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THE NICKEL CLUB

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Please contact me about the following Nickel Club committee(s):

- ☐ Student Focused Committee
- ☐ Nickel Focused Committee
- ☐ Career Related Committee
- ☐ Public Affairs Committee

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Dear Recent Alum:

We are thrilled to announce the **Nickel Club**, an exciting new group designed to serve the needs of recent graduates. The Nickel Club consists of all alumni who graduated within the past five years. There's no application process – you are automatically a member and no dues are required.

We understand new alumni have different needs than attorneys who have been in practice for more than five years. As a result, we created a support group that will help improve and ease our transition into the legal profession. Our objectives are to provide support and resources to recent alumni and to foster a relationship between recent graduates and current students.

Please complete the enclosed form and we will contact you about upcoming events and activities

We encourage you to get involved.

Sincerely,
The Nickel Club Governing Board of Directors
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Nickel Club Calendar of Events 2008-2009

September 11, 2008 (Th)	Westside/Santa Monica Regional Happy Hour
October 14, 2008 (Tues)	"He Did What? Courtroom Etiquette for Attorneys, and How to Avoid Common Pitfalls" MCLE
November 6, 2008 (Th)	San Fernando Valley Regional Happy Hour
January 13, 2009 (Tues)	"20 Things Every Attorney Should Know" MCLE
February 12, 2009 (Th)	Downtown LA Regional Happy Hour
May 7, 2009, 2009 (Th)	Orange County Regional Happy Hour

NICKEL CLUB SUB-COMMITTEES

Nickel Focused Sub-Committee

This committee helps foster social interaction and professional development between its members. The committee will create opportunities for Nickel members to meet and network with one another, with the expectation to reconnect with former classmates and develop professional contacts with other recent Southwestern alumni. The Nickel Focused Committee will also work collaboratively with the other committees for the purpose of organizing and maintaining a Nickel Club contact network accessible to all members.

Student Focused Sub-Committee

This committee concentrates on the interaction between recent graduates and current students by developing programs, events, and activities to promote networking between these two groups. The committee works closely with current representatives of the various student body organizations. The committee goals are to mentor and prepare students for their first few years in the legal profession and to encourage them to remain active in Southwestern as alumni. Fostering these types of relationships with current students will create pride in their alma mater to build a stronger alumni base for the future.

Career Related Sub-Committee

This committee is focused on career development and related activities aimed at improving the alumni community's legal practice. Events presented will include MCLEs and informational seminars, focused both generally and in specific practice areas, and will also include networking components for panelists and attendees.

Future events include a judicial panel addressing common ethical pitfalls for young attorneys and the ABCs of court appearances. Seminars regarding attorney interactions, including how to develop a productive mentor/mentee relationship with the partners and senior associates in your firm, how to interact with co-counsel, and how to deal with difficult opposing counsel. Along with many great events to follow! Get MCLE credit and develop those important relationships with the Southwestern and Los Angeles legal communities.

Public Affairs Sub-Committee

This committee has two focuses. First, it will increase awareness among Nickel alumni about the law school's existing civic-minded efforts, including the Southwestern Children's Rights Clinic, Street Law Program, and the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic. Second, the committee will identify for Southwestern students and alumni pro bono and other civic-minded activities with varying commitment levels. These activities will include participation in programs like Habitat for Humanity, tutoring for youth in need, and exciting fundraising events.

For more information about the Nickel Club contact:
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