

USF Public Interest Law Foundation



 **USF** University of San Francisco
Jesuit Education

Fall General Meetings

September 17, 2008

Meeting Agenda

- Overview of PILF
 - Mission and Board
 - Grant Program
- 5th Annual Gala Auction & Award Ceremony
 - Street Team Program & Silent Auction – Ellie Stone (2L)
 - Live Auction Overview – Jim Folger (2L)
- Public Interest at USF – Asst. Dean E. Dolly
- Public Interest Clearinghouse & Pro Bono Project - Phyra McCandless
- Public Interest Career Resources – Bryan Hinkle, Dir., Office of Career Planning
- PILF Professional Development – Ashley Connell (2L)
- Fall BBQ & Events
- PILF Leadership Opportunities
 - 1L Representatives
 - 2009 Board Positions
- Questions & Wrap up

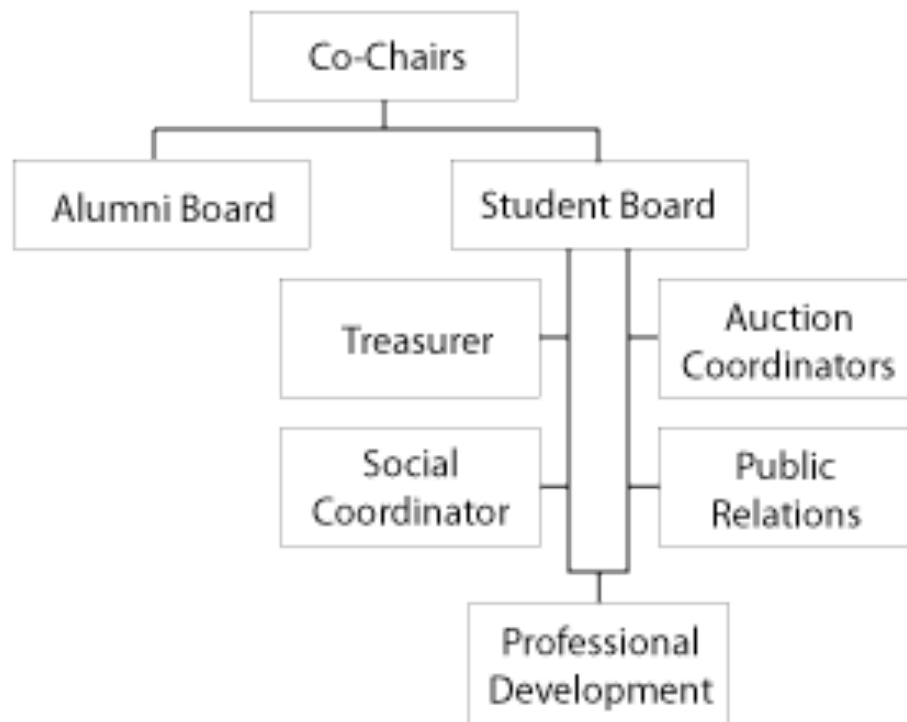
PILF's History & Mission



- Founded in 2002-03 by students
 - First year it provided 2 grants of \$1,500
 - 2007 & 08: 25 grants of \$4,000
- PILF's Mission
 - Foster a community of students interested and engaged in public interest work
 - Raise funds for grants
 - Promote volunteerism and pro bono work
 - Provide professional development resources

PILF Board

- Organizational Chart



Plus:
Webmaster
1L Rep.'s

Board Break-down

- Auction Board
 - Live Auction Coordinator
 - Silent Auction Coordinator
 - Outreach Coordinator
- Advisory Board
 - Law School Alumnae
 - Deans' Office
 - OCP

PILF Summer Grant Program

- \$4k (taxed) for unfunded, 10-week public interest job
- Deans' Office matches PILF funds
- Governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, international NGO's, policy organizations, etc.
- Legal and law-related positions
- Visit www.usfpilf.org/grantees
- Most Recent Application Stats:
 - 2007: 25 grants, 36 applications
 - 2008: 25 grants, 51 applications

Applications Elements

 3 hour volunteer requirement (PILF hours)

- fulfill by joining Street Teams & volunteering at Auction
- 2. Job offer (written / unpaid) from a qualifying organization
- 3. Resume
- 4. Personal Statement
 - Commitment to PILF & USF
 - Demonstrated past, present, future interest public interest work
 - Potential job has to contribute to the advocacy skills, etc.

****Full versions of the 2008 Grant applications available - email request to chairs@usfpilf.org.****

Grant Timeline & Review

- 2009 PILF grant applications available in (early to mid March
- Application deadline in early April
- Two weeks to review – Decisions by mid-April
- Numerical Scoring
- Refinement of the grant review process is underway

2009 Grant Review Process

- PILF, the Dean's Office and OCP, are refining the selection formula and overall process
- No major overhaul, some tweaking
- PILF will announce changes at the earliest opportunity

5th Annual Gala Auction & Award Ceremony



- **SAVE THE DATE! November 7, 2008**
 - Raises funds for your future grants
 - Honoring Therese Stewart and Shannon Minter
 - Music, Food, beverages, silent auction, and live auction
- **Street Teams and Silent Auction (Ellie Stone)**
- **Live Auction Overview (Jim Folger)**

How Can You Get Involved?

- Street Team Program
 - Meetings Next week:
 - September 24 – 5:00pm, Food Provided
 - September 25 - 12:30pm, Food Provided
- Sign up with Ellie Stone for a street team
 - Email silentauction@usfpilf.org
 - Ask for auction donations
- Encourage others to volunteer
- Help at the Auction
- Apply for a 1L Rep. position

Got skills?

- Consider a donation to the “student-to-student” Silent Auction zone
 - Examples:
 - Guitar/piano lesson(s), Indoor climbing gym session, tutoring, yoga instruction, DJ skills instruction, etc.
 - We welcome ideas!
 - Official announcement forthcoming – Donations Due by October 16th

Overview of Public Interest at USF

- Asst. Dean Erin Dolly
 - Public Interest Law Certificate
 - Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
 - USF Law Clinics
 - Etc.

Public Interest Clearinghouse (PIC)

- Phyra McCandless ('08)
 - Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellow
 - PILF Live Auction Coordinator 2006
 - Co-Chair 2007
- PIC Pro Bono Project
- Pro Bono Publico Award
- Public Interest Celebration

PILF Professional Development

- Ashley Connell (2L) Prof. Dev. Chair
 - Voter Issue(s) Panel
 - Career Panel(s)
 - PI / PS Day Information Session
 - Your ideas & suggestions

Upcoming Events

- Multi-Group BBQ and Slosh Ball
 - Speedway Meadow, GG Park – 9/19 3:30–7pm
 - Tickets available on Student Boulevard - \$5, or \$10 at event
- Street Team Meetings – 9/24 and 9/25
- Stay tuned for other social/community events
- General call for Auction volunteers by email in October
- Professional Development Events..
- 5th Annual Auction – Friday, November 7th

Apply for 1L Rep. to the PILF Board

- Represent PILF to your 1L section
- Participate in PILF board meetings
- Provide special assistance with the Auction and other events
- **How to Apply:**
 - Email chairs@usfpilf.org by **5:00PM this Sunday, 9/21** with:
 - Name & Section #
 - Email and phone #
 - A brief statement (~300 words) addressing:
 1. why you would like to serve as PILF 1L Rep.
 2. relevant skills, experience, or interests.

Questions?

- Ask away
- Visit www.usfpilf.org
- PILF listserv
- PILF Bulletin Board
- Email chairs@usfpilf.org
- Talk to specific board members
- Talk to 1L reps when they are announced...

Thank You!

- Thank you for being a part of PILF
- We welcome your interest and input...
- PILF is here to serve the student body, we want your feedback



“You're happiest when you are making the greatest contribution.” – *Robert F. Kennedy*