

sba president leads the way

Jacqueline M. Lorenz, president of the Student Bar Association (SBA), has been looking forward to her graduation from law school for more than just the past two and a half years. She got an introduction to the legal field during a mock trial in high school and knew at that moment that she wanted to attend law school. She earned an undergraduate degree in English from Marquette and worked nearly full time during those years to realize her dream.

“I found the spirit of the school and the tradition of being involved in the community very appealing,” says Lorenz. “I had hoped that my experience at Marquette Law School would be an extension of those aspects of a Jesuit education, and it has been.”

A determined and dedicated person, Lorenz is well suited for her role as president of the SBA. “I grew up on my parents’ dairy farm outside Manitowoc,” she explains. “That instilled in me a strong work ethic.” She has exemplified service to others. During her undergraduate years, she worked in various jobs, including a position with Marquette’s Service Learning Program, the office that connects students to service organizations within the Milwaukee community.

Last academic year, as a second-year law student, Lorenz was elected as a class representative for the SBA, and she wanted this year to continue serving the Marquette community in a way that would benefit students. “I have the privilege of working closely with many of the hardest-working student leaders in the school—my fellow SBA members,” she says. “I also have the privilege of working on various endeavors with several professors



who are all extremely giving with their time.”

Lorenz’s vision for the SBA carries on and builds upon that of those who have preceded her. This year, the SBA has planned a brown bag lunch lecture series for students during which students bring their own lunch to a lecture by a professor. These programs are organized by the Student Issues Committee. “The first lunchtime lecture featured two professors discussing the likely jurisprudence of the Roberts Court,” she explains. “Additionally, we are planning a question-and-answer session

during which students and administration have open discussions. We host the annual Malpractice Ball fall dance and also are planning a Diversity Day during which people can discuss and explore various cultural, religious, academic, and social differences among the students at Marquette Law School.”

The SBA also has a student representative who attends the American Bar Association (ABA) meetings and informs the SBA about ABA activities and events in which Marquette law students can be involved. “I am very fortunate to be working with a very giving, intelligent group of people on SBA this year,” says Lorenz. “All of our representatives and officers care greatly for the quality of the experience that students receive while they are at Marquette Law School, and it shows in the work that each one does.”

The SBA is just one of many organizations in which students have the opportunity to become involved in the school and the Milwaukee community. Experiences such as this help to round out the legal education the school provides. •