To: Members of the Visiting Committee

From: Lana A. Corll, Director, Continuing Legal Education

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Re: Continuing Legal Education Report to the Visiting Committee

Due to the devastating impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the legal community in the state, the Supreme Court waived the 12.5 hour requirement for Louisiana attorneys for the reporting year 2005. With the 2006 requirements in effect, the CLE department is working to re-schedule annual programs cancelled in 2005 and explore new program opportunities.

February 1, 2006 brought the return of Periaktos Productions to Roussel Hall with a one man play entitled *Thurgood Marshall’s Coming*. The play portrayed Marshall reliving past trials and victories. Originally scheduled for two performances, one for the legal community and one for area public high school students, the latter was cancelled due to a lack of public school students in the area.

In November 2005, the advisory board for the Annual Longshore Conference decided to move this annual event from March to April in an effort to give the city more time to come back on-line with flights, hotel rooms and restaurants. With the conference a month away, our enrollment stands at about one-third the usual attendance for the conference.

Work has begun on developing a new three day civil mediation training course to take place in the fall.

With many areas of the city not receiving mail, or only receiving first class mail, we have relied on our CLE webpage, email blasts, and first class postage to get the word out regarding upcoming programs.
Scheduled programs for 2006 - 2007 include:

May 19, 2006
Essential Issues Affecting Corporate Attorneys and In-house Counsel
Co-sponsored program with ACC America
Association of Corporate Counsel, Louisiana Chapter

May 24 – 26, 2006
National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)
Taking & Defending Depositions

May 31, June 1, 2 and June 7, 8, 9, 2006
Basic and Advanced Divorce Mediation Training

September through December, 2006
(7 Saturday morning courses at the law school)
Back to School – CLE Skills Training Courses

October 4, 5, 6, 2006
Civil Mediation Training

November 9 – 10, 2006
Annual Labor & Employment Conference

November 30 - December 1, 2006
Annual Estate Planning Conference

December 7 – 8, 2006
Annual Family Law Conference

January 2007
National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)
Gulf Coast Regional Trial Advocacy Program

February 8 - 9, 2007
Appellate Practice and Advocacy Seminar

March 2007
Annual Longshore Conference

Suggestions from members of the Visiting Committee for CLE topics or speakers are always welcome. Visiting Committee members are welcome to view evaluation summaries of any of the courses offered.