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Dear Catholic Lawyer:

The CLS Board resumed monthly meetings 09/22/05. The board meets the 4th Thursday of the month at UDM at 7:30 am. Any concerns/suggestions/questions can be directed to the undersigned.

Congratulations to new Board member, Lawrence Paolucci, and new officers. Amy Johnston is new Vice President; Hon. C. Murray will serve as Vice-President (membership); secretarial duties will be split between Patty Galvin (recording secretary for meetings) and Liz Zatina (communications secretary/email "guru"); Mike Condit will continue as Treasurer; and the undersigned will continue as President for another term.

The Board is working on a calendar of events. The 3rd Thursday Mass will continue. Other scheduled events include the Advent and Lenten Evenings of Reflection & the Annual Picnic in July. A trip to local Holocaust Museum is in planning stages. Charity focus will be addressed.

Attendance at the July picnic was held down by the threatening weather, but all in attendance had a good time. The committee will discuss having the event catered instead of relying on the generosity of volunteers.

This year's charitable focus is under discussion. The Board was surprised to learn that last year's fundraiser for the Mobile Law Office at UDM was financially

unsuccessful. Significant costs were incurred in trying to expand the event beyond the CLS. Fortunately the Mobile Law Office did secure significant grants to continue/expand its work. The Board remains committed to the UDM Mobile Law Office as a worthwhile effort. Members are encouraged to volunteer their time and legal expertise in going out to the neighborhoods to serve the poor and disadvantaged. A ½ day a month will help. Contact Michael Bryce (brycemi@udmercy.edu) or John Petit (johnpetit@jesuits.net) to volunteer. Financially you can help by designating the UDM Mobile Law Office for Access to Justice Funds as part of bar dues.

Members are reminded that the 12th Annual Mass for Commerce will occur on 10/19 at 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Seminary Chapel located at 2701 West Chicago Blvd., Detroit. (contact SHS @ 1-313-883-8764 for details)

It has been suggested that we specifically remember deceased members or deceased family members at the 3rd Thursday Mass in November. If you would like a deceased mentioned by name in Prayers of Faithful at that liturgy, please advise & I'll provide those names for inclusion at that liturgy.

Yours truly,

Paul J. Palgut,
President CLS