the Voting Rights Act and public education and housing initiatives. We hope to draw national attention to this series by involving C-SPAN and other media outlets. Please contact BLSA President Euler Bropleh if you would like to be involved in the series ([Ebroleh@uchicago.edu](mailto:Ebroleh@uchicago.edu)).

**Earl B. Dickerson Distinguished Professor of Law Endowment**

As part of our continuing tribute to Earl B. Dickerson ('20), the first black graduate of The Law School, we will commence the efforts to create an endowment for the Earl B. Dickerson Distinguished Professor of Law. Upon completion, the endowed position will be held by a legal scholar whose research focuses on Critical Race Theory. We encourage alumni and friends to contribute towards establishing the endowment in Mr. Dickerson's honor. Please contact BLSA Treasurer Shani Fregia if you would like to find out more about the endowment ([Fregia@uchicago.edu](mailto:Fregia@uchicago.edu)).

**Commemoration of Thurgood Marshall**

2007 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Justice Marshall's appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. To commemorate this occasion, BLSA will host a series of events with some of Justice Marshall's former clerks, including Cass Sunstein. These events will provide valuable insights to Justice Marshall's visions and accomplishments through the eyes of those who worked closely with him during his twenty-four years on the bench of the nation's highest court. Please contact BLSA Vice-President Matt McCarthy if you would like to find out more about this program ([Mattmcc@uchicago.edu](mailto:Mattmcc@uchicago.edu)).

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**Community Involvement**

Our Community Relations Chair, Ebba Gebisa ([Egebisa@uchicago.edu](mailto:Egebisa@uchicago.edu)), is coordinating with several community organizations to ensure that the chapter continues to display our commitment to helping the surrounding community. BLSA will assist the Rainbow/Push Coalition with several of its service outreach programs that seek to make the American dream a reality for people of color. We will continue our involvement with the Collegiate Scholars Program (CSP), **an initiative that encourages talented, minority high-school students from Chicago to attend top-ranked undergraduate institutions and helps prepare them for the rigors of higher education**, the Boys and Girls Club, and Lutheran Children Services. Please contact Ebba if you would like to get involved or have suggestions for other ways that we can be of service to our community.

In addition to the aforementioned activities, BLSA has a host of events and initiatives that we are planning. You may find out more about the organization and our planned activities through our website (<http://blsa.uchicago.edu>). Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to get involved with our organization in any manner.

Finally, I would like to congratulate five of our members who were recently invited to join journals: Josh Sellers (*Law Review*), Shani Fregia, Ebba Gebisa, and Sherrod Thaxton (*Legal Forum*), and Veronica Root (*Chicago Journal of International Law*). We are very proud of their achievements and support them, and all of our members, in their successes.

Again, we thank all of you for your past and future support. We will be in touch throughout the year.

Yours truly,

***Euler Bropleh***

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