



## A MESSAGE FROM THE *President*



One of the privileges of being elected President of Phi Delta Phi is to have the opportunity to address our student and barrister members from time to time. One of those times is now through our publication, *The Headnoter*.

I would like to briefly review with you some of the Fraternity's accomplishments since the 57<sup>th</sup> Convention in New Orleans, going forward into the 58<sup>th</sup> Convention in Fort Lauderdale.

The New Orleans Convention was dynamic and reinvigorating for your Fraternity. The Convention delegates and barrister members were welcomed to New Orleans by Mayor Ray Nagin and enjoyed three and a half days of "Cajun" hospitality. The collegial atmosphere of the Convention was enhanced by revamped and renewed programming which introduced a more substantive tone focusing on ethics in the study and practice of law. Those inclusions were received positively by the delegates and alumni attendees. That practice shall be continued in the programming for the Fort Lauderdale Convention.

The student delegates elected your present Council at the conclusion of the Convention. My fellow Council members have been exemplary in their service over this last biennium.

One short week after the New Orleans Convention, disaster struck that City through Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina affected law schools throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and Northern Florida. Phi Delta Phi Inns throughout the nations

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## Phi Delta Phi's Fifty-Eighth General Convention

Phi Delta Phi's 58<sup>th</sup> General Convention will assemble on August 15, 2007 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Delegates from Inns across Canada, the United States, Mexico and Europe will convene at the Bahia Mar Beach Resort and Yachting Center in time for the President's Reception scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2007. The Convention will adjourn *sine die* after the Closing Banquet on Saturday, August 18, 2007.



The host hotel, the Bahia Mar, is home to the acclaimed annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the largest in the world. Situated between Fort Lauderdale's canal system and the beach, the Bahia Mar is a short water taxi ride to Las Olas Boulevard and many other attractions of this sparkling city by the sea which has been dubbed as the "Venice of America."

In keeping with tradition and the Constitution of Phi Delta Phi, the Convention delegates will plot the course of the Fraternity over the coming biennium. Each Inn is entitled to send one official delegate, who shall be entitled to cast one vote on matters called to question by the general assembly. Phi Delta Phi, has since its inception, been a student controlled organization. The General Convention gives voice to the Inns and directs the Council and the Court of Appeals on constitutional, budgetary and other important Fraternity affairs.

While only the official delegates have voting power, the Convention is open to all members. The Council and the Court of Appeals encourage all members to attend and take part in the Fraternity's future. As has been the case since 1882, the Convention is a time to make new friendships, rekindle old ones, and enjoy the camaraderie that is such a part of Phi Delta Phi.

Please mark your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you in sunny Fort Lauderdale! For more information about the Convention, visit the Convention webpage at <http://phideltaphi.org/pages/inns-provinces/58th-biennial-convention--august-2007.php>.

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assisted to the extent that they could. Various Inns had fundraisers for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Some law schools had their programs interrupted, and students transferred from those programs. At the receiving law schools, Inn members did their best to assist in the welcoming and orientation of transfer students.

September had further sad news. As the song goes, “Wake Me Up When September Ends.” We lost one of our leading lights in the Fraternity, United States Chief Justice William Rehnquist (Miller, 1951). We remember his continuing contributions to his Fraternity. Every year, Brother Rehnquist would preside over the initiation at Pattee Inn, University of Arizona. He also attended and presided with great enthusiasm over the initiation at his namesake Inn, Rehnquist Inn at Suffolk University Law School on their 25<sup>th</sup> chartering anniversary. We will miss him. Rehnquist Inn continues to honor his memory by being one of our strongest Inns. At its 2007 spring initiation Rehnquist Inn welcomed approximately 150 new members as brothers and sisters in Phi Delta Phi.

Our review of luminaries would not be complete without also reflecting on the loss of President Gerald Rudolph. Ford, Jr. (Waite, 1941) President Ford epitomized the Fraternity credo of ethics having restored the faith of a nation in its executive branch post Watergate. Brother Ford will be missed.

We also remember our losses of other brothers and sisters. Our sincerest condolences go out to their families and friends. Your Fraternity misses them.

Moving forward during the biennium into two pledge seasons with renewed dynamism, Phi Delta Phi Inns recruited new members and offered cutting edge programming. Each law school is unique, and the programming offered at each school by an Inn is designed and enhanced to address the Inn’s niche at that law school. This diversity is encouraged, while keeping in mind always that the goal is to promote the Fraternity’s noble mission statement.

On the Headquarters front, we sadly said goodbye to longtime office manager, Jean Worley on her retirement, so she could turn her attention to cheering for her beloved Baltimore Orioles. (I won’t say anymore on that front). Headquarters has welcomed new staff and reorganized the functions in the office to renew its ability to service the membership. In addition to Tim Wheat, our esteemed Executive Director we currently have as our full time staff, Regina Yun as our Director of Membership and Development and Sergio De La Fuente as our Finance Manager. If you need their assistance, they are ready, willing and able to help.

It is recognized that the delivery of membership services can be provided efficiently and effectively through the mechanism of our web site. To better enable our site to fulfill those objectives, we re-launched the Fraternity’s web site. The new site has accomplished many of our goals, and we are continually exploring new ways to better utilize technology to reach out to our membership. Posting this *Headnoter* on the site is one of those ways.

One of the highlights of the biennium was welcoming into the fold Roman Herzog Inn at Bucerus Law School in Germany. Phi Delta Phi is now active in 5 countries, alphabetically listed as follows: Canada, Germany, Mexico, Poland and the United States. From our beginnings in 1869 on the campus of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor to Hamburg, Germany, in 2006, our organization has certainly had a far reaching and beneficial impact on the legal community.

As we proceed towards the end of the biennium and hold our 58<sup>th</sup> Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, I invite all student and barrister members to attend. While each Inn has one vote through its official delegate -- whose attendance is substantially subsidized under the Fraternity’s Constitution -- the Convention is open to all members. Attendance at a Convention is a highlight of fraternal experiences -- please consider attending.

In closing, as we move forward, I urge us all to remember why we joined the most honored, prestigious, and the only truly international legal fraternity; and in so remembering that we continue to practice and study the law in the most distinguished and ethical way possible.

Jeff Wilker  
Osgoode Inn, 1987  
50<sup>th</sup> President of Phi Delta Phi

MESSAGE FROM THE  
*Chief Justice*

Phi Delta Phi

Our organization is dedicated to professionalism and ethics - very lofty ideals. How do you as a law student, young lawyer, senior lawyer or any type of lawyer make certain that you conduct yourself professionally and ethically?

A good question.

You can start by using examples of lawyers from the past that almost everyone would agree were professional and ethical. Who would that be? People who stood up for what they believed was right, sometimes giving their lives for that action. Sir Thomas Moore and Cicero both lost their lives for standing up and speaking their minds about what was right and what was not right. Both attorneys. Other attorneys in history who spoke their minds include Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi. Yes, Gandhi was a lawyer.

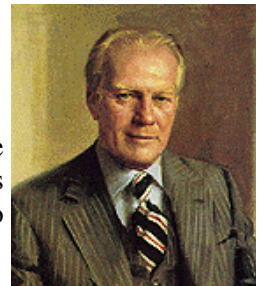
What good company we share in our profession! So in your practice, when you wonder if what you are about to do is professional, think about what these historic figures would do. Chances are, you will exercise the professional and ethical choice.\*

Kelley H. Martin, Esq.  
Monteith Inn, 1992  
Chief Justice, Court of Appeals

\*This article is inspired by William J. Chriss, Esq., Executive Director for the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Mr. Chriss recently presented "The Successful and Ethical Practice of Law, The Noble Insurance Lawyer" at a seminar I attended.

## In Memoriam of Brother Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.

Our Brother, Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., was the 38th President (1974–1977), and 40th Vice President (1973–1974) of the United States. Prior to 1973, Brother Ford served for over eight years as the Republican Minority Leader of the House of Representatives having been first elected to Congress in 1948 from Michigan's 5th Congressional District. He passed away December 26, 2006.



Brother Ford was admitted to Yale Law School in the spring of 1938 where he joined Phi Delta Phi's Waite Inn at the Law School. He earned his LL.B. degree in 1941, graduating in the top 25 percent of his class. Shortly after graduation, he was admitted to the Michigan Bar. In May 1941, Brother Ford opened a Grand Rapids law practice with Philip Buchen who would later serve as White House counsel. His practice was cut short by World War II, and Brother Ford responded to the attack on Pearl Harbor by enlisting in the Navy.

Like Presidents Carter, Bush Senior and Clinton, President Ford was an honorary co-chair of the Council for Excellence in Government, a group dedicated to excellence in government performance and which provides leadership training to top federal employees. New York Governor George Pataki named President Ford and the other living former Presidents (James Earl Carter, Jr., George Herbert Walker Bush and William Jefferson Clinton) as honorary members of the board rebuilding the World Trade Center.

In his final public statement, Brother Ford eloquently summarized his life:

"The length of one's days matters less than the love of one's family and friends. I thank God for the gift of every sunrise and, even more, for all the years He has blessed me with Betty and the children; with our extended family and the friends of a lifetime. That includes countless Americans who, in recent months, have remembered me in their prayers. Your kindness touches me deeply. May God bless you all and may God bless America."

In the words of Phi Delta Phi's initiation ritual, Brother Ford surely was as a "Beacon Light wherewith all see to grope their way, till the dawn of the day of understanding." He will be sorely missed, and the entire membership of Phi Delta Phi extends condolences to the Ford Family.



FROM THE DESK OF THE

## *Executive Director*

What does it mean to be a Phi Delta Phi? It means a number of things. Constitutionally, it means that you are a person of good character, that you were in good scholastic standing when you joined, that the members of your Inn voted to invite you into membership, or as an honorary member that you were elected in recognition of meritorious accomplishments in your legal career. It also means that you took the oath of membership which required you to meet your duties as a lawyer to the courts, the public and to your clients.

As our initiation ritual states, Phi Delta Phi, since its founding in 1869, "impresses upon its member the particular need of fidelity, integrity and diligence in all relations of a personal and private nature." Thus, being a Phi Delta Phi means that you have pledged to conduct yourself at all times in a manner befitting a professional. It further means that you have joined together with other men and women to "promote a higher standard of professional ethics and culture in [your law school] and in the profession at large."

In our day-to-day lives, what does this all mean? How does one go about promoting a higher standard of professional ethics? As I travel to our Inns, I frequently tell students that professional ethics means more than simply adhering to the disciplinary rules in the jurisdiction in which they will practice. It means doing what is right when no one is looking. It means treating members of the bench and bar with respect and dignity even when circumstances make it difficult to do so.

I also tell law students that they will be entering the profession at a time when there is a plethora of bright, energetic lawyers. In that regard, one's reputation becomes of paramount importance, for it is that – and that alone – that will often carry the day. Strive hard to make a good reputation for yourself and then never lose sight of the importance of that reputation. It is, after all, an important benchmark of being a Phi Delta Phi.

Fraternally yours,

Tim M. Wheat, Esq.  
Wood Inn, 1988,  
John McClellan Hon., Karl Moultrie Hon.

### **Volunteer Officers Needed**

Each year, practicing attorneys, judges and law professors collectively contribute thousands of hours towards achieving Phi Delta Phi's mission of promoting professionalism in the law schools. Most of those volunteers serve as Province Presidents, Assistant Province Presidents or Alumni Advisors to law schools in their locales. Without their dedication and commitment, Phi Delta Phi would not be where it is today.

Please consider becoming a volunteer officer! The Fraternity has a particular need for Province Presidents and Assistant Province Presidents to serve. For a complete list of vacancies, please visit the *News and Announcements* page on the website.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering time to help law students and promote the aims of Phi Delta Phi, please contact any member of the Council or the Executive Director, Tim Wheat, at (800) 368-5605.

**Be a steward for Phi Delta Phi and promote the ethic of volunteerism.  
It is a mark of distinction.**

## New Inns Chartered

In recent months, the Council approved Petitions for Charter from Phi Delta Phi Colonies at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany; the Charleston School of Law in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania. The new Inns, now known as the Roman Herzog, Charles Pinckney and John Reed Inns respectively, are vibrant and strong and will be well-represented at Phi Delta Phi's 58<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

### *ROMAN HERZOG INN*

The namesake of Roman Herzog Inn at Bucerius Law School, Germany's number one rated law school, served as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of Germany from 1994 until 1999. He studied law in Munich and passed his first juristic state exam in 1957 and his second in 1964. He was awarded the title of professor in 1964, a title of academic distinction in Germany and taught at the University of Munich until 1966. In 1983 he became Vice President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, which he presided over from 1987 until 1994, when he was elected President of Germany.

### *CHARLES PINCKNEY INN*

The namesake of Charles Pinckney Inn at the Charleston School of Law was an American politician who was a member of the Continental Congress, a signer of the United States Constitution, the Governor of South Carolina, a Senator, a member of the House of Representatives and the United States' Minister to Spain during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. He was perhaps best known for his work that shaped the Constitution of the United States.

### *JOHN REED INN*

The namesake of John Reed Inn at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law served in the Pennsylvania Senate and as Deputy Attorney General for the state. In July 1820, Governor Findlay named him the President Judge of the Ninth Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. From 1821 to 1828 he served on the Dickinson College Board of Trustees. After Judge Reed died in January 1850, the Dickinson student body wore mourning badges for the following thirty days in his honor. Law classes were ended, not to be resumed until 1862, under Judge Graham.

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## Historical Notes From "THE BRIEF"

*"Professor William L. Prosser, of the Council, is the author of a work on Torts just published by West Publishing Company. All of those who know Prosser are assured that the book is adequate, and not thrown together in the usual fashion by paste-pot and shears copying other's mistakes."*

May, 1941

*"[The members of Miller Inn] have active plans for the work of the fraternity the remainder of the year. Phi Delta Phi at Stanford [Law School] is one of the strongest organizations, the chapter roll of 24 including many of the leaders in the various college activities."*

September, 1913

*"Be It Resolved, that the scholarship entrance requirement into Phi Delta Phi be left to the discretion of the individual Inns, but that they attempt to maintain at all times a scholastic standing conducive to the welfare of this fraternity."*

March, 1927

"A Good Samaritan"

*"In a [New York Court], a young lawyer, and a pretty green one, too, was floundering badly among the objections and technicalities raised by his opponent. He was making a mess of things when an older lawyer, who was waiting for his case to be called, walked over and sat down beside him and began quietly to advise him, and the young fellow was sensible enough to take the advice. When the matter was over, the young lawyer thanks the intruder who replied, 'Oh, that's all right. I saw your pin. I am a member of Conkling chapter [at Cornell Law School].'"*

April, 1901

"The 1968 Phi Delta Phi Graduate of the Year"

John Leachman Oliver, Jr.  
Tiedeman Inn, University of Missouri

Extracts from a letter written by the Dean of the Law School about Brother Oliver:

*"probably the best law student I have seen in my twenty-five years of law teaching"*

*"[his] performance has help set the tone for the entire school"*

*"brilliant student . . . diligent"*

*"my belief is that this is a superior student who has no peer anywhere in the law schools"*

June, 1968

*"First place winners in the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York – Georgetown University Law School's Team – all members of Scott Inn [at Georgetown]."*

April, 1951