

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
on
STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS
AND REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

October 11, 2006

Dear Members of the Implementation Committee:

We are delighted that you have agreed to serve on the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Implementation Committee which is charged with the responsibility of implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Student Loan Forgiveness and Repayment Assistance.

As you know, the House of Delegates enthusiastically and overwhelmingly adopted the Task Force's Recommendations earlier this year and the leadership of the Pennsylvania Bar Association is strongly committed to assisting us in pressing forward to establish a statewide student loan assistance program that will help to make it financially possible for law graduates to enter and remain in qualifying public service employment. We are excited to launch our implementation campaign at this time and we are confident that with your active participation and guidance, the Committee will succeed in this important initiative.

Based upon the structure and content of the Task Force's Recommendations, we have divided the Implementation Committee into five working groups that will address the following priorities: Legislation, Administration of a Statewide Program, Law Schools, Funding, and Research and Support. We have assigned you to one or more working groups based upon our understanding of your interest and expertise. (If you prefer a change in your assignment, please let us know). We have also selected a chairperson for each working group, and have divided up responsibility among the tri-chairs of the Implementation Committee for coordinating and working directly with each work group.

In order to start as quickly as possible, and considering that we are all busy people with limited time for in-person meetings on a statewide basis, **we have decided to hold our first meeting by conference call on October 31, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** Our goal is to discuss overall Committee business, identify additional members or resources that we may need, review likely obstacles that we will confront, and then help each working group to get going on its assigned topic of responsibility. Once the working groups have had a chance to get more deeply into their work, we envision having an in-person meeting in Harrisburg to review our progress and to discuss additional needed strategies.

In the meantime, the tri-chairs will help to provide coordination and continuity to the on-going efforts of the individual work groups.

Once again, our first meeting is by conference call on October 31, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. You may access this conference call by calling 1-866-409-4300 and then, when prompted, entering passcode 115837#. We expect the call to last for only one hour and therefore we hope that everyone will be able to participate. If you absolutely cannot participate, please let Dale Schell know in advance (by telephone at (800) 932-0311 ext. 2296, or by e-mail at dale.schell@pabar.org, as soon as possible).

We look forward to working with all of you over the coming months. We have a very important mission, and with your help we can make Pennsylvania a national leader on student loan assistance for public service law graduates.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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Laura E. Ellsworth
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Tri-Chairs, Implementation Committee