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

The 2007 – 2008 CLE programming year included a new program for newly admitted members of the Bar entitled “Learning to Lawyer – A Boot Camp for New Attorneys.” Taught by lawyers with five years experience, the program covered common pitfalls that often trouble new lawyers and provided strategies for handling them.

Also new in the fall was a program co-sponsored with the GRAMMY Foundation on “Entertainment Law in this Changing Music Environment.”

In addition to our annual Longshore Conference, the Institute works with the New Orleans Office of Workers’ Compensation Program, Division of Longshore to provide one day programs entitled “A Day with the DOL.” The Institute has been asked by the District Director for the Houston office to travel to Houston in the fall and offer similar programs there.

The U. S. Department of Labor in Washington DC has asked the Institute to work with them and develop a program on the Defense Base Act/War Hazards Compensation Act. We are in the early stages of planning this program that will take place in Washington DC in the fall.

The Institute if honored to have been selected by the ABA’s Section of Litigation and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) to provide a 3-day trial practice seminar for Legal Service lawyers. Offered July 17, 18, 19, 2008 at the law school, the program is specifically designed for lawyers in public service and will be offered free of charge to participants. All faculty are donating their time and expertise and NITA will be donating the course materials.

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 by the Institute.

Scheduled programs for 2008 – 2009 include:

June 4, 5, 6, 2008
Basic Divorce Mediation Training
June 12 – 13, 2008
Advanced Divorce Mediation Training

September 2000
A Day with the Department of Labor
Courses offered in New Orleans and Houston

October 2008
Defense Base Act/War Hazards Compensation Act
Washington DC

November 2008
Learning to Lawyer – A Boot Camp for New Lawyers

December 4 – 5, 2008
Annual Estate Planning Conference

December 11 – 12, 2008
Annual Family yLaw Conference

Back to School
Saturday morning courses offered at the law school 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.
8 Saturday mornings in the fall – Dates and topics to be announced