

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to Chicago-Kent College of Law. As the President of the Student Bar Association (SBA), I look forward to welcoming you to our Chicago-Kent community and introducing you to the nearly limitless opportunities offered by our extraordinary school.

The SBA is the student government at Chicago-Kent. We serve as an advocate for your interests and as a means for enhancing your law school experience. The SBA is comprised of individuals from every section of the student body and represents both day and evening students. The Executive Officers and Representatives are elected by the student body annually. The elected Officers and Representatives meet on a regular basis to manage and discuss the affairs of the Chicago-Kent student body, curriculum issues, and help to facilitate the success of over thirty student organizations at Chicago-Kent.

The SBA provides opportunities to voice concerns regarding the curriculum, administration, and any general matters regarding student life. The SBA also facilitates student involvement with practicing attorneys through its contact with the Chicago-Kent Office of Alumni and Student Relations, the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association. In addition, the SBA sponsors several social events throughout the school year for students, faculty, administration and staff. We also plan school-wide programs such as Law Week and Barrister's Ball, the premiere formal social event of the year.

Our Finance Committee, which serves as the funding arm for the student organizations, divides student activity fees paid by each student among the SBA and other student groups. I have enclosed with this letter a list of the student organizations currently active on campus. Please look it over and consider becoming involved in groups that appeal to you.

If you have any questions about the school, about life as a Chicago-Kent student or about life in Chicago generally, please feel free to send me an e-mail at wbeck@kentlaw.edu, call the SBA office at (312) 906-5149, or drop by the office in room C-88 on the concourse level near the bookstore. SBA representatives are always happy to answer your questions. You can also visit our organizational web site at www.kentlaw.edu/student_orgs/sba for more information on our activities.

Again, welcome to Chicago-Kent. We look forward to your participation with the SBA next year!

Sincerely,

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