PROJECT SUMMARY

SUMMARY:

A team of Drexel 2L and 3L students will participate in a mandatory course called International Human Rights Advocacy during Spring Semester 2012 to prepare for the project, subsequently traveling to Port-au-Prince, Haiti over Spring Break 2012 to participate in one of several projects related to community legal education or human rights investigation.

PURPOSE:

To provide Drexel students a unique opportunity to broaden their academic interests and experience in areas of international human rights law while serving citizens of the poorest country in the Western hemisphere.

STUDENT COMMITMENT:

Students interested in participating in the project must first complete the attached application. All students accepted to the 2011-2012 delegation will be registered in the course International Human Rights Advocacy during Spring Semester 2012, taught by Tom Griffin, a local attorney and director of the project.

The trip itself will take place during Spring Break, likely March 10, 2012 to March 17, 2012. Because of the generous support of EMSoL's administration, participating students will have a significant part of the trip cost covered. The remaining balance, which consists of the cost of personal vaccinations, will be fund-raised or paid out-of-pocket. Students will also be expected to report back to the campus community about their involvement in the project after returning from Haiti.

Additionally, students who complete the project will receive fifty hours of pro bono credit.

TRIP CONTENT:

The Drexel group will be helping to conduct a human rights investigation, including data gathering, analysis, and report drafting. The subject of the investigation is undetermined as of October 2011, as conditions in Haiti are in currently flux, but we will likely be addressing the impact of the ongoing militarized presence of the United Nations. We plan to spend time in the city of Port-au-Prince in its most vulnerable neighborhoods meeting with community members and young lawyers engaged in justice work. We will also travel to the countryside, where the majority of Haitians live, to meet with community members and human rights activists engaged in the improvement of Haiti's desperate human rights conditions, crippled rural economy, and fragile justice system.

TEAM COMPOSITION

4-5 Drexel Students, Dean Brooks, and the trip director, Tom Griffin.
(http://www.msgimmigration.com/attorneys/thomas-griffin/)

If you have any questions about the trip or application process, please contact Claudia Shank at DrexelHJP@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Class Year: _____

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Drexel Haiti Justice Project.

The application consists of:

1. This cover page;
2. The attached questionnaire. Please try to be as concise as possible without eliminating important information for the selection committee.
3. Your current resume.

The application is **due electronically by Friday, October 28, 2011. Please complete your application on the computer and email it to DrexelHJP@gmail.com by the deadline as a word document.** If you have any questions about the application, or about the HJP, please write to DrexelHJP@gmail.com.

Applications will be reviewed and the final selections for our delegation will be made by **Friday, November 11, 2011**. If selected, you will be required to submit a $50 deposit to confirm your place in the delegation. This money will be credited towards the anticipated costs of course materials and the trip.

Please apply only if you:

a) are a current 2L or 3L student;
b) are able to participate in the course component during Spring Semester;
c) are certain you can attend the 2012 delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti over Spring Break;
d) are willing to help fundraise for the cost of the trip of (approx. $500 max. per person to cover personal vaccinations and prescriptions);
e) are committed to reporting back to both the school and community.

Questionnaire

IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, PLEASE TAKE AS MUCH SPACE AS NEEDED.

1. What is your class year? (2L or 3L)

2. Please explain why you are interested in participating in the 2011 Spring Break Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. How does your participation in this delegation fit into why you came to law school? Your career or life plans?

3. Discuss any experiences or interests that would enable you to make a distinctive contribution to the 2012 HJP Delegation.

4. The Haiti Justice Project seeks to form a group of students who represent the diversity of the United States. Please explain how your background and experiences might contribute to this goal.

5. Please explain any other special skills, expertise (e.g. technical, computer, grant writing, healthcare), attributes, or personality traits that you would bring to the Haiti Justice Project.

6. Please electronically paste your resume below.