SUPREME COURT CELEBRATION BANQUET
Des Moines Marriott, March 8, 2008

WELCOME
Sean Bagniewski
Student Bar Association President and
Supreme Court Celebration Chairperson

ENTRANCE OF IOWA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE IOWA SUPREME COURT
Mr. Bagniewski

CELEBRATION OF SUPREME COURT COMPETITION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RODNEY L. HUDSON APPELLATE ADVOCACY AWARD
Marsha Ternus
Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court

INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAKE LAW SCHOOL DEAN
Mr. Bagniewski

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD
Dean Walker

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNSELORS PRESIDENT
Mr. Bagniewski

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF COUNSELORS
Barbara Decker
President, Board of Counselors

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SBA PRESIDENT'S AWARDS
Mr. Bagniewski

PRESENTATION OF THE LELAND FORREST OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Mr. Bagniewski

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mr. Bagniewski

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Robert J. Grey Jr.

REMARKS AND STUDENT AWARDS
Dean David Walker

JEFFREY AND ELIZABETH GOODMAN DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE AWARD

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

THE ROBERT J. KROMMINGA AWARD

IOWA SUPREME COURT WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS

THE TIMOTHY N. CARLUCCI AWARD

THE FERGUSON PRIZE

THE MARTIN TOLLEFSON AWARD

THE WILLIAM AND ELLEN COONEY HOVEY AWARD

CLOSING REMARKS
Mr. Bagniewski

Please join us for dessert and live music on the second floor of the Marriott following the program.

Supreme Court Celebration Banquet award recipients: lists of Alumni of the Year winners, Supreme Court Competition finalists and Supreme Court Celebration banquet speakers; Drake Law Review, Agricultural Law Journal and Moot Court award recipients; and recognition of student achievement is posted at www.law.drake.edu/supremecelebration.
Robert Grey Jr. is a partner at Hunton & Williams law firm and is affiliated with the McAmmon Mediation Group Ltd. He focuses on administrative matters before state and federal agencies, while continuing his practice in mediation and other forms of dispute resolution on a state and national level.

Grey represents corporate and industry interests in the legislative arena and counsels businesses with concerns before elected and appointed government officials. He served as president of the American Bar Association from 2004–05, devoting his yearlong term to creating better justice through better juries via the American Jury Initiative. He also worked to review, unify and update ABA programs to increase diversity in the legal profession, advance ABA’s international rule of law efforts and to safeguard the profession’s independence. Grey also served as chair of the ABA House of Delegates, becoming the first African American to be an officer of the association.
The Supreme Court Competition

Each year, outstanding advocates in the law school compete in the Supreme Court Competition for the honor of presenting final arguments to the Iowa Supreme Court. The problem is based upon a real case, using an actual record that was pending before the Iowa Supreme Court, thus giving competitors a realistic experience.

The competition is open to all second and third year law students and consists of two preliminary rounds, one on-brief and one off-brief. Each competitor argues individually in the preliminary rounds, with 15 minutes of time allocated to each advocate. The four top advocates based upon oral scores from the preliminary rounds advance to the Supreme Court Competition before the Iowa Supreme Court. The four finalists are paired as teams of two for the final round, each arguing for 10 minutes. The award for the Best Oralist in the final round is then announced at the Supreme Court Celebration Banquet.

A Brief Summary of the 2008 Supreme Court Competition Problem

Catherine Parker and her four-year-old son, Christopher Parker, resided at a property owned by Lou Corporation and managed by Mercer Properties, LLC. Catherine learned that Christopher had an elevated blood lead level while residing at the Lou-Mercer property. The Parkers filed a personal injury action against Mercer Properties, LLC, seeking damages related to lead poisoning. MCB Insurance Company provided Mercer Properties, LLC, with liability insurance coverage. MCB Insurance Company denied coverage claiming Mercer Properties, LLC, was an employee/agent of Lou Corporation. The Parkers sought a declaratory judgment on the issue of agency.
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THE DRAKE LAW REVIEW
The Drake Law Review is published four times each year. The Review is edited and prepared by student editors and staff. Students are chosen on the basis of high scholastic achievement and writing ability.

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These awards are presented to students who have provided outstanding service to the Law School during 2007–08 academic year.

Julie Briand, Agricultural Law Association
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Appellate Competitions

NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
The National Moot Court Competition is an inter-law school appellate competition sponsored each year by the Young Lawyers Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers. Both teams competed in the regional competition in November in Minneapolis.

Both teams are coached by professor Laurie Doré and their participation is supported by Whitfield and Eddy.

2007-08 National Moot Court Teams
Ashley Dose
Jacob Lofgren
Kevin Teets
Miriam Epstein
Erin Grundy
David James

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY
The National Appellate Advocacy Competition is sponsored by the American Bar Association. The teams traveled to St. Louis in February for their regional competition.

The teams are coached by Drake alumnus Donna Stanley.

2007-08 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Team
Aimee Clayton
Roxanne Ricelle
Michele Warnock
Sean Beaver
Andrea Jensen
Kathy Panaszek

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMPETITION
In February, the Environmental Law team competed at the national tournament held at Pace University Law School in White Plains, NY.

The team is coached by professor Luke Meier and alumna Jennifer Smithson

2007-08 Environmental Law Team
Fritz Ehinger
Jordan Kaplan
Victoria Morgan
Alt: Ben Clark
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMPETITION
The Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition is sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association. The team travels for regional competition in March. The Drake teams’ participation is funded by Edmund J., LW’67, and Barbara Sease.

The team is coached by alumna Wendy K. Marsh and Jill Link of McKee, Voorhees & Sease.

2007–08 IP Team
Jules Ofenbath
Brad Powers
Jon Sievers
Jonathan Soike

THE AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
The American Trial Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition is an inter-law school trial advocacy competition sponsored by the American Trial Lawyers Association. The team competed in Chicago in March. The Drake team’s participation is funded by Galligan, Doyle, & Reid.

The team is coached by Matthew Eslick and Kurt Van Thoone.

2007–08 ATLA Mock Trial Team
Amanda Brookhyser
Tim Carey
Meggan Guns
Amanda James
Peter Larkin
Patrick McElvea
Todd Smith
Lynsey Tharp

NATIONAL Mock Trial Competition
The National Mock Trial Competition is an inter-law school trial advocacy competition. The team traveled to Kansas City, MO, in February for the regional competition.

The team is coached by Steve Foritano and Mike Salvner.

2007–08 National Mock Trial Team
Shannon Archer
Joe Crisp
David James
Kathy Panzaek
Kevin Tchets

Skill Competitions

NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION
The Negotiations Competition is sponsored by the American Bar Association. The regional tournament was held in St. Paul, MN, in November.

2007–08 Negotiations Team
Laura Barnaby
Minnie Bucklin
Christine Fleming
Meggan Guns
Tara Lawrence

CLIENT COUNSELING
The Client Counseling Competition is sponsored by the American Bar Association. The team participated in the regional competition in Minneapolis in February.

2007–08 Client Counseling Team
Karen Karr
Curt Steger

INNS OF COURT
American Inns of Court have been formed throughout the United States for the purpose of promoting and improving trial and appellate advocacy skills, adherence to ethical ideals and professionalism among members. Members, who are limited in number to 65, include judges, senior and new attorneys, and law students who meet regularly throughout the year to participate in demonstrations of forensic techniques, critiques and evaluations, and collegial discussion and dining. Two Inns of Court have been formed in Des Moines; Drake Law students and faculty are members of each.

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Joseph Crisp
Annie Fox
Heather Harmon
Kristin Herrera
Karen Karr
Eric Long
Katarzyna Panzaek
Michael Piper
Daniel Saar
Jessica Schuster
Bradley Strouse
Nathan Swanson
Jean Venaglia
Jason Yates

C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court
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Brandt Kahler
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Jacob Luffgren
Victoria Morgan
Anna Ryan
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Student Ambassadors are student volunteers selected to assist the Admissions Office in representing the Law School to students visiting the campus.

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Scott Hall
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