Hey guys,

It’s hard to believe we’re nearing the end of semester. Law Dinner was a blast last Friday night – we hope those who attended laughed hard and partied hard. Many thanks again to Peter Creighton for MC’ing one last time. This week is looking a little more quiet. There are still employment opportunities to keep an eye out for plus jumpers are still available for ordering (this will close soon though). They look set to cost around $27 for final years and $25 for non-final years.

Today at 1pm is the Law Society information session as well. More information is below.

Finally, the launch of Smallfish is this Thursday! Tickets are on sale…hurry and secure a ticket! The profession has been showing great interest in this so it really is a fantastic way for you all to meet them.

Alex Pieniazek
Blackstone President 2008

1. SOCIAL
Queries about any of our social events can be directed to our Social VP, Jon Crabtree: svp@blackstone.asn.au

   a) Blake Dawson Law Ball
   The annual Law Ball date has been confirmed so whack the 15th August into your diaries now! To help prepare for the big day, we’re looking for hardworking, creative and enthusiastic people to join our ball sub-committee. We’re still looking for helpers! Express your interest now by sending an email to Jon Crabtree on svp@blackstone.asn.au

2. CAREERS
Queries about careers initiatives can be directed to Careers VP, Elizabeth Houghton: careersvp@blackstone.asn.au

   a) Smallfish is HERE!!! Smallfish Launch
   Smallfish is an exciting new program run through the Blackstone Society. The program aims to encourage and facilitate relationships between younger year law students and recent law graduates. Social events and networking functions will be organised through the program, with the intention being to give students exposure to the legal profession in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

   The smallfish launch will be held on Thursday 22nd May at Captain Stirling, Nedlands from 6:30-9:00. Tickets are $10 for members and $15 for non-members. Price includes food, some drinks and a chance to win some fantastic door prizes!

   b) Law Society Information Session
   Today, Tuesday 20th May the Law Society of WA and the Country Lawyers Graduate Program are holding an information session at 1pm in the Law LT. The Law Society will be speaking about their role, what they do and the benefits of being a member of the Society.

   The Country Lawyers Graduate Program is a joint initiative between the Law Society of Western Australia, Legal Aid WA, Community Legal Centres, the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services. The program is administered by Legal Aid WA. The project, which is...
supported by the State and Commonwealth governments, is aimed at improving the recruitment and retention of lawyers in regional and remote areas by recruiting, developing and rotating junior solicitors throughout regional Western Australia.

Recruitment to the program takes place through the normal selection process for Articled Clerks and provides a 4 year fast-track professional development opportunity.

c) State Solicitor’s Office Information Session
The State Solicitor's Office is a leading legal service provider offering a broad range of legal services and advice to the Western Australian Government and government departments, instrumentalities and statutory corporations.

Lawyers from the State Solicitor's Office invite you to attend an information session for UWA Law students Tuesday 27th May 2008 at 1pm in the Law Lecture Theatre.

d) Employment Opportunities
Research Associate to Hon Wayne Martin, CJ of Western Australia
Applications are invited for the position of Research Associate to the Hon Wayne Martin, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The position will commence in June / July of this year. Applications close noon, Wednesday 28 May 2008. More information can be accessed on

Legal Researcher
Full time legal researcher required for busy office. If you are interested or have any queries, please contact Christian Porter or Ella Cahill on 9310 8777.

Associate to the Hon Justice Murray Senior Puisne Judge of Western Australia
Applications are invited for the position of Associate to the Hon Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The position will commence in June/July of this year. Applications close noon, Friday 6 June 2008. More information can be accessed on http://blackstone.asn.au/careers/employment-opportunities/

e) Clerkships
Court Clerkships
Court clerkships this year will be organised through the UWA Law School. 20 positions are offered for 2 weeks (unpaid) in December. Interested students should send CV's (in hard copy) to the Law School addressed to Bill Ford and marked as applications for Court clerkships by August. Applications are open to third and penultimate year students.

3. EDUCATION
Queries about any of our education matters can be directed to Ed VP, Jackie McArthur: edvp@blackstone.asn.au

a) ALSA
The Australian Law Students Association Conference is now open for registration! The conference runs for a week and is being held in Tasmania. Come along as a general delegate and be a part of one of the most fun weeks in the year. More information at www.alsaconference2008.com.au
b) Clayton Utz Competitions Fund
Brand new in 2008 is the Clayton Utz Competitions Fund. The fund has been established to enable students to compete in national and even international competitions. UWA Law Students and Blackstone members will be invited soon to access the funds. **Application forms will be available today in the Blackstone common room / online.**

c) Competitions

**Student Paper Presentation**

**Tonight** (20th May), the 4 remaining students will be presenting their entries for the 2008 Blake Dawson Student Paper Competition. The competition requires each competitor to deliver an engaging 15 minute presentation on the contents of their paper. After each presentation, there is 10 minutes for the judges and audience to question the presenter on their paper and presentation. Come along and watch Jimmy Tran, Chris Meldrum, Varun Gosh and Lisel Avey! Please arrive at **5pm for a 5.30pm start** at Level 32 Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth (Blake Dawson offices). Drinks and nibbles provided!

6. INTERFACULTY SPORT

Blackstone is through to the finals of basketball this Wednesday! So meet at 1pm as usual in the Blackstone Common Room and help us stay at the top of the ladder!

Let your sports reps know you’re coming: [sports@blackstone.asn.au](mailto:sports@blackstone.asn.au)