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Dear NBLSA member:

In light of the current devastation that has hit Haiti as a result of the catastrophic earthquake, the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) has been called to help in the relief and restoration efforts that are currently taking place. Since 2007, NBLSA has partnered with Pax Christi Haiti and Kledev to aid the children of Cite de Soleil. NBLSA's commitment has helped combat the vicious cycle of violence and poverty for which Cite de Soleil is known through a combination of education, sports, and community awareness programs. During the 2008-2009 academic year, NBLSA raised nearly seven thousand dollars to support this effort.

Recently, NBLSA has formed the **NBLSA C.A.R.E.S.** (Contributing through **A**dvocacy, **R**esources, **E**ducation, and **S**ervice) Campaign in order to continue our efforts as global citizens in assisting and meeting the needs in Haiti. We have instituted a series of fundraisers in order to help meet our more than attainable goal. As a driving force of your respective chapter, we ask you to take an active stance in ensuring that you and your chapter are involved. This expanded campaign of **NBLSA C.A.R.E.S.** consists of three components:

Resource Building:

Financial and resource support to meet the immediate needs of the disaster relief effort.

Advocacy and Education:

Advocacy and education initiatives to maintain the heightened awareness that currently exists.

Ongoing Assistance:

Pro Bono service and grant assistance to provide long-term support.

In efforts to get the assistance to Haiti in the fastest way possible, NBLSA is now focusing our time efforts towards **resource building**. We have instituted the following fundraising projects to help us reach our fifteen thousand dollar goal:

1) BATTLE OF THE REGIONS

NBLSA encourages you to show your spirit, pride, and love for your region by donating and helping your chapter/region win! Here are the ways you can help Haiti and show that your region is the best:

a. Donate & Deliver

All members are encouraged to donate two dollars (\$2.00) towards the NBLSA C.A.R.E.S. Campaign. Submit these funds to your chapter. The chapter will collect funds and submit the monies in the following ways:

(1) Mail: NBLSA C.A.R.E.S., P.O. Box 300399, St. Louis, MO 63130-0399 (Postmarked by March 1, 2010), or

(2) In person:

At the National Convention (by March 12, 2010)

All contributions should be made in the form of check or money order made payable to "NBLSA". The chapter that makes the greatest contribution will receive an award at the National Convention.

b. Regional Penny War*

Help your respective region fight to reign supreme at the National Convention! We are asking members to make monetary donations in their respective region's donation stations at National Convention.

**You are not limited to donating pennies!*

The region that has the most donations from the Donate & Deliver & the Penny War campaigns will be rewarded at the National Convention.

1) HAITI T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Wear your support! NBLSA will sell t-shirts to help fund our Haiti relief efforts. T-shirts will cost \$15 each. Please share the spirit of benevolence by buying a t-shirt for yourself and someone you know also! All proceeds will go toward the NBLSA C.A.R.E.S. for Haiti Campaign.

NBLSA will also launch part of its **advocacy and education** initiatives at the National Convention by having a Haiti Forum. This forum will inform our membership about the problems that Haiti has faced, and with the current impact of the earthquake what present and future concerns are on the rise and will undoubtedly need to be tackled.

NBLSA is committed to Haiti, not for the short term, but for the long run. It is through your benevolence to date that we have been able to continually support the people of Haiti and will continue to do in years forward.

Finally, thank you for your service. It is through all of your dedication, sacrifice, and hard work that we are able to make NBLSA as great as it is! Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Chibundu Nnake, National Social Action Chair; Allison Monyei, National Director of Community Service; or Alicia Forde, National Attorney General. We look forward to seeing you March 10-14 in Boston, Massachusetts for our 42nd Annual National Convention!

In NBLSA Love,

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