



Holy Cross Lawyers Association

Newsletter and Notice of Meeting

Summer/Fall 2008

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the HCLA will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hogan Campus Center, room 304. The purpose of the meeting is to provide for the election of directors for the 2008 – 2009 term. You will receive the names of the nominees within the next few weeks. In addition, we have the honor of having Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald as our featured speaker (see more detailed information in this newsletter). Admiral MacDonald, a 1978 graduate of the College, is the Judge Advocate General for the United States Navy, making him the highest ranking lawyer in the Navy. Admiral MacDonald will be available to take questions on subjects ranging from legal careers in the armed forces to the trials of detainees at Guantanamo.

Want to serve as an HCLA Director?

Anyone interested in being considered for a position on the HCLA board, and any current board member whose term expires this year and wishes to continue, should contact Paul May '75, the chair of the HCLA Nominating Committee. Paul can be reach by e-mail at paul.may@cowen.com.

HCLA to Honor Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald, Class of 1978

Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald will be presented with the HCLA Career Achievement Award at our Fall Homecoming meeting. This award is established by the Board of Directors of the HCLA as a way of recognizing a Holy Cross alumnus or alumna who has distinguished themselves within the legal profession. A biography of Admiral MacDonald can be found at the following link:

<http://www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/navybio.asp?bioID=187>

The HCLA is honoring Admiral MacDonald in conjunction with the Joseph T. O'Callahan NROTC Committee. They will also be honoring him at a dinner on the night of September 6. Additional information and registration forms for these events are attached to this newsletter. The events are open to all HCLA members, current students and all interested alumni. We encourage all HCLA members to consider attending the O'Callahan dinner.

Join the HCLA On-Line Community

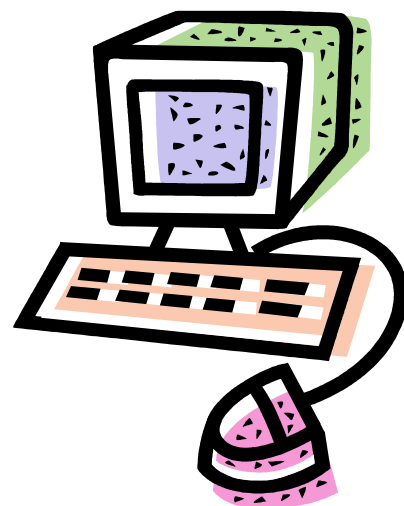
Though you may not have heard from us since Winter Homecoming, your directors have been hard at work. Among other things, working with the General Alumni Association (we are indebted to Kristyn Dyer), we have created an HCLA discussion group within the Holy Cross On-Line Community. This provides each of you with the opportunity to reach out to other HCLA members for assistance, referrals and shared experiences. We hope that this will become a useful tool for members. We also hope that if enough of you sign on, it will become an expeditious way for us to distribute advance notice of our activities. In order to sign on, just follow the instructions set out below:

How to Join the Holy Cross Lawyer's Association Discussion Group

If you are already a member of the Holy Cross Online community, skip to Step #10

1. Go to:
<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/HYC/>.
2. Under "First Time Visitors" click on the link "Register Now."
3. Enter your Last Name and your Class Year in the appropriate text box, then click "Find My Record."
4. Click on your name in the list that appears.
5. The next page will show some of your information – double check this information to ensure you are looking at the correct record.
6. Enter your 10 digit ID number – this can be found by either calling the Alumni office at (508) 793-2418 or emailing the office at Alumni@holycross.edu.
7. Click "Verify My Record."
8. On the next page, complete all the information required to set up your log-in username, password, and contact information. Select "Complete My Registration."
9. You will receive a confirmation at the e-mail address you provided.

10. Go to:
<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/HYC/>
11. Click on "Discussion Groups" – found on the left side of the page in the blue bar – and then enter your username and password in the pop-up box
12. On the Discussion Group page, click on "View All Groups."
13. Click on "Holy Cross Lawyer's Association" from the available list.
14. At the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to this Group" enter in your name in the text box, select your e-mail address from the drop-down list, select your preferred Delivery Method from the next drop-down list, and select your preferred Posting Acknowledgement.
15. Press the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page to register for the group.
16. You will receive a confirmation e-mail shortly after your click "Subscribe."
17. To send a message to all subscribers simply send an e-mail to:
hcla@hyc.dgroups.alumniconnections.com.



HCLA Directory

As anyone who has used the printed HCLA directory published several years ago knows, it is now hopelessly outdated. Moreover, try as we could, we failed to make contact with all the judges, lawyers, paralegals and others in the legal and judicial sectors and so the directory was not as comprehensive as it might have been. We are in the beginning stages of updating the directory and hope, with the benefit of the existing Holy Cross On-Line Community, to go digital. We hope that eventually the On-Line Community will be searchable by “legal”, then “specialty” and “jurisdiction” as separate dropdown menus. We are not there yet but the GAA is working with us and its software vendor to achieve our objectives. As a start, join the on-line community if you have not done so already. As a secondary matter, we would like your help in compiling a list of specialty areas. Our current list is attached to this newsletter. Any suggestions for changes, deletions or additions should be sent to HCLA president, Larry Rutkowski, at rutkowski@sewkis.com or Michelle Gardner at mcgarner@daypitney.com. Larry and Michelle (to the extent her new baby Leah allows – congratulations Michelle!) are working with the GAA and the HCLA Development Committee on this project. They look forward to hearing from you.

Current HCLA Officers

Larry Rutkowski '75, President

Kristin Burke '85, Vice President

Michelle Gardner '98, Treasurer

Patrick Commerford '93, Secretary



The Holy Cross Lawyers Association is founded on the philosophical and educational traditions of the Jesuit Liberal Arts Education provided to all graduates of The College of the Holy Cross. The HCLA comprises a unique community of attorneys who demand excellence in thought, character and deeds. The HCLA is an association of legal professionals who strive to live according to the highest intellectual and ethical standards and to apply this commitment to excellence in service to others and in service of justice.

The HCLA provides an intellectual and ethical forum to address challenges facing attorneys, provides a referral network in support of this community, fosters professional development, develops career opportunities for graduates of The College of the Holy Cross and provides opportunities for continuing legal education. The HCLA is a non-profit and non-partisan organization organized as an affinity group within the General Alumni Association of The College of the Holy Cross.

Membership in the HCLA is open to all Holy Cross graduates who are practicing law, serving as jurists, teaching law, in law school, or who are otherwise employed in a position involving the law. All meetings of the HCLA are open to other members of the Holy Cross community. Current Holy Cross students with an interest in the law are welcome to attend any and all general meetings of the HCLA

Proposed Legal Specialty Areas for On-Line Directory

Administrative/Legislative Law
Admiralty/Maritime Law
Aeronautical
Anti-Trust/Trade Regulation
Banking & Finance
Bankruptcy
Civil Rights Law
Civil Litigation
Communications Law
Construction Law
Contract Law
Copyright Law
Corporate Law
Corporate/Commercial/Business
Criminal Law
Customs Law
Employment & Pension
Energy
Entertainment Law
Environmental Law
Estate Planning & Probate
Family Law
Financial Planning
Health & Hospital
Housing Law
Immigration Law
Insurance Law
Judge (federal)
Judge (local)
Judge (state)
Labor and Employment Law
Law Professor
Medical Malpractice
Military Law
Municipal Law
Oil & Gas Law
Poverty Law
Public Interest Law
Public Utilities Law
Real Estate Law
Securities Law
Social Security Law
Sports Law
Tax Law
Telecommunications Law
Transportation Law
Worker's Compensation
Zoning & Land Use Law

Meet the Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy

***Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald, JAGC, USN
Holy Cross, Class of 1978***

Please plan to attend one or both of these Homecoming events in Hogan Campus Center sponsored by ...

Holy Cross Lawyers Association Meeting – Saturday, September 6 – 11:00 am

Rear Admiral MacDonald will address the HCLA meeting. Prior to a Q&A period, it is expected that he will discuss the role of lawyers in the Armed Forces as well as review his career in the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and the opportunities to practice law in the military. For more information contact Larry Rutkowski below.

Joseph T. O’Callahan NROTC Committee Dinner – Saturday, September 6 – 6:00 pm

The O’Callahan NROTC Committee will host Rear Admiral MacDonald as its Eighth Annual O’Callahan speaker. The JAG will address the challenges facing military lawyers especially as they relate to the military’s role in the aftermath of September 11 and combating global terrorism. For more information and tickets contact Bill Dempsey below.

Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald JAGC, USN



Upon graduation, Midshipman MacDonald received his commission as Ensign from the College’s NROTC Unit. He served six years as a line officer including his initial tour of duty aboard the fast frigate USS Hepburn (FF 1055). He was then selected for the Navy’s Law Education Program. He received his Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School in 1987 and 1992, respectively.

His JAG Corps duty assignments included service in various commands in the Pacific and he was assigned to the Pentagon as the Special Counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations. In November 2004, Rear Admiral MacDonald became the Deputy Judge Advocate General and Commander, Naval Legal Service Command. In July 2006, Rear Admiral MacDonald assumed his current position as Judge Advocate General of the Navy

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Bill Dempsey '63 - Chair, Joseph T. O’Callahan NROTC Committee
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Committee for the Joseph T. O'Callahan NROTC Fund

Events Registration Form: Saturday, September 6, 2008

If you are attending only the O'Callahan events, please return this form with payment (made out to the "O'Callahan NROTC Committee") to Bill Dempsey in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible but not later than August 29th.

If you will only attend the Holy Cross Lawyers Association program, please return this form to Larry Rutkowski by the same date at the address below. If you wish to attend events of both organizations, return this form to Bill Dempsey. The O'Callahan Committee will forward your information to the Lawyers Association; there is no charge for the Association's event.

If you wish to stay at the Crowne Plaza, please see information at the bottom of the page.

From: Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

To: O'Callahan NROTC Fund Committee -or- Larry Rutkowski
c/o Bill Dempsey, Chairman Seward and Kissel LLP
184 Rogers Avenue One Battery Park Plaza
West Springfield, MA 01089 New York, NY 10004

I/we plan to attend the following events scheduled for September 6th ...

Time Event/Location Number Cost/Person Payment

Holy Cross Lawyers Association

11:00 AM Discussion with RADM MacDonald
Hogan Campus Center _____ No Cost

O'Callahan NROTC Committee

1:00 PM Football: Holy Cross vs .Massachusetts
(Tickets will be held at the Fitton Field "Will Call" Window for \$6.00 each.) _____

6:00 PM Dinner with RADM MacDonald
Hogan Campus Center
Chicken Marsala _____ \$34.00
Prime Rib _____ \$39.00 \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

(Note: we invite our guests to share any stories or experiences of the Unit and/or their military service which they think are significant. Please return your thoughts (on a separate page) with this registration. We will publish as many as possible in this year's program book. We will include others in next year's book.)

For information about rooms at the Crowne Plaza, please contact the hotel as soon as possible since any discounts are subject to availability:

Crowne Plaza Hotel Telephone: 800 628-4240/508 791-1600
Attn: Reservations Department Facsimile: 508 791-1796
10 Lincoln Square
Worcester, MA 01608 (Be sure to ask for the "Holy Cross Rate" for a possible discount.)