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Dear Fellow Catholic Lawyer:

A new year has begun and the Catholic Lawyers Society is actively underway. Membership continues to renew and grow and we look forward to another enriching year as we gather together for our annual and special events.

Before discussing the exciting year ahead, I would like to first take this opportunity to address the successes of this past year and report on some of the highlights. We continue to be blessed with committed and talented directors; notably, and we are especially grateful to, our past President, Amy Johnston. Amy's exceptional leadership and tireless efforts expanded our activities including sponsoring our first CLS forum. On March 3, 2008, CLS hosted a Stem Cells and Cloning Conference featuring speakers Reverend Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education, the National Catholic Bioethics Center and Mr. Paul Long, Vice President of Public Policy, Michigan Catholic Conference. Its success laid the foundation for future Speaker Series and will be continued this year.

Amy served from April 2007 until April 2008 when Terrence Berg began his term as our president. Under Terry's leadership, CLS also had another successful family picnic last July; co-sponsored the Red Mass in September, Mass for Commerce in October, and our Focus: HOPE Service Day in November 2008. Terry was also instrumental in establishing the Third Thursday Mass which takes place each month at Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, adjacent to the UDM Law School.

Given his recent elevation to the position of Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Terry was required to resign from the Board and as an Officer of CLS. Hence, I have assumed the duties of President for the balance of his term. On behalf of the Membership and

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Board of Directors, I offer our sincerest gratitude to Terry for his dedication, hard work and overwhelming generosity.

The Board has been working diligently on a variety of matters, significantly the establishment of a Mission Statement. On November 13, 2008 the Board approved our Mission Statement:

The Catholic Lawyers Society is a special interest bar association consisting of lawyers, judges and law students committed to advancing Members' spiritual growth, promoting high ethical principles within the legal profession and addressing social and moral challenges within our society, through works of charity, mercy and justice, following the example of Jesus Christ.

The Advent Evening of Reflection at the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in December capped CLS' remarkable year. We extend a special thanks to Father Kholer for his enlightening homily and warm hospitality. I would also like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the Hon. Annette Jurkiewicz-Berry for her efforts in arranging this wonderful event.

The Board is hard at work planning this year's annual and special events. We will continue the Third Thursday Mass each month gathering at Sts. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church for the 11:40 a.m. Mass followed by a light luncheon. This year we accepted an invitation from the St. Thomas Moore's Society of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy Chapter to combine our Third Thursday Mass with their speaker series. The first speaker is Acting U.S. Attorney Terrance Berg who will speak on the operation of the U.S. Attorneys Office here in Detroit.

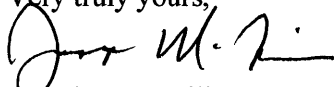
Some of this year's special events include a Service Day at St. Aloysius Church on March 14, 2009. Details will follow so please keep checking your e-mail messages from Liz Zatina. In March, we will also sponsor a Lenten Evening of Reflection, the exact date and location to be determined. We have selected this year's topic for the CLS Speaker Series being the most recent Papal and Encyclicals.

Our annual meeting will take place in late April 2009 at which time we present the Monsignor Malloy Lifetime Achievement Award. Last year's recipient was the Hon. Paul S. Teranes. Other annual events include the Focus Hope Service Day in May; the family picnic in late July; and Red Mass and Mass for Commerce in the Fall of 2009.

As the year progresses, we will keep you advised of the details for these events as well as additional events and opportunities as they arise. We would greatly appreciate an updated Roster Card from each member indicating current e-mail and contact address.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming activities.

Very truly yours,



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