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*****MONDAY – March 29, 2010

8:00 AM Registration / Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:45 AM Welcome

*Dr. Jerry Thomas, Professor and Dean
College of Education
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9:00 AM Responsible Conduct of Research: Managing Conflicts of Interest

- Historical and legal background of governmental and institutional regulation since the Bayh-Dole Act (1980)
- Recent high-profile cases which led to greater scrutiny of university research activities
- Recommendations for managing conflicts of interest to meet regulatory, policy, and ethical requirements at research universities

*Larry Plutko
System-wide Compliance Officer
The University of Texas Systems*

10:00 AM The Student Loan Crisis

*Doug Lederman
Inside Higher Ed*

11:00 AM BREAK

11:15 AM Breakout Sessions

A. Interactive Panel Session on Future and Current Status of Student Loan Program

*Doug Lederman
Inside Higher Ed
Robert Cloud
Baylor University
Richard Fossey
University of North Texas*

B. The Student Press, Distribution of Materials on Campus, and the First Amendment: Permissible Regulations v. Unconstitutional Suppression of Protected Speech

- First Amendment
- Reasonable Regulation of Protected Speech
- Student Press and Distribution of Materials on Campus

*Kerry B. Melear
University of Mississippi*

C. Legal Issues and Study Abroad

- Risk management, emergency preparedness, and emergency response procedures
- Legal forms for MOUs and liability limitation
- Legal and liability conflicts involving institutions, students, and other parties

*Juanita Duenez-Lazo
Texas Woman's University
Eric Canny
University of North Texas*

D. Current Legal Issues Pertaining to Private Universities

- Public v. Private School Law: "Vive la difference!"
- Legal Issues in Student Judicial Affairs at Private Schools
- Case Studies from Student Affairs: The Dean's

Perspective

*Andrew Hill
University of Dallas
Lisa Kirkpatrick
St. Edward's University*

12:15 PM LUNCH

12:30 A Higher Education Perspective on the Current Political Scene

*Allan Saxe
University of Texas at Arlington*

1:30 PM Psychiatric and Behavioral Concerns of Today's College Students: A Review of Current Trends

- Adjudicating Misconduct by Students Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis
- Legal and Ethical Concerns pertaining to Students with Mental Health Problems
- Addressing Students' Mental Health Issues: Recommendations for Best Practice

*Gary Dickstein
Wright State University*

2:30 PM BREAK

2:45 PM Face Book & Electronic Social Media

- Web-blogs and Social Networking
- Sexting, Bullying and Harassment
- Criminal Laws and Student Discipline

*Lynn Rossi Scott
Fort Worth, Texas*

3:45 PM Campus Safety: Designing a Community Prevention Effort

- Understanding the Campus Environment
- Performing Risk Audit for Crime
- Strategies for Engaging the Campus Community

*Kim Novak
Campus Safety & Student Risk Management Specialist
Tempe, Arizona*

***** TUESDAY- March 30, 2010

8:00 AM Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Welcome

*Raif Calvert
ICUT
Amanda Drum
TACUSPA*

8:45 AM ADA and Section 504

- Statutory and Regulatory Revisions
 - Student Accommodations and Discipline
 - Practical Considerations
- Lynn Rossi Scott*

9:45 AM Panel Discussion on Legislative Issues

*Raif Calvert
Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT)
Elizabeth Puthoff
Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT)*

10:45AM BREAK

11:00 AM Breakout Sessions

A. Search and Seizure and Privacy Rights of Students

- Dormitory Searches
- Law Enforcement Involvement

Larry Rossow

University of Houston, Victoria

B. Students' First Amendment Rights at Public Universities

- Permissible limitations on campus expression
- Expression in class and academic settings
- Religious expression at public institutions

Bill Fly

Texas State University

C. Greek Life: Law and Liability Issues

Jennifer Jones

Texas Woman's University

D. Human Resources

Lewis Benavides

Texas Woman's University



12:00 PM LUNCH

What's So Amazing About Grace...? Or why John Newton's first draft "Amazing Litigation" didn't fare so well on the pop chart of 1779

- An enlightening and entertaining discussion about why grace is a welcomed and rare concept in a world that seems to love litigation
- Perhaps a little more "unexpected, delightful, transforming" grace might reduce our need for litigation

Betsy Warren

University of North Texas

1:00 PM BREAK – ROOM REFRESHED

1:15 PM Grievances, Documentation, and Sexual Harassment

- Grievances are our friends
- If it's not in writing, it never happened
- Sexual Harassment: It's not always what you think

Wayne Haglund

Lufkin, Texas

2:15 PM BREAK

2:30 PM A Roundup of Legal Developments Concerning Higher Education

- Cause of Action for Negligent Admission
- A Defamation Claim over Plagiarism Accusation
- Big Damages to Professor Whose Laboratory Contents Were Destroyed
- A Public University Accused of Indifference to Freshman Woman's Rape Accusations

Richard Fossey

University of North Texas

3:30 PM To be announced

TBS

4:30 Adjourn

Welcome to the FOURTEENTH Annual Texas Higher Education Law Conference, the premier law conference for Texas higher education professionals in the public and private sector and attorneys practicing in the area of education law. We hope you enjoy the conference as well as your visit to the beautiful and growing campus of the University of North Texas.

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Early Registration (Ends March 10)

One Day Only March 29 or March 30 - \$ 215
Two Day - \$290

Regular Registration

One Day Only March 29 or March 30 - \$265
Two Day - \$340

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LOCATION

The conference will be held in the Gateway Center at 801 North Texas Blvd. on the campus of the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. The University is conveniently accessible from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field. Directions can be found at http://www.unt.edu/pais/map/M_directions.htm.

PARKING

Free parking is available in the Fouts Field parking lot adjacent to the Gateway Center. A UNT campus map is available at <http://www.unt.edu/pais/map/custommap.htm?bd=37&bd=35&pk=V>.

The University of North Texas is a thriving university with a legacy of excellence in a broad range of academic areas. UNT is a student-centered research university and is the flagship of the UNT System. The university stands as the most comprehensive in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, offering 93 bachelor's, 111 master's and 50 doctoral degree programs, many nationally recognized.

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